



Clifford Duncan Stewart

September 29, 1952 - January 18, 2021

Clifford Duncan Stewart, 68, passed away at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND, on January 18, 2021.

Cliff grew up in St. John, ND, where a love of horses developed. As a young man, he became a professional jockey with many adventures in the Midwest and Canada. He then enlisted in the army, completing a tour in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne division. After returning home, he started a career as a heavy equipment operator. He worked for several companies over the years, including his own and later with his sons. As Rolette County Commissioner, he strived to be fair and complete the work of the community. He took great pride in his work and loved doing it.

He was the proud father to Kristi, Sam, and Todd Stewart. After remarrying, he and the family moved to rural Valley City, ND, where he lived until his death. Although he missed the trees and friendships of “the bush,” he found a new home to share his passions and many tales with his granddaughters.

Cliff enjoyed coffee, visiting with anyone, working with horses, and a few country/western dances on Saturday nights. Cliff was rich in family and friendships. Even as his body failed, he felt lucky in life.

Cliff is survived by his two sons: Sam Stewart of Fargo, ND and Todd (Denise) Stewart of West Fargo, ND; Granddaughters: Hannah and Gracie Stewart Step-children: Jason Mougey, Jodi (Mark) Stenborg of Bismarck, ND, Toby Mougey of Valley City, ND, Anna Lyons, and Mary Hruby; brothers: Doug Stewart of St. John, ND and Kenny Stewart of Washington; sisters: Carol Bonn of Devils Lake, ND, Evelyn Hood of Puyallup, WA, Ann Bonn of Wahpeton, ND, Lois Lowrimore of Devils Lake, ND, and Nancy (Mike) Hanlan of St. John, ND.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Kristi Wau Stewart, his parents Roy and Jessie Stewart, brothers: Alvin, Glen, Harry, Duane, and Jerry Stewart; and sister: Dorothy Lafromboise.

Cliff will be laid to rest next to his daughter at the St. John cemetery at a later date.

The family asks, in lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite veteran organization or local American Legion in memory of Clifford.

Comments



“ Dear family of Clifford, an old friend I haven't seen for 55 years. It is with a heavy heart I heard this news of Clifford passing. I remember very well his face and laughter. He was afraid of nothing, and always stuck up for me in my schoolyard scraps.

Clifford was my classmate and close friend from grade one through eight in St John Public School. When I was in sixth grade, Cliff invited me to ride one of his horses. We shook a tin can of oats loudly as we waited for these mighty Shetland steeds to come running for a treat. Then we got a bridle only on them and they walked so ponderously out to the pasture where they had been. As soon as they we reached a good distance towards the back route to Tex Davis' farm, Cliff said "Okay, let's go Home!" The horses bolted like lightning back towards the barn. I lasted about fifty or less strides and fell off, landing on my right hip on a rock, crushing the glass crystal of my Westclox Scotty railroad style pocket watch in my blue jeans. The clock stopped! Just like today, Clifford has NO TIME that is IN time. He is in Eternity. We pray that Clifford has raced through the gates of glory and has met the Man on the White Horse, the Person Jesus Who is the Word of God, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:11-16 Amen. With love and respect, I look forward to seeing Clifford again. Sincerely,
Chuck French, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa

Chuck French - February 13 at 02:39 PM



“ Cliff was a great neighbor, storyteller, and friend. Always ready to help or stop for a chat. When he would visit he would bring his own coffee in a mason jar along with stories of an amazing life well lived. Goodbye my friend.

David Bostrom - January 27 at 10:05 PM



“ Clifford was a great friend in grades 1-8 in St. John Public School. He must have made his Dad so proud with his military service. I hope we meet again.

Chuck French - February 13 at 01:05 PM



“ Clifford was always like family to us, growing up as neighbors and being his sisters classmate and friend, I spent many days and nights at their home. Every Sunday night Cliffs family would come to our house and watch Bonanza. Wonderful memories . Fly high Clifford and give my Dorothy a hug for me. Peggy Davis Langan from St john



Peggy Langan - January 24 at 08:43 PM



“ Remember his visits at the cafe here in St John Rainbow Cafe with Aaron & Mary lee sending our deepest Condolences. Truly a nice person. God Bless.

Aaron&Marylee - January 23 at 04:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford Duncan Stewart.



January 22 at 01:06 PM



“ Darryl Jeannotte lit a candle in memory of Clifford Duncan Stewart



darryl jeannotte - January 22 at 12:18 AM