



Clifford Carlson

October 25, 1919 - April 25, 2018

Clifford Edwin Carlson, 98, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at McCrite Plaza following a short illness.

Clifford was born October 25, 1919, in Clifton, Kansas, the third child of Edwin C. and Elna V. Olson Carlson. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy's Armed Guards in February 1942, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during WWII.

Clifford married Loretta M. Greene of Brooklyn, NY on January 10, 1946, and moved to Topeka. She preceded him in death in 1992.

After military service he worked a few years for Jones Trucking of Topeka before going to Martin Tractor Caterpillar Company of Topeka in the early 1950s. Clifford retired from Martin's (now Foley's) after more than 30 years of service with a perfect driving safety record.

Survivors include his sons, Richard (Pam) Carlson, Berryton KS and Thomas (Shelly) Carlson, Lawrence KS; grandsons, Clint Carlson, Lawrence and Eric (Malia) Carlson and great-grandson, Dane, of Lawrence; granddaughters, Jaime (Alex) Wigginton, Shawnee, KS and Sarah Carlson, Whitefish, Montana. Clifford was also preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Judy Leonhart and Ruth Gay, and his brother, Roy Carlson.

Visitation will be Sunday, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Burial will be private.

The Carlson family thanks the entire staff at McCrite Plaza for the excellent attention they gave Dad during his short stay there.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Meals On Wheels and Midland Care Hospice, both of Topeka, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home

2801 SW Urish Road

Topeka, KS 66614

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clifford Carlson



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 28, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ Clifford Carlson

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ To Clifford's family: Our mothers were sisters. I have known Clifford all my life with him being the oldest Olson cousin and me the youngest. I have many, many good memories of our lives many years ago. My name is Ann Louise (Magnuson) Navarre (81) and I live here in Topeka. The last several years, Clifford and I visited on the phone a couple times a year. Remembering all the good times we shared through our lives. I loved all the stories he told me about the family, the Navy, life with your Mom, remembering all the times all the cousins would go to Clifton for the weekend and Aunt Elna's great fried chicken. I will miss our calls and know Clifford was a special person in my life.

Ann Navarre
(785) 246-1224

Ann Navarre - April 27, 2018 at 02:54 PM

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“ Growing up across the alley in the neighborhood I remember how dedicated your dad was to keeping his yard - always mowing!! He was so friendly and kind - always with a smile and a wave - when I would be walking by your house to go to my grandmas!! We are so sorry for your loss but know how blessed you were to have him with you for so many years!! Prayers for you and your family.

Sue (Stelzner) and Aaron Wheatley

Susan Wheatley - April 27, 2018 at 10:34 AM