



## Clifford Lewis Amidon

March 22, 1925 - January 24, 2014

Clifford Lewis Amidon, formerly of Interlochen, died Friday, January 24, 2014, at Tendercare of Traverse City. He was born on March 22, 1925, in Inland Township, Benzie County, Michigan, the fifth son of Leslie Fern and Lillian (Briggs) Amidon.

With the death of his father when Cliff was only two years of age, the family moved a great deal, until settling in Grawn, Michigan. He continued in school until the end of the eleventh grade, when he decided to join the World War II effort by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. After graduating from Signalman's training in January, 1944, with the rank of Petty Officer Third Class, he served on the refueling ship, the U.S.S. Whipporwill, in the Pacific, until the end of the war.

After the war, he returned to Grawn, where he married the girl that literally lived next door, Jeanette Joyce Wagner, on November 14, 1947. They build a home just north of Chum's Corners.

He valued hard work and put in long hours managing two gas stations on south Union Street, eventually retiring from his business, Cliff's Major Muffler Service.

He didn't have time for hobbies, but he did love to read a newspaper or a piece of nonfiction, and to spend time with his family, especially the grandchildren that he adored.

Cliff is survived by his 5 children; Patsy (Ken) Gregory of Traverse City, Doug Amidon of Traverse City, Karen (Gene) Fritz of Pellston, David (Sherri) Amidon of Traverse City, and Daryl (Ingrid) Amidon of Dallas, TX, 6 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, his brother, Lt. Col. Ervan (Elinor) Amidon (Ret.), and his two sisters, Tricia (Amidon) Blackmoore and Tina (Amidon) Wagner.

Preceding him in death were his wife, and three brothers; Carl, Leonard and Arthur.

Burial will be at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. A Celebration of Life will be held for

Cliff at a future date.

# Comments

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“ Dave so sorry to hear about your father, Im in Florida and just read about it. Know that I am thinking about you.  
debi  
(fifarek)

debi - February 18, 2014 at 06:09 AM

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“ Dave I have been away , and I am so sorry to hear about your dad, I know how important he was to you. God Bless Debi Mersino(fifarek)

debi - February 08, 2014 at 05:55 AM

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“ It was with heavy heart that I read of Cliff's passing. "Dad" was such a wonderful man. How can I ever forget the man, and the family ,that took me in as one of their own. My thoughts are with you all as you once again face the death of your dad and grandpa.  
In loving kindness,  
Kay Sturgeon

Kay Sturgeon - February 03, 2014 at 05:40 PM

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“ Having moved back to the area after being gone for close to forty years, I was saddened to recently see Cliff's obituary. As a high school kid I worked for Cliff at his gas station on Union and 14th and remember him as a great guy and wonderful boss. After hours he even let us kids from the neighborhood use his garage facilities to work on our cars. When we were even younger and picked up our papers for our paper routes at his stations location he always encouraged us to come in and get warm when waiting for drop offs during the cold winter months. He always had a smile and I cannot remember even once him having a sharp word with any of us pests for any reason. He was a true gentleman.  
So, for all the kids in the neighborhood that Cliff touched, God speed and thanks for the wonderful memories.

Bob McKinley

Bob McKinley - January 30, 2014 at 09:35 AM



“ David, sorry to see the pasting of your father..We will always remember him as our trusted muffer man..He taught you so many things and it will always be remembered and shared as we see you and your family grow each day...Miss working with you and last I knew you were still following in the shop work...Ken Stoddard

**Ken Stoddard** - January 29, 2014 at 12:58 PM

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“ Dear Patsy, Ken and Family,

I am sorry to learn of your father and grandfather's death. He was such a hard working man at his business and helped me with my car when needed. May you enjoy the treasured memories of him and may he rest in peace always.

Sincerely,

Mary Orth

**Mary M Orth** - January 29, 2014 at 07:52 AM