



Earle E. Clifford

June 23, 1947 - May 21, 2023

Earle Clifford, 75, died unexpectedly Sunday, May 21, at his home in Pittsburg, while splitting wood, a job he loved to do every spring.

Earle Everett Clifford was born June 23, 1947, to Everett and Cecile (Morin) Clifford, in Laconia. Growing up, he spent many happy hours in the woods and fields, lakes and rivers in that area. He graduated from Laconia High School in 1965, where he was an outstanding southpaw baseball pitcher, and played football and tenor saxophone. He also worked as a caddy at the Laconia Country Club, where he learned to play golf, a sport he enjoyed his entire life, was a familiar figure riding his Triumph motorcycle, and was an accomplished skier who served on the Ski Patrol at the Gunstock Ski Area.

Earle was always hard-working, helping to maintain the family cabin colony, Holiday Bungalows, with his parents and brother on Weirs Boulevard. He repaired cabins, kept up the grounds and beach while enjoying a glorious childhood on Paugus Bay.

He met Marsha Mitchell, also of Laconia, in junior high school, and they were married in Flagstaff, Arizona, in 1969, a love that lasted more than 53 years and resulted in their beloved son Sean.

Earle earned a B.S. in Biology from Belknap College, Center Harbor in 1969.

He then served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1973. He spent his hitch at a number of bases in the U.S. and then a year in Korea as a food inspector in the MEDDAC Corps, and occasionally retrained guard dogs. He earned a second degree, a B.S in Business, from New Hampshire College in 1986.

Upon his Army discharge, Earle planned a science teaching career but instead decided to drive truck for Ethan Allen in Beecher Falls and settle in Pittsburg. After two years he accepted a position at the Laconia Post Office. He worked there until he moved back to Pittsburg, where he then served as Postmaster for several happy years. In 1988, he was appointed Postmaster at the U.S. Post Office in Colebrook. He retired in 2006, which allowed time for road trips and leisure with his wife.

Earle had many hobbies and interests. He loved rock 'n' roll music and could tell a good story about hunting, fishing, his dogs, and his Triumph motorcycle. He owned and trained dogs all his life, including four German Shorthaired Pointers; his beloved 12-year-old Sam survives him. He loved to be in the woods and was extremely knowledgeable about birds and wildlife. Bird-hunting every fall was a tradition he enjoyed with his son, brother, and friends. He was a master fisherman; many a trout lost a battle with Earle in the Connecticut River over the years. His grand prize was the 11 1/4--pound brown trout caught March 23, 1975 in the Connecticut. Earle taught his little granddaughters to fish, and they spent many happy hours fishing together and was devoted to golfing, another skill he passed on to many family members. He spent hours picking blueberries in the fields around his home, continuing the decades-long tradition of annual blueberrying with his mother.

Earle is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marsha; his son Sean and wife Kristen, of Austin, Texas; three granddaughters, Harper, Cecilia, and Madeleine, all of Austin; his brother and wife, Wayne and Diana Clifford, of Hampton; many brothers- and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, and nephews;

and his dog, Sam. He was predeceased by his parents.

Arrangements are with the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, where calling hours will be held Friday, June 9, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. A service will be held at the Gilmanton Community Church on Saturday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial at the Beech Grove Cemetery in Gilmanton.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gilmanton Community Church
497 Province Road
Gilmanton, NH 03237

Tribute Wall

PV

“ *Such a gentle giant. An amazing family man. And a great cousin.
We are here for you all.
Love, Prudy*

prudence morin veysey - June 12, 2023 at 07:43 PM

JO

“ *Marsha,
I am so sorry for your loss. You and Sean are in my prayers.*

Joanne OBrien - June 10, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Earle E. Clifford.*



June 08, 2023 at 09:28 AM

AG

“ *We were so sorry to hear of your loss, Marsha. We are praying for
the comfort of happy memories for you and your son.*

Ann Gray - June 02, 2023 at 09:55 AM

LB

“ *Marsha,
I am so sorry to hear about Earle! May his memories stay close to
your hearts. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your family!❤️❤️*

Lisa Bouchard - May 29, 2023 at 01:52 PM

MG

“ We were so saddened to hear of Earle's passing. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Melanie Gray

Mike and Melanie Gray - May 28, 2023 at 07:16 PM

CS

“ The White Mountain Seniors golf group will miss seeing Earl each week. We were recently wondering why we hadn't heard from him since we knew he didn't play during turkey hunting season. He was almost always the first one to arrive at the course we were playing that week. We would worry if we didn't see his truck when we pulled in. He always had his range finder with him scoping in the distance to the green. Earl would either tear the course up or the course would tear him up - you were never sure which Earl would be playing that day. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Cindy Schieman - May 28, 2023 at 01:35 PM