



Lester Clifton

December 20, 2012

Lester Sterling Clifton, 81 of Volga passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at his residence. He was born May 20, 1931 in Webster County to Parker and Virginia Brady Clifton. He lived his early years up Jumbo with his parents, three brothers, and two sisters. He moved to Ohio still a teenager and got a job. He worked for a while then joined the Army in 1951 and served in the Korean War Conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1954. He had four daughters by his first marriage; they are Brenda (Merle) Mack, Regina Goon, Vicky (Tony) Mattina, and Kathy Phillips, all of Medina, Ohio. He retired from Whirlpool in Clyde, Ohio after 20 years of service.

He married Edith Gibson from Webster County on May 27, 1967 and moved to Dearborn, Michigan for diesel mechanics. He worked several years as a diesel mechanic in Ohio before moving back to West Virginia. He retired in 1993 as a heavy diesel mechanic from Kenster Corp. in Maryland. Lester and Edith had three children. Their first is Jennifer Gillespie of Clarksville, Tennessee. She and her husband Dave have a daughter Brittany. Jennifer retired from the military after 22 years of service. Their second Cassie Clifton of Barracksville, WV, graduated with a Master's Degree from WVU. She works as a technical writer for a government agency. Her child is a Great Pyrenies dog named Toby. Their third child is Les Clifton lives in Rivesville, WV with his wife Tammy and their three boys Nathan who is 11, Nicky who is 9, and Noah who is 7. Les will be retiring from the Army in September of 2013 after 22 years of service.

Lester is also survived by sisters Aretha Robinson of Fostoria, Ohio and Geraldine Postalwait of Jumbo. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Dwayne, Dorman, and Donald Clifton.

During his retirement years, Lester enjoyed spending time in his garage working with wood. Lester had great craftsmanship making replacement parts for just about anything needed for himself, his family, and his close friends. He also loved his TV shows especially westerns. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Friends may join the family for visitation on Saturday, December 22, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Upper Holly Union Mission Church, Jumbo. Funeral Services will be held on Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Church with Rev. Eddie Bender officiating. Interment will follow in McCoy Cemetery, Jumbo.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ So very sorry to hear of your passing. My brother' Tom and I have so many fond memories of an Uncle who took the time to make our trips memorable. Sorry we found out too late. You were greatly loved. May you rest in peace.

Pat Clifton Bagent - December 27, 2012 at 06:58 PM

JH

“ Les, Tammy and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. .Know that we are thinking of you and praying for you.

John and Bertha Hewi - December 23, 2012 at 08:33 AM

CV

“ Dear Edith and family,We are thinking of each of you. Every Dad is unique to his family and we see some of Lester's unique qualities in his family. What an impressive legacy to be carried on.Blessings,The Vance family

Cathy and Jim Vance - December 22, 2012 at 05:11 PM

LC

“ Dad, I will miss and love you every day more and more. I will cherish the time we had together, the memories we made, and even all the "not so good" times. I know you are in a better place, but doesn't make it easy. See you again soonYour son

Les Clifton - December 22, 2012 at 02:21 PM

AK

“ You were a good friend, one who remembered Sugar Creek and our childhoods. You will be greatly missed. Your acts of kindness fixing things are just one part I appreciated. Goodbye friend till we meet again.

Areta Jean Krause - December 22, 2012 at 02:03 PM

DL

“ I miss you already; you were a very good friend always helpful, with a sense of humor and pleasant way. I told you I considered you one of the family, and I meant it. while it is hard to say goodbye, it is with the knowledge we will meet again, to fish in the still waters of the mighty Jordan. Goodbye, friend.

deborah lane - December 22, 2012 at 01:59 PM

LS

“ Lester I am glad i got to know you as you were like a Brother and my best friend. I enjoyed the days we spent in the last year and will miss you but i know you are in a better place as we both knew this time was coming. So i will sip on the fruit of the vine and do a little Hunting and fishing which we both enjoyed together. Will see you when my time comes. Farewell MY friend you will be missed , Rocky

Leon Lane SR - December 22, 2012 at 01:56 PM