



Cliff Bonjour

August 5, 1951 - April 5, 2023

Cliff Arthur Bonjour, 72, of Chapin, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Franklin General Hospital. Visitation will be held Monday, April 10, 4-7pm, at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. Memorial services will be held Tuesday, April 11, 11am at Zion St. John Lutheran Church in Sheffield. Burial is pending. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Sheffield is caring for Cliff's family.

Cliff was born August 5, 1951, in Niangua, Missouri, the seventh of eight children to Alvin and Virginia (Dittberner) Bonjour. The family moved to Sheffield when he was an infant. Cliff excelled at sports for the Sheffield Spartans and was a varsity letter winner in football, basketball, track, and baseball. He graduated from Sheffield Chapin High School in 1970 and was drafted into the U.S. Army, receiving an honorable discharged due to injury. Cliff married the love of his life, Jeri McKee, July 26, 1975, at Salem United Methodist Church in Chapin. He worked numerous manufacturing jobs including at Sheffield Brick & Tile Company, Armour, and for many years, Curries, taking an early retirement to start enjoying the easy life.

Cliff was a diehard sports fan, rooting for the Iowa Hawkeyes, Dallas Cowboys, and LA Dodgers. He enjoyed The Andy Griffith Show, The Big Bang Theory, and John Wayne westerns—he could recite lines word for word. He took pride in his health and worked out every day at the Hampton Wellness Center. He loved to play catch with his daughter and keep up a perfect yard that rivaled that of a professional landscaper. He also collected rare coins and

enjoyed playing the lottery—he did get lucky a few times and was able to build his dream man cave garage with his winnings.

He certainly was his own person—preferring stinky, cheesy popcorn, stale Cheetos, and holey clothes. He made many, many trips to “town” for Jeri’s meals and never said no to any request. He would always respond, “no problem,” when asked to help and he definitely spoiled his grandkids, constantly asking, “What do you need?” He spoiled not only his grandchildren, but also his grand fur-babies, bringing them bones and treats.

Cliff’s main hobby though was his grandchildren, attending every concert, track meet and game—you name it, he went to it. He was so proud of his family and every accomplishment he could be a part of. He loved to pick on his grandkids out of love to give them a hard time, and in return he was lovingly called Grandpa Grinch or the Faraway Grandpa, since he lived 45 minutes away.

He was warm, generous, loving, kind, brave, and would do anything for you. He was a special husband, father, brother, grandpa, and friend with a contagious laugh and one-of-a-kind smile.

Cliff is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jeri Bonjour of Chapin, with whom he proudly raised two children: son Jason of Mason City; daughter Mandy & Nathan Hammitt of Garner and their children: Kristopher, Riley, Connor, and Michaela; siblings Dennis & Sandy of Michigan, Linda & Mike of Des Moines, Howard & Gloria of Chapin, Phyllis of Altoona, Bev of Missouri, and Becky & Frank of Florida; along with numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin & Virginia; in-laws Marvin & Dealta McKee; and brother Kenny.

Cemetery Details

Wayside Cemetery

Olive Ave
Sheffield, IA 50475

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion St. John Lutheran Church
316 Sherman Street
Sheffield, IA 50475
secretary@zionstjohn.org
<http://zionstjohn.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Cliff Bonjour



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - April 06, 2023 at 01:20 PM

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“ I am so sorry Jeri to hear of your husband's passing. Thoughts and prayers for you all.



Nancy Willett - April 11, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cliff Bonjour.



April 10, 2023 at 10:10 AM

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“ I offer my deepest condolences to Cliff's family. I am going to miss his warm positive greeting every morning at the Wellness Center, he was always the first one there besides me of course. I feel so blessed to have gotten to know him.

Dale Schirmer - April 08, 2023 at 09:05 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear this, and my sympathy goes out to the family and his friends. Clifford was my cousin, however was more like my 3rd brother. We went to school together and graduated together. We were on the same Little League and Babe Ruth baseball teams, however he was much better at sports than me. What I remember most is the week in the summers he would spend with us at the farm. Playing "war" in the grove, playing ball in the yard, and occasionally doing some work (hay baling, etc.). He was one of a kind, and my best friend growing up. He was the best! Again, sorry for your loss

Ron Eichmeier - April 07, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cliff Bonjour.



April 07, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cliff Bonjour.*



April 07, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Cliff Bonjour.*



April 06, 2023 at 09:42 PM