



Clifford M. Bouchez

October 2, 1943 - May 20, 2019

Clifford M. Bouchez, 75, of Decatur and former Bluffton resident, died on Monday morning, May 20, 2019, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on October 2, 1943 in Peoria, IL. and adopted by Char & Louise (Conaway) Hawkins. He married Claudia R. "Rosie" Bouchez on October 30, 1999 in Bluffton. She preceded him in death on May 18, 2017.

Cliff was a welder by trade and worked at Keystone Steel and Wire in Peoria and Rocky Flats Plant near Denver. He loved building things and working with his hands. Cliff loved the outdoors and was happiest when he and Claudia traveled in their RV. He was a true animal lover and always had many dogs and cats. Cliff received much joy from his pets throughout the years but most recently from resident therapy dog, Doc.

Cliff's current residence at Golden Meadows Residential Home of Decatur provided him with many new friends whom he dearly loved. Never one to take life seriously, Cliff was always goofing around and being silly. One always left with a smile on their face after visiting with Cliff.

Survivors include his children: Christopher (Kathi) Hawkins of East Peoria, IL and Stephanie (Kenneth) Kemper Webb of Kearneysville, WV, along with 7 grandchildren; Richard Kemper, Matthew Kemper, Jessica Kemper, Ami Hawkins, Sara Hawkins, Adam Hawkins and Lauren Hawkins. Cliff is also survived by many siblings: Jeffrey Hawkins of Timewell, IL and Sharon (Richard) Mann of Frederick, IL; Bouchez brothers: Richard (Nancy) of Bluffton, Gill, David, and Carroll and sister Kay Brickner of Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents and seven Bouchez siblings.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the Golden Meadows Residential Home chapel. Memorials may be made to the Golden Meadows Special Needs Residents' Fund (3646 North 200 East Decatur, Indiana 46733) or Visiting Nurse Foundation (5910 Homestead Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46814).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Online condolences may be left online at thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Golden Meadow Home Chapel
3646 North 200 East
Decatur, IN 46733

Tribute Wall



“ Clifford M. Bouchez

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

PW

“ Phil and Sara Webb purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Clifford M. Bouchez.



Phil and Sara Webb - May 23, 2019 at 10:13 PM

BW

“ Bernice W. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clifford M. Bouchez.



Bernice W. - May 23, 2019 at 10:46 AM

KA

“ Rest with Claudia, Dad, she's been waiting for you. Thinking about everyone, prayers for peace and understanding.

Kara - May 21, 2019 at 05:31 PM

SM

“ Beloved brother Cliff, as a young teenager you pulled me aside and gave me some advice at the end of your first marriage, "Dodie, if you get married before you're 25, I'll kill you!." I thought it highly unlikely I would wait that long, but what did I know? I was married at age 26 and will celebrate 40 years of marriage next year! Thank God I waited! May God bless you and keep you until we meet again. Loving and missing you forever, Dodie

Sharon Mann - May 21, 2019 at 04:45 PM