



## Clifton C. Kelley

December 31, 1926 - July 4, 2010

CLIFTON C. KELLEY, JR. Clifton C. Kelley, Jr., of the Clearwater Cove area of Lake Pomme de Terre, passed away Sunday, July 4, 2010 in St. John s Regional Health Center, Springfield, MO. Clifton was born December 31, 1926 in Chicago, IL to Clifton, Sr. and Ella (Seymour) Kelley. In 1929 the family moved to Coffeyville, KS where Clifton attended schools, graduating in 1944 from Field Kindley High School where he had been active in dramatics and student government. He enlisted in the Navy Reserve while a senior in high school, was called to active duty upon graduation and was invited to participate in the Navy V-12 Officer Training Program. He received a Reserve Commission later through Naval ROTC. Clifton attended Kansas University from 1946 to 1950, being granted degrees in business and mathematics, with minors in accounting and personnel management. While at K. U. he operated a rooming house for fellow students, being assisted mightily in that enterprise by his wife upon their marriage. Clifton worked in an executive position for several companies in the Kansas City area, retiring in 1986 as president of Leiters Designer Fabrics, moving then to what had been a weekend retreat in the Clearwater Cove development on Lake Pomme de Terre, MO. Earlier in his adult life, Clifton enjoyed boating, fishing, bowling and playing bridge. He managed youth baseball teams for several years, taught church school to 5th and 6th graders for over two decades and served a term as chairman of the Christian Education Department of Overland Park Christian Church where he also served as deacon and elder. Clifton enjoyed genealogy research and

keeping in touch with family former classmates and friends. He was a prolific e-mailer and letter writer. He helped in the planning of his high school class reunions, acting as program chairman of several. Laura Beth Barcus and Clifton were married August 22, 1948. She survives at the home. Other survivors include son, Steve, Overland Park, KS, son, Stan and wife, Elaine, Olathe, KS, daughter, Sue White and husband, Danny, Roach, MO, brother, Dean, and nephew, Rod, Topeka, KS, grandson, Jerod Kelley and wife, Kristin, Iola, KS, and great-granddaughter, Brienna, Iola, KS. Cremation was under the direction of Murray Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday, July 8, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Murray Funeral Home, Humansville. The family would be pleased to receive cards/letters from those who were acquainted with Clifton.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Clifton C. Kelley*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Clifton C. Kelley*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *So sad to hear .. we will miss his funny e-mails .. such a great and brilliant guy, with an outstanding sense of humor. A true friend.*  
*Norma Cousins*

**norma jones cousins** - July 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Family with heartfelt sympathy, May you find comfort in the word of God and in the knowledge that others sympathize with you in your loss. Please read Revel. 21:3,4. It has bought many bereaved persons comfort and myself. I pray it does the same for you.*

**Shantelle** - July 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ We all were so sorry to hear of Clifton's passing. My mother, Barbara (Wilkinson) Buckner always talked so fondly of him and spoke of their friendship many, many times. I had the privilege of meeting him a few times and even though the meeting was brief, understood how she could have such a wonderful friend in him. May you feel the comfort of the Lord's loving arms around you all in the days ahead. With Love, Cindy (Buckner) Powell

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**Cindy Buckner Powell** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ So sorry to learn of Clifs passing. Laura Beth you are in our thoughts and prayers. Robert and charlotte

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**Robert McMillan and Charlotte** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Dear Laura Beth, Steve, Stan, and Sue, My prayers and those of my Community are with you as you grieve the loss of your dear husband and father--my friend. Know that I am with you in spirit. Rita will carry my love to you. Love and prayers, Mary Blaise

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**Mary Blaise Cillessen, OSB** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I will miss sharing conversation with Cliff! I always enjoyed seeing Cliff come to the shop, he always had a smile and good feelings came with him.

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**Keith Combs** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM