

Clifford Dean Bowman, 86, passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie, Minnesota surrounded by his family.

Clifford, also referred to as "Uncle Dean" by a lot of his nieces and nephews, was born April 18, 1933 in Sioux City, Iowa to Merritt and Delra Bowman. He was the youngest of 5 children. He attended Sioux City schools until his Junior year when he began employment with Armour & Company and served in the Iowa and Minnesota National Guard. Clifford served from 1949 until 1981 in the infantry and armor units. He was called to active duty and served in the Korean and Viet Nam wars. He also participated in disaster relief efforts in Sioux City, Iowa flooding in 1953/54 and the Alaskan earthquakes in 1964. Awards and decorations received during active duty include the Army Commendation, National Defense Service, and Good Conduct Medals, as well as the Expert Field Medical Badge.

On June 12, 1953 Clifford married Lorraine Stone of Sioux City. During their marriage of 58 years, they were blessed with 4 children: Robert Dean Bowman (Joyce), Jacquelynn Diane Prechel (Dale), Dannette Dawn Mileham (James), and Candy Lorraine Eggleston (William). Clifford continued his career with Armour & Company and the National Guard from Sioux City to St. Paul and in 1963 moved to Worthington MN. Family vacations were a priority and once the children were raised, world travel would be the new focus for Clifford and Lorraine. From Hawaii to Italy, France to Germany and too many countries to mention; photo albums lined shelves of their home as warm memories of their time together.

Clifford retired from Armour in 1982 but always kept busy. He attended Jackson Vocational School and received a Plumbing Certificate. He enrolled in Worthington Community College where he received his Associate of Arts degree in 1978. He also worked part-time for Crystal Glass Company in Worthington where he enjoyed the comradery. He was also a devoted caregiver for his wife until she passed in 2011.

July 28, 2013 Clifford married Floretta (Fred) Mougenot of Vero Beach, Florida. He began to enjoy life again. They wintered in Florida and spent summers with family in Minnesota.

Church played an important role throughout Clifford's life. He had a strong faith and belief in life after death with his Lord and Savior.

Clifford is survived by his wife, Floretta, his children and their spouses, Bob (Joyce), Jackie (Dale), Dannette (James), his grandchildren Tifanie Shimanski (Vincent), Nicholas Smith (Crystal), Amber Smith, Ashlie Bradley (Shad), Christopher Eggleston (Allison), and Anthony Bowman, sister-in-law Delores Bowman, sister-in-law Carol Lewis, brother-in-law Gene Hoffmann, 15 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild due any day, many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and friends.

Clifford was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Bowman, his daughter and son-in-law Candy and William Eggleston, parents, Merritt and Delra Bowman, sisters and brothers-in-law Virgil Dorr (Gene), Mildred Hartsock (Charles), and brothers Richard Bowman and Merritt Bowman, Jr., brother-in-law, Richard Stone, sisters-in-law Norma Hoffman and Janice Bauerly (Corwin), his nephew, Ronald Stone and niece, Cindy Meylor and other family and friends.

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

When I am gone, release me, let me go...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

But let my spirit calm your fears,

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

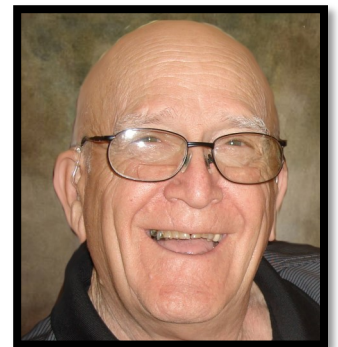
"Welcome Home."

In Memory of
Clifford D. Bowman

April 18, 1933



November 16, 2019



Funeral Service

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Worthington, Minnesota

November 21, 2019 10:30 AM

Officiant ~ Reverend Galen Smith

Casket Bearers

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| Dale Prechel | James Mileham |
| Nels Nelson | Nicholas Smith |
| Shad Bradley | Vince Shimanski |

Honorary Casket Bearers

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| Tifanie Shimanski | Amber Smith |
| Ashlie Bradley | Christopher Eggleston |
| Anthony Bowman | |

Military Honors

Iowa National Honor Guard
Funeral Honors Team

Interment

Memorial Park Cemetery ~ Sioux City, Iowa