



Clifford Lloyd Beal

March 21, 2017

Clifford Lloyd Beal, 91, of Sarasota, died on March 21.

Cliff was born in Berlin, PA and served in the US Army Air Force during WW II as a radio operator, flying 13 missions on the B-24 Liberator.

He met his wife, Alice Burney, while stationed in San Antonio, TX. They eventually settled in Sarasota, FL in 1956 where Cliff managed a chain of auto parts stores. Cliff did not begin as a man of means and worked hard for everything he accomplished. He became a founding partner in 1971 of the first network affiliated television station in Sarasota, WXLTV, Channel 40.

After the sale of the station, Cliff and Alice traveled the world and enjoyed playing golf as members of Bent Tree Country Club and Waynesville (NC) Country Club. Cliff scored a hole-in-one at each course despite the onset of macular degeneration, which eventually robbed him of his sight. He was an inventor, a creative craftsman and mechanically gifted. He enjoyed many hours in his workshop building, improving and repairing household items.

Cliff was preceded in death by Alice, his wife of 59 years; brothers Robert, Lewis, Paul, Glen; sisters Mary Slayback, Carmen Kern and Helen Bruck.

He is survived by his children: Sharon Beal (Ron Raymond) of Ft. Lauderdale,

Patricia (Roger) Schwerman of Huntsville, AL, Barbara (Frank) Schmid of Grand Rapids, MI and John (Marjie) of Tallahassee; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. And his loving companion of 13 years, Joan Tatro.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 24, from 5pm - 7pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota.

A graveside service will take place, Sat., March 25 at noon at Sarasota Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Insight for the Blind, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Fly on Eagles' wings, dear Uncle. You were a special man in my life. Thank you for helping me adjust to life in Florida, alone and on my own. I will miss you.*
Niece Bonnie

Bonnie Meiggs - March 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Cliff was a great man. It was a great honor to be able to assist him in his everyday activities. I loved him very much and will miss him dearly. He couldn't see me very well, but he recognized my voice when I went to help him. You will be missed Cliff <3*

Brenda Stellwagen - March 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Rest in Peace.*



Sharon Rambo - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Sorry for your loss. I remember living across the street on Briggs Ct and at Gulf Coast Auto. Our prayers arw with the family.*

Gary Johnson - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cliff was a good neighbor and we enjoyed knowing him and his lovely children who visited him often. We send our condolences to all of them.*
Jack and Peg Smith

March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which YOU fought, Clifford.. And Semper Fi.*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMCR - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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“ *Sharon, our condolences to you on the passing of your Dad. He must have been a great man.*

Love
Wendy and Gil

March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Dear Joan, So sorry about Cliff's death. I know he has been a major part of your life for as long as I have known you. Just try to remember the good times and be glad. He enjoyed a long good life. Praying for the family.

Emma Wallace - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Barb, you are in my prayers along with your family. I know how much you loved your father. He will always be in your heart and his smile will always be shining down on you and your family. The past few months with your father has been a treasured gift. Blessings my friend.



Caryn Carl - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM