REMEMBERING

Cliff Clark

May 17, 1936 - June 22, 2024

Tribute from Haywards Funerals

Haywards Funerals staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Keith McLean Sr

Relation: He is my uncle

When I was a kid there were 2 good reasons to go to “the Island”: Aunt Dot and Uncle Jim and Aunt Sharon and Uncle Cliff. I did not see as much of Cliff and Sharon, but they were always calm, welcoming and it seemed like they were glad we arrived. Uncle Cliff always had a twinkle in his eye and some mischief up his sleeve. There was always some little scam or riddle going on with him. “I’ll race you for 5 bucks”, he would say with the catch being that he was only offering to be paid to race whether he won or not! It was in good fun, and we knew it was coming. As we were city kids there were a lot of things we did not know about Cliff’s world. He always seemed willing to spend the time to answer questions or point out things with which we were unfamiliar.

For most of my teens and adult life contact was limited but Cliff & Co were very welcoming when our adopted son performed in Para-swimming races on the Island. In fact, Riley and Cliff got along very well with Cliff pointing out the eagles in their back yard and showing Riley his woodworking and tools. Riley has a similar sense of humour and I remember him offering to get Cliff a pop – insisting actually. He snuck off to the fridge where he shook the heck out of the pop, anticipating that Cliff would open it and spray it all over. Cliff wasn’t born the day before though and had figured out the plot. They had a good laugh!

On one trip Riley had spent the better part of a week with me prior to our arrival. Cliff ascertained immediately that Riley needed a change and arranged for him to stay with Sharon while we (Cliff, Harry, and me) went to Gram’s gravesite. It was a good move and, for me, very perceptive as Riley had a much better time with Sharon than he would have otherwise! He said so at the time.

Later, when our son Caleb took a Commercial Diving course up island Cliff and Sharon plugged him into their family where he was invited on outings and dinners. As his first major foray away form home we felt confident that he was safe with their connections and support. Support which was given most graciously by the entire family.

Cliff always spoke highly of his beloved wife, Sharon, and their kids – he was so proud, felt loved and appreciated. He looked forward to their visits and celebrated their achievements. The way he thought of and spoke of his family is a very good template for husbands and fathers today.

I think what I liked most about Uncle Cliff was that he seemed to be a truly decent person. After meeting him you felt like the world was a better place. I’m sure that wherever he is now is a better place for him being there. He will be missed!

Keith McLean Sr

Tribute from Patricia Dyke

Relation: Family friend

Cliff would always greet everyone with a warm loving smile. He would always make you feel comfortable and welcome and he was always good for a laughing good time.
For the few times I was fortunate to see his beautifully finished wood projects. His work showed his impressive talent.
Cliff's personification on how he enjoyed life and the love he had for his family was a tribute to the warm person that he was.
He will be dearly missed but never forgotten. Thank you Cliff for all those warm smiles that you gave to us.
From the Dyke Family our deepest sympathy and love to all your loving family xoxo

Tribute from Kim Scott

So sorry to hear , Sharon and family. My thoughts are with all of you. So many wonderful years together ….and great memories I am sure. Xo

Tribute from Ted Ingham

We're so saddened to hear of Cliff's passing. Thinking of the family and sending hugs at this difficult time. Cliff was a great guy and will be missed by everyone that knew him. Please let us know if there will be a Celebration of Life. Ted & Darlene Ingham

Tribute from Derral Wilson

Relation: Uncle Cliff Married my father sister Auntie Sharon

Uncle Cliff was not that tall. I well remember that he always made me feel good about myself with lighthearted joke, laughter or sometimes it was just the large acceptance I got from him. uncle Cliff was not that tall but I always looked up to him. My deepest condolence to Auntie, Sharon Brenda Bobby Cyndi sincerely, Derral W.

Tribute from Gerald McLean

Relation: Uncle

Our condolences to Aunt Sharon and family.
I have such fond, happy and fun memories of the times we would visit with Uncle Cliff, Aunt Sharon and family.
Always a great visit.
Regrettably time and distance limited the time we had to visit.
Love the picture, it brings back fond memories of Uncle Cliff.
Gerald & Linda McLean

Tribute from Kim White

Relation: Friend

I'm so deeply saddened to hear of Cliff's passing. Though it has been many years since we last

connected, I will always remember his kindness, his love for his family, and that unforgettable twinkle in his eye, captured so well in the photo ! My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. With much love, Kim xox