



Richard "Dick" Edward Clift

October 23, 1929 - July 18, 2012

Richard (Dick) Clift of Chesterfield, Missouri was born in St. Louis in 1929. He attended Broad Ripple High School and DePauw University in Greencastle, IN. At DePauw he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Varsity Football team, where he was co-captain and team MVP his senior year. He also met his wife, Miriam Reed, at DePauw. They were married on 8/23/1952.

Dick joined the Army after college and spent two years stationed in Vermont. After the Army he moved to St. Louis where he got started in the insurance business. He moved around for different opportunities, living in Benton, IL, Florissant, MO and Rockford, IL, before settling in Chesterfield. Dick finished his career as the owner and CEO of Bowersox Insurance Agency in St. Louis, a position he held until his death.

Dick was very active in the community. He served as President of the Missouri Independent Insurance Agents Association, attended Green Trails Methodist Church, he bowled, played softball, and was an avid tennis and golf enthusiast. After his semi-retirement from Bowersox, Dick and his second wife Carol spent their winters in Ft. Myers, Florida, where they loved to play golf, travel and dine with friends.

He is survived by his wife Carol, sister Caroljane Clift Lux (Ron), son Douglas Scott Clift (Anne), daughters Susan Clift Gislason (David) and Sharon Clift

Drbul (Walter), stepdaughters Maggie Borowiec (Rich) and Liz Moseley (Scott) and 9 grandchildren. One son, Richard Andrew Clift, preceded him in death. Visitation will be held at Schrader Funeral Home at 14960 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO on Friday July 20th from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be at Windsor Crossing Community Church at 114 N. Eatherton Road, Chesterfield, MO on Saturday July 21st at 10:00 AM. Burial services will be at the Masonic and Odd Fellows Cemetery in Benton, Illinois on Sunday at 10:00. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, PO Box 515, Northampton MA 01061. Services entrusted to Archway Memorial Chapel. 314-895-3900. www.archwaychapel.com

Cemetery Details

Masonic & Odd Fellows Cemetery

12740 Oddfellow Ln
Benton, IL 62812

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schrader Funeral Home
14960 Manchester Road
Ballwin, MO 63011

Service

JUL 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Windsor Crossing Community Church
114 N. Eatherton Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63005

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Sharon,

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I will say a prayer for you and your family.

The Gasaway family

Joseph G. Gasaway - July 30, 2012 at 04:13 PM

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Ken McGhee - July 19, 2012 at 11:39 PM

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Ken McGhee - July 19, 2012 at 11:25 PM

BH

“ I am sorry to say I never had the honor of meeting Dick. However, I can easily say that he had to have been a wonderful father, judging by the fruit he produced in his children. I only know Doug and Susan; but a good father is a good father, and a good tree cannot produce bad fruit. ~Bob Hoff

Bob Hoff - July 19, 2012 at 03:07 PM



“ Dick was a great man, a great friend, and a great tennis partner. I have many happy memories from playing tennis with Dick. His abilities on the tennis court were legendary.

He was a winner in all he did. Carole and I send our condolences to the family. He will be missed.

John and Carole Myre

John Myre - July 19, 2012 at 01:10 PM

ML

“ I was very saddened to hear about Dick's passing and offer my deepest condolences. Growing up as a friend of Doug's, I have very fond memories of time spent at the Clift household. We had a tradition on New Year's Day of setting up several small T.V.'s in Doug's basement so we could watch all of the bowl games, and Dick would be there with us more like one of our friends than Doug's dad. He was also such a great athlete that he would play on our softball teams, in tennis matches and on the golf course despite the fact that he was 30 years our senior. He was also a happy and positive person; I cannot remember a single instance when he did not meet me with a smile, a laugh and a genuine interest in what I was doing. I know he will be missed and my thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

Marshall Langfeld - July 19, 2012 at 12:54 PM

TC

Our deepest sympathies to your whole family. I am sorry I am in Canada and cannot attend the services. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.;

The Pieske's and ABBCO Service Corp. - July 20, 2012 at 02:43 PM