



Clifford Herman Van Nest

September 26, 1922 - December 10, 2018

Clifford H. Van Nest, age 96, passed away December 10, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Elva (m. July 19, 1947 in Sandusky, MI). Dear father of Carleen Foster of Marlette, MI, Diane (David) Corker of Clinton Township, MI and Nancy (William) Hoemke of Royal Oak, MI. Brother-in-law of Delores Nielsen. Grandfather of Alicia (Dan) McCathy, Brian Howell, and Haley and Kelsy Hoemke. Predeceased by his siblings: Leota, Gordon, Ruth, Robert, and Doris; his brothers in law, Ed and Ervin Sager; and his son-in-law, Robert Foster.

Clifford was born in Peck, MI on the family farm and later graduated from Sandusky High School in 1941. He was a decorated WW II veteran, awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained on 12/12/1944. He also received an honor from the French government for fighting on their soil. He later worked at Koeplinger Bakery as a mechanic from 1953 - 1965 and at the GM Tech Center for over 22 years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak since 1950.

Visitation Friday, Dec. 14, 2 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blocks E. of Woodward). Funeral service Saturday, 11:00 a.m. (in-state 10:00 a.m.) at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. Fifth St., Royal Oak. Memorial contributions to St. Paul Lutheran Church Garden Club or donor's choice are appreciated.

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall (see tab above).

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 E. Fifth Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

PK

“ Cliff was a wonderful friend that I met while we volunteered at the Michigan State Fair many years..... I always enjoyed talking with him when I would get together with him and Carleen.... it was always a pleasure talking about his services in the war....and his love for the Detroit Tigers.... hard to believe that he is not around for me to see him

patti koenig - December 14, 2018 at 09:24 PM

NL

“ Remember spending time with Cliff going to VA Hospital in Detroit and Pontiac and at many DAV 19 South Oakland meetings. Cliff was a true hero and will be missed. Nicholas Luxon. DAV 19

Nicholas Luxon - December 14, 2018 at 06:07 PM

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Diane Heckman - December 14, 2018 at 03:59 PM



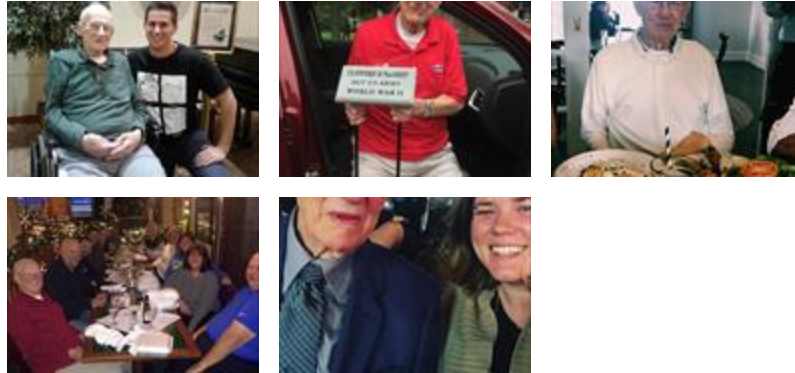
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford Herman Van Nest.



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Alicia McCarthy - December 13, 2018 at 11:16 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford Herman Van Nest.



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“ At this time words are hard to find but we pray you will all feel the arms of our loving Savior holding you and carrying you while you walk through these difficult days. Mom loved her talks with Uncle Cliff. They would reminisce about their childhood exploits and if one couldn't remember the details the other usually did. I still marvel at how sharp mom's memory was when she passed last year and I miss her so much!! I think of her at 8:30pm because that was when I would call to see how she was and hear about her day. I'm so grateful for Uncle Cliff as he was a strong father and husband caring for all his family deeply and thoughtfully.

Carla Shier - December 13, 2018 at 09:51 AM

EG

“ I worked with Cliff at Chevrolet Engineering as an apprentice in the truck garage. He had a good sense of humor and I really enjoyed working with him. I am sure he will be missed. Edward George.

Edward George - December 12, 2018 at 04:46 PM

PM

“ Uncle Cliff,
You stood proud and passed the test
As a Warrior, Family man, Among the Best
My Hero forever, Rest In Peace
Paul Maxwell

Paul Maxwell - December 12, 2018 at 10:43 AM

ES

“ A wonderful man. Cliff never wavered in his devotion to his family, church or friends. He will be missed. His sense of humor and love of family resides in his daughters and grandkids. Barry and Edie Saunders

Edie Saunders - December 11, 2018 at 09:28 AM