



Clifford E. Roberts

April 4, 1921 - October 30, 2014

Roberts, Colonel Clifford E. U.S. Army, Ret. 93, of Vernon Hills, passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born April 4, 1921 in Staunton, IN and upon graduation from Rose Polytechnic Institute (now Rose-Hulman) and commissioning from ROTC in 1942, served during WWII in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations, returning as a Major. He accepted a commission in the Regular Army and attended the University of Wisconsin, where he earned an MS(EE) degree. During the Korean War, he was the Division Signal Officer of the 7th Infantry Division and participated in MacArthur's historic landing at Inchon and the division's advance to the Yalu River in North Korea bordering China. Upon the division's withdrawal from North Korea after China entered the war, he was required to remain behind and was one of the last to escape from enemy territory. Other assignments during his 30 year Army career included tours in Norway, Germany and thirteen years in the Pentagon. His last assignment was with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His military decorations include three awards of the Legion of Merit, three awards of the Bronze Star Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Following retirement from the Army as a Colonel, he was employed for ten years as Telecommunications Manager for FMC Corporation in Chicago. Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Gwynneth Roberts; 5 children, Pamela Roberts of Rickville, MD, Karin (the late Tom) Nuelle of Woodstock, Janet Bush and Deborah (Matthew) Stockert, both of Lake Bluff

and Cliff (Amy) Roberts, Jr. of Highland Park; 7 grandchildren, Patrick, Rebecca, Kevin, Sarah, Emma, Tommy, Sophia; and his brother, Joe (Arline) Roberts. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack Roberts. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest. Interment is pending at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758540, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Hi Roberts, Bush's and families.
Delighted to get Cliff's memorial of his passing. I remember him as an engineer mate who put Glynnis and I up on a two occasions in Lake Forest as we put he and Gwynneth up at our place in Bentley at least once. He loved to read in the garden seat I built.
Glad to remember a famous soldier and family man.
God bless, love to all the family,
George Harry Phillip Grainger MIEAust.

Mr George HP Grainger - November 01, 2018 at 05:59 PM

CC

“ Dear Roberts' Family,

Please accept my condolences on the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. I enjoyed seeing Mr. Roberts when Mrs. Roberts and he visited Pam in the DC area. I was always impressed by his obvious intelligence, character, and kindness. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Catherine Clevenger

Catherine Clevenger - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM

RD

“ To the Roberts family:

My sincere condolences on the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I fondly recall meeting Mr. Roberts when he came with Mrs. Roberts to visit Pam and we were all at the French embassy. He was so kind and warm hearted. I am praying that the Lord will continue to sustain you during this difficult time.

Rhonda Daniels - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM

FT

“ *Fond Memories of Our Brother-in-law and Uncle from the Taylor Family in Western Australia.*

Loved and respected by all

Freya Taylor - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM

SV

“ *Much love to Aunty Gwen and all the family from Susie in West Australia on the passing of Uncle Clifford x*

Susie Verryt - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM

PT

“ *Condolences to Aunty Gwyn and all the family, God Bless. Peter Taylor*

Peter Taylor - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM

GG

“ *Deepest sympathy to Aunty Gwyn, Pam, Karin, Janet. Debbie and Cliff Jnr and their families on the sad, sudden passing of Uncle Cliff. Lots of love and God bless from Glynnis and George and Jan Downunder.*

Glynnis & George Grainger - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM

FA

“ Dear Aunty Gwyn and family

Our sincerest condolences on the loss of Uncle Cliff. He was a wonderful man and we have many fond memories of your trips to Perth.

Lots of love,

Frank, Sue, Tanya & Sonia Aplin

Frank Aplin - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM

FW

“ Dear Aunty Gwyn,

*I am very sadden to hear of the passing of Uncle Cliff. I always enjoyed seeing him on your many visits to Perth over the years. Every time you came over I said I would come and visit you so I am glad that I managed to do that last year. I always thought of him as a kind and gentle man with a lovely charm about him. Both Jade and I are thinking of you and your family so far away from us.
Love Freya*

Freya Whitton - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM

MA

“ Dear Aunty Gwyn and Family,

Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Uncle Cliff. I too fondly remember your visits to Perth and the family Christmas photo/card.

Love from Michael, Fiona, Nathan, Simon & Jared

Michael Aplin - April 27, 2018 at 05:46 AM