



Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke

June 27, 1953 - June 24, 2022

Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke, 68, of Kearney, passed away Friday, June 24, 2022 at his home. A Memorial Mass will be on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Art Faesser will celebrate. Private family interment will be later at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell, NE. Visitation with family will be on Monday, June 27, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. followed by a Christian Wake Service at 6:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. James Catholic Church or the Knights of Columbus Kearney Chapter. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cliff was born on June 27, 1953 in Fullerton, NE to Edward J. and Evelyn C. (Boryca) Jarecke. He attended school in Clarks, NE and graduated with the class of 1971. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served during the Vietnam War and was assigned to intelligence. He was a member of the 56th Field Artillery Brigade which was responsible for a Pershing 1a missile in Germany. He was honorably discharged as an E-4 Army Specialist. Cliff married Mary Jo Norby on June 14, 1975 in Clarks, NE. Cliff worked for NPPD for 37 years prior to his retirement in 2019. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Cliff enjoyed mowing his yard, tending to his garden, fishing, playing cards, and classic cars. He was known across several communities for helping and

serving others.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Mary Jo of Kearney; daughter, Sheila Jarecke (Rob Couton) of Fort Worth, TX; sons, Theron (Kerri) Jarecke of Culbertson, NE, Todd (Sally) Jarecke of Firth, NE and Brent Jarecke and Jessica Kalita of Ceresco, NE; brothers, Dennis (Julie) Jarecke of Fullerton, NE, Richard (Donna) Jarecke of Elkhorn, NE and Paul (Deb) Jarecke of Clarks, NE; 12 grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Evelyn Jarecke, and his faithful companion, Stitch.

Previous Events

Family Greeting Friends

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Wake Service

JUN 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Memorial Mass

JUN 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM

FC

“ To Mary Jo and family,
Jackie and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. We appreciate that your daughter contacted Bruce who then called me. We saw his commit to service in to your community in his obituary and also about his service to our country.
I met Cliff when he came to Germany and joined our platoon. Because he was also from Nebraska, we immediately became friends. With Bruce and me, we had three "Huskers" together in one platoon which was pretty unusual. "Pollock" was a great addition to a group of guys who helped turn our platoon into one of the best firing platoons in the 56th Brigade. He was a guy who could spring a good joke on others and take one "sprung" on him! He saw quite a bit of Germany with the guys he lived with in the barracks. They bought an old VW station wagon which he often had to work on so they could go on their next "adventure."
We all put in our our 2 or 3 years and returned home to continue our lives. For Cliff, the first thing was to marry you and Jackie and I enjoyed the "lively" celebration that goes with a Catholic wedding!! However, I'm sorry to say, when we moved to Montana, we lost contact with you and Cliff and other friends from the Army. Over the years as we began to reconnect with Bruce and Jim Chrestman and Bob Neal, and talk about our time in Germany, "Pollock" often came up with lots of good memories! At this time in our lives we regret when we haven't kept up with all of those good friends from that unique time together.
Again, Jackie and I send sympathy, but also those "good" thoughts of a good friend. We will also pay tribute to Cliff this fall when we stop to visit Jackie's folks and aunts and uncles who lie with Cliff at Ft McPherson.

Fred and Jackie Clausen

Fred and Jackie Clausen - July 01, 2022 at 12:17 PM

SJ

Hi Fred. Thank you for taking the time to share some of your memories of my dad. I love hearing stories that we haven't heard before. And I'm very thankful that Bruce shared the news. ❤️ Sheila

Sheila Jarecke - July 12, 2022 at 06:31 PM

RT

*“ MaryJo and family,
So sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you all during this time.
Russ and Tonya Thompson*

Russ Thompson - June 30, 2022 at 08:35 PM

SJ

Thank you, Russ and Tonya.

Sheila Jarecke - July 12, 2022 at 06:32 PM

CZ

“ Mary Jo & family. So sorry for Clifford s passing. So many memories with Clifford as we all grew up together & he was Jerry's friend & Mike's. He played baseball with Mike growing up they were neighbors. Football, school. They went into the Army together. Found out they were not that far from each other in Germany. He was in our wedding. So many good times. Take care & just know he is in a better place & having a beer with Jerry and all those classmates. Love you.

Connie & Mike Ziemba - June 28, 2022 at 06:28 PM

SJ



Sheila Jarecke - July 13, 2022 at 07:28 PM

TJ

“ We are so sorry to hear about Uncle Clifford. Our thoughts and sympathy's are with you all at this time. Love Tristan and Priscilla

Tristan Jarecke - June 28, 2022 at 11:27 AM

LL

“ Dear Mary Jo and family,

We just learned about Cliff a minute ago and I'm sure you are praying the rosary at this very moment. We are very sorry for your loss-it's never easy regardless of age or circumstances. Know that at this very moment I am joining my prayers with yours asking for our Lord's grace and mercy not only for Cliff but to comfort all of you too. Hello to all the family, even those too young to have remembered us:)

With our deepest sympathy,

Liz and DeWayne Lancaster and
all our family

liz lancaster - June 27, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.



June 27, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.*



June 27, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Raymond Woman's Club purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.*



Raymond Woman's Club - June 27, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Scooter's Coffee/Harvest Roasting Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.*



Scooter's Coffee/Harvest Roasting Family - June 27, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Leo and Lynn Ziemba and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.*



Leo and Lynn Ziemba and Family - June 27, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.*



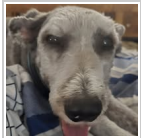
June 27, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.*



June 27, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *Mary Jo and Family: So Sorry to hear of Cliff's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers!*

Tim Hanley



Tim Hanley - June 27, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.*



June 26, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.



June 26, 2022 at 12:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.



June 25, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *The Couton & Garai Families* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Clifford "Cliff" E. Jarecke.



The Couton & Garai Families - June 25, 2022 at 10:18 AM