



Clifford Joe Higbee

December 28, 1938 - October 18, 2020

Clifford “Butch” Higbee, age 81, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born on December 28, 1938 in Formoso, KS to the late Harry Jackson Higbee and Gladys Butler Higbee.

Along with his parents, Cliff is preceded in death by his son, Curtis J. Higbee, grandson, Cody Higbee, and brothers Don and Jack Higbee. Cliff is survived by his wife, Aubee Higbee; daughters, Jeanette McKenzie (Vern), Kelly De Leon and his daughter in law Joann Higbee. Cliff is also survived by his grandchildren, Doran De Leon, Danielle Hunt (Connor), Clinton Higbee (Christine), Megan Higbee and two great grandchildren, BellaRae De Leon and Jackie Bentley.

Cliff had a long and adventurous life. After leaving the farm, he spent 12 years in the Navy that took him all over the world. He left in 1969 and pursued his career in Air Traffic Control at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. Cliff then turned a new corner when he started working Don’s Heating and Air here in Newnan. This eventually led to his final chapter with Coweta County Building Inspectors until his retirement.

After retirement, he spent time revisiting his favorite places and finding new adventures with his beautiful bride of 43 years. Some of his favorite past-times were to watch the Kansas Jayhawks basketball and his beloved Georgia

Bulldogs.

His quick wit and brilliant knowledge of History will be missed by all.

A service to celebrate Cliff's life will be planned at a later date in Formoso, Kansas. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall



“ *Faye I am so sorry for your loss. Lisa and Scott send their love too.*
Pat Simmons

Pat Simmons - February 10, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ *Dear Aubee, I just heard of your sweet Cliff's passing. I am so sorry to hear this. Please know you are in my prayers. It's been a long time since we've seen each other. I pray that God will give you comfort during this time.*
Ruth Jones Warren

Ruth Warren - October 22, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ *Mallory Bentley lit a candle in memory of Clifford Joe Higbee*



Mallory Bentley - October 21, 2020 at 05:20 PM

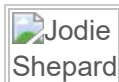


“ *Cliff was a great story teller. He could tell stories about growing up on the farm back in Kansas as well as Jerry Clower or Lewis Grizzard. Whether they were all true or not didn't matter, they were just funny stories. He could make you laugh on your worst day.*

Cliff was also a good cook. Back in the WOAC days we all enjoyed gathering in the cafe where Cliff and Aubee was always smiling and fixing up some good food or bring another cold one. I think I can smell the grill right now. We made a lot of fond memories there, too many names to mention, some I've forgotten.

I too worked for the Coweta County Building Department. Cliff did most of my training and was a true mentor. He taught me a lot about "the codes" and how to approach people under strained circumstances. I miss our Building Department family. We were all close, some of us still are even if we rarely see one another. Farewell my friend. You will be missed.

Terry Durrrough - October 20, 2020 at 10:31 AM



Hugs and prayers to Cliff's friends and family. Many great memories ❤️

Jodie Shepard - October 20, 2020 at 06:52 PM

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After my father passed, Cliff became that father figure to me. I could listen to his stories all day long and his flirting was so silly but seeing that smile warmed my heart and he is going to be missed as much as my father but I know they will find each other and compare stories. You are missed "Granddad" and were loved more than you will ever know. We promise to look after Gigi.

Mallory Bentley - October 21, 2020 at 11:22 AM