



Clifton "Cliff" Dale Symonds

November 13, 1935 - April 13, 2025

Clifton "Cliff" Dale Symonds of Willcox passed away in Thatcher, Sunday morning, April 13, 2025, at the age of 89. Cliff was born in Trenary, Michigan on November 13, 1935, to George Symonds and Charlotte Williams. In 2009 he married his wife Bonnie who survives him, he is also survived by children John Henry (Robin) Symonds and Georgia Marie Bergan along with five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him. Cliff served in communications for the army and spent time in Turkey, France, and California and Arlington, VA. While serving in Hawaii he got his fixed wing pilots license and enjoyed taking his family on flights around the islands. When stationed in California he became interested in becoming an officer and was accepted in the training Program. He then went to a helicopter school, stationed at Ft. Huachuca. Cliff was sent to Vietnam, while there obtained the rank of captain. After his time in the military he worked for Dunlap oil then became employed at Fort Grant. He then moved to Michigan becoming a bus driver then working several years for General Motors. Cliff retired from there and moved to Tennessee, eventually coming back to Arizona in 2009. Cliff enjoyed having his family around for special dinners, he was delighted in being around his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Cliff enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his friend Art. He especially loved working with habitat for humanity and spending time in his shop. He enjoyed building things there. Cliff was very generous with his resources of knowledge, so willing to share. He continued to show his caring for others

through his extraordinary life. Memorial Services will be at 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Westlawn Chapel. Military interment will be 11:00 am on Tue, May 6, 2025, at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Sierra Vista. Please be in the staging line up at the cemetery by 10:30 am.

Cemetery Details

Southern Arizona Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

1300 Buffalo Soldier Trail
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
(520) 458-7144

Previous Events

Memorial

MAY 3. 3:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
105 S Arizona Avenue
Willcox, AZ 85643
(520) 384-2413
westwx@vtc.net
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

Staging Area Line Up

MAY 6. 10:30 AM (MT)

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Military Graveside Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Bonnie, Georgia, and John.

Jean Laird and Beth



L. Beth Barnes-Lesley - April 28, 2025 at 04:59 PM

PI

“ Sending you my condolences on the loss of your husband Bonnie. I, too , have walked this path and my heart is with you. I pray for the Peace that only comes from our Lord for you. Patricia Riggs Inman

Patricia Riggs Inman - April 24, 2025 at 11:34 PM

JB

“ So sorry Bonnie, my sincere sympathy. Loves. Joan Bull

joan bull - April 23, 2025 at 11:42 PM

MH

“ My heart goes out to Bonnie and the family. We didn't know him very well but it's hard to loose family.



M/M Lance Hatch - April 19, 2025 at 06:46 PM

NL

“ NCCH Laboratory lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds



NCCH Laboratory - April 17, 2025 at 04:58 PM

PA

“ My Condolences to the Family. From Patsy



patsy - April 16, 2025 at 03:05 PM

DS

“ Diane Shell lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds



Diane Shell - April 16, 2025 at 12:14 PM

AN

“ Annie lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds



Annie - April 16, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SA

“ Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds



Susan Arbuthnot - April 15, 2025 at 01:20 PM

GR

“ Gerri Riberts lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds



Gerri Riberts - April 15, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JB

“ Johnny and Donna Brown lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds



Johnny and Donna Brown - April 15, 2025 at 12:47 AM

KT

“ Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds



Kathy Thatcher - April 14, 2025 at 08:34 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher sent a virtual gift in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds*



Kathy Thatcher - April 14, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *Rest well fine Sir. Condolences to the family. Cliff was a very great and kind man.*



Jennifer Regensberg - April 14, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Cliff" Symonds*



Betsy Ajeman - April 14, 2025 at 06:31 PM

SR

“ *My deepest sympathy for your family at this time! I will forever have very fond memories of Cliff. He was an honorable man and the greatest friend anyone could ever be blessed with! Gods speed Cliff.*

Sherry Richins - April 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM