



Clifford A. Heinrich

August 10, 1925 - March 28, 2020

Clifford A. Heinrich, 94 of Cape Girardeau, MO passed away Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Lutheran Home.

He was born August 10, 1925 to George and Hazel Heinrich in Chicago Illinois.

Cliff was a World War II Veteran earning the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he was the Rear Tail Gunner on a B17 Bomber.

Clifford earned many awards for service to his country which included the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Purple Heart for his service during World War II. Cliff was always so proud of his service to his country and being able to serve and it showed when he would speak of his time in the service.

After World War II he married Shirley Thielgaard and between them they had 3 children Bruce, Allen, and Keith. Clifford and Shirley lived in Bensenville and Elmhurst Illinois prior to moving to Cape Girardeau, in the 90's.

Clifford was a master technician for 3M. He enjoyed golfing in the day, fishing, good food, visiting with friends from the Hoover Center and antiques. He also

loved to watch a good Cardinals game and was still loyal to the Cubs as well living in Chicago for so many years!

He is survived by his sons, Bruce (Angela) Heinrich and Allen (Pat) Heinrich and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Shirley, and son Keith.

A private service will be held for the family Wed., April 1, 2020 with Elijah Allen officiating. Full military honors will be conducted at the funeral home.

Private burial will follow at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Tish and Kathy, along with the rest of the staff of Extra Hands for the compassionate, genuine and loving care they gave to Clifford.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

17357 Stars & Stripes Way
Bloomfield, MO 63825

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family of Clifford Heinrich,
I didn't know Clifford, but his obituary caught my attention as it was listed above my mother's, Irene Phillips, and they died a day apart both at the Lutheran Home. Reading Cliff's obituary, I was reminded of my dad who also served in the WWII Army Air Corps. Dad worked on the control panels of the Mustangs that escorted the B-17's. Dad had told stories of how the men on the ground would count the planes as they appeared in the sky returning from missions, hoping that all of their planes were returning to base. I was glad to read that Clifford made it safely home, but his Purple Heart shows it was not easy.
My condolences to all.
Cathy Phillips Evans

Cathy Evans - March 31, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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“ On behalf of the 457th Bomb Group Association I would like to offer your family our condolences. He was not only part of the Greatest Generation but also part of the great 457th Bomb Group.

Thank you for your service and may you rest in peace.

Erwin DeMooy
Historian 457th Bomb Group Association

Erwin DeMooy - March 31, 2020 at 02:37 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Cliff was a wonderful man and enjoyed showing our twin granddaughters his antiques. I had to hold my breath as he encouraged them to handle them and I was always afraid they would break them. Once, when he was showing them the tape measure collection, again, as it was their favorite, the tape got stuck but then it snapped back. The girls got to giggling and Cliff laughed with them so hard that I was afraid all three of them were going to fall off the couch! He will be missed..... Easy and Steve Stilson, neighbors.

Easy Stilson - March 31, 2020 at 09:57 AM