

Cliff had many interests including golfing, active participation in the Masons as well as the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA). He was a gospel musician that sang in the church choir. He was also an official taste tester that had a particularly good palette for Kay's cookies and candies. He was a huge history buff and enjoyed many stories about relatives that he found through his genealogy searches.

Cliff, Clifford, Papa, Dutch – all names that his friends and family called him. The Lord has now called him home. Cliff leaves behind his beautiful wife, Kay as well as 5 children – Jeff Leonard (Maria), Pam Leonard, Becky Hummer (Warren), Carl Leonard (Kim), Nancy Leonard (Tracie), and 1 stepdaughter Debbie (Littleton) Kelly (Mike). He was blessed with 12 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and a multitude of cousins. His stepson, Mark Littleton and 1 grandson preceded him in death.

There will be a celebration of life and funeral at 10:00am, April 05, 2024 at Desert Spring United Methodist Church, 120 N. Pavilion Center Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89144. He will be buried with full military honors on April 11, 2024 at 11:00am at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, 5201 S. Southwood Road, Springfield, MO 65804.



### **Prayer for Papa**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

## *Celebration of Life for Clifford Ray Leonard*



*Sunrise ~ June 09, 1933  
Sunset ~ March 13, 2024*

**DESERT SPRING  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Rev. David Devereaux, Officiating  
April 05, 2024**

## Order of Service

Gathering	Rev. David Devereaux
Greeting	Rev. David Devereaux
Hymn #378	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
Opening Prayer	Rev. David Devereaux
Scripture	1 Corinthians 13
Hymn #361	<i>Rock of Ages</i>
Words of Hope	
Special Music	<i>Blessed Assurance</i> DSUMC Choir
Naming	Family & Friends
Slide Show	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	Rev. David Devereaux
Closing Hymn	<i>I Am Thine O Lord</i>
Benediction	Rev. David Devereaux

It is with heartfelt sadness that we post this information.

On March 13, 2024, Cliff Leonard left this earth and took his spot in heaven. On June 9, 1933, Clifford Ray Leonard was born to Doyle Leonard and Lorene (Huntley) Leonard of Topeka, Kansas. This is where he lived his early life. His family owned a large trucking company (Leonard Brothers Trucking) where Cliff's back became strong. However, he quickly learned that the trucking industry was not his calling.

After graduation from Topeka High School, Cliff joined the Navy. He participated in active duty and followed that as a naval reservist for several years. Cliff was proud to have served his country.

Cliff met the love of his life in Springfield, MO at a Katz Drugstore. He suggested a move to Kay Mutz, she said, "Sure!" This was the beginning of a more than 58-year relationship. Between Kay and Cliff, they raised 5 kids and 2 stepchildren to be happy individuals of this world.

Cliff loved trains. . . so much so that he joined the Burlington & Northern Railroad. This took him to Kansas City. It was in Kansas City that Kay and Cliff found their fondness for helping children. They became chaperones for the youth group at Roeland Park UMC. They continued that conviction when they moved to Las Vegas where they were crossing guards for the local school district. Many children were assisted in crossing a busy intersection for numerous years. They turned in their stop signs and yellow vests in 2019.

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