



Cliff Garvey

June 13, 1941 - June 10, 2014

Clifford John Garvey (13 June 1941 ~ 10 June 2014)

Spent his life serving God until his passing. A member of St. Boniface in Sioux City, IA and later St. Mary's in Spirit Lake, IA.

Born to Emma (Hauswald) and John "Jack" Garvey and married Teresa Bibow contributing Jane (Aaron) Flammang, Jolene (Chris) Fitzpatrick, Joseph, Jonathan (Kristin), and James to society, which resulted in his grandchildren Nathan, Ella, Erin, Lana, Owen, and Maggie. He was raised alongside Patty Clinton, Teresa Mogensen, Thomas Garvey, and Linda Dorzok.

He was a longtime teacher in the Sioux City Community School District, which enabled him to retire to Spirit Lake at a youthful 55 years old. Cliff was very involved in the planning of the Sioux City Relays for his role as a starter, he also spent time refereeing high school football, and assisted in the coaching of numerous sports. He was an elected member of the Spirit Lake Community School Board and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

A creature of habit and a practical man that showed his love through actions and who was always ready to share his dry wit. Cliff was friends with all walks of life, which included his many coffee buddies at the Sioux City and Spirit Lake Hy-Vee's and his monthly pancake breakfast crew.

High School Last Will and Testament

"Being of sound mind, I hereby will my hidden talents to anyone who can find them." ~ Clifford Garvey

~ Cancer is terrible. Pray for a better way. ~

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30A.M. Friday, June 13, 2014, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Thursday, from 3:00P.M. until 7:00P.M., with a Vigil for the Deceased at 6:00P.M. and a Rosary at 7:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Burial will be at St. Margaret's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Cliff's name to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ I am a Crescent Park/Headington Park neighborhood friend in Sioux City that knew Cliff as a huge sports fan in my youth. So sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to the entire family.

Bob Lane - June 29, 2014 at 07:03 PM

JG

“ Fitting that one of last lessons Cliff taught was at his wake. The coach and players from the Spirit Lake High School boys basketball team came and paid their respects. Those guys could not have been more uncomfortable, but their being there was appreciated.

Joseph H. Garvey - June 23, 2014 at 08:51 PM

DT

“ Hi, Theresa. I just wanted to send along my condolences at the loss of Cliff - too soon. I only got to meet him a few times at school reunions, but his heart and personality showed what a great guy he was. I pray God will hold you and your family gently in the palm of His hand as you grieve this loss. Know that so many are keeping you in thought and prayer at this time.

Sincerely,...

Dee T.

Dee Trees - June 17, 2014 at 08:22 PM

MW

“ I am grateful to have gotten to know his pretty awesome, funny, smart Garvey kids. Sorry for your loss.

Mary Ellen (O'Neill) Wells - June 13, 2014 at 10:55 AM

TH

“ I will miss visiting with Cliff at XC meets, track meets and the Sioux City relays. He could always make me laugh with his one liners and as a starter he did an excellent job at all of our meets. My family is praying for all of you at this difficult time.

Tim Heinitz - June 13, 2014 at 08:06 AM

LB

“ I am very sorry to hear of Cliff's passing. He was one of my sophomore football coaches at West High, plus I knew him from the Crescent Park area. He was a great guy that always treated me very well. My condolences to all.

Larry Blake - June 12, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RN

“ Please accept my condolences during this time of loss. Cliff was a special individual that I began officiating football with in 1989. For about the next 20 years I spent every Friday with Cliff during the football season, learning from him (how to wear bread wrappers between two layers of socks to keep your feet dry on rainy nights) and laughing at crazy plays that we saw on the field or about something "goofy" which happened during our workweek. Endless memories! Additionally, I had the opportunity to work with Cliff when he was at the Individualized Learning Center and I was a Juvenile Court Officer. He had a special way of mixing humor and a sincere message in the correct way. We lost a great one! Rest in peace.

Rick Niles - June 12, 2014 at 03:44 PM

TK

“ We are saddened to learn of Cliff's death. He greeted life with a smile and everyone with a friendly hello. His warm heart lives on in all the many, many lives he touched. He will be greatly missed. You have our heartfelt sympathy for your loss. He's sure to be smiling and greeting everyone in heaven.

Tom & Annette Kalkhoff - June 12, 2014 at 11:47 AM

TE

“ On behalf of the Jim and Betty Enright family of Sioux City, I would like to extend our sincere condolences on the loss of your husband, father, brother and friend. We grew up a couple blocks from the Garveys in Crescent Park. Many of the kids from each family were classmates. My Mom, Betty Graham Enright, was a cousin of Jack's. I wish you peace in this difficult time and May God hold you in the palm of his hand

Teresa Enright - June 12, 2014 at 01:46 AM

SB

“ Growing up Uncle Cliff always had a few great encouraging words every time I spoke with him that seemed like they were always reserved for me, later in my early adult years he had some encouraging words when I needed them the most even though I never shared with him how timely they were.

His words of encouragement and practicality stay with me today.

Steve Brennan

Steve Brennan - June 11, 2014 at 09:21 PM

CS

“ *Cliff Garvey*

Chad Schuchert - June 11, 2014 at 08:25 PM

RN

“Cliff was a great guy! Always had something funny to say to our boys Ben and Spencer. His hand always had his Bible in it. and that Bible was always located on the thermostat at church when he wasn't hanging on to it. Besides that, Cliff was a servant leader with a servant heart. Will miss you buddy!! The Newman's

Rob and Jean Newman - June 11, 2014 at 02:05 PM