



Clifford Ray Cowan

September 29, 1936 - October 27, 2024

Clifford (Cliff) R. Cowan, of Claremore, OK passed away on Sunday October 27, 2024..

He was born on September 29, 1936, in Bartlesville, OK, to Clifford L. and Doris (Lowry) Cowan.

Cliff grew up primarily in Bartlesville, where he played baseball and basketball, and

obtained the status of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Bartlesville College High School in 1954.

His early employment included the opening season at Kiddie Park and training greyhounds at

the local race track. Later he worked for Bartlesville Stationery before owning a Christian

bookstore downtown. Cliff was introduced to Donna Willcox of Pawhuska and they were married

on May 12, 1957. They had two children - Vicki and Rhonda. Cliff began working at Phillips

Petroleum in 1960. Cliff was transferred with Phillips to the Denver area two times and back to

Bartlesville before transferring to Richardson, TX. where he worked for the Phillips Coal Co.

division, retiring in 1998 as a Lease & Title Analyst. Following his retirement, Cliff and Donna

moved to Cape Fair, MO, where they thoroughly enjoyed hosting many of the friends met throughout their lives.

Cliff and Donna were devoted Christians and were active members in Church wherever

they lived. Cliff was an active participant and organizer of missions construction and ministry

trips to Honduras, Panama, Chile, Belgium, Ecuador, Paraguay, Guatemala, and the Hopi

Reservation in central Arizona. Within the Church he served as a Sunday School Teacher,

Superintendent, and as a Deacon at many of the Churches he attended.

Cliff had many interests; hunting, fishing, and later in life, golfing. For many years he played

(and coached) softball and basketball on Church teams. He also officiated for other softball

leagues. He was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, and a fan of the Denver Broncos,

Nuggets, Texas Rangers & OKC Thunder.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, wife Donna, sister Gloria Pratt, and son-in-law

Ken Baldwin. He is survived by daughter Vicki Baldwin of Claremore, daughter Rhonda (Bob)

Mead of Nixa, MO, grandson Kyle (Mandy) Baldwin of Claremore, grandson Kurt Baldwin of Skiatook, great grandchildren Connor, Emmett, Annie, Ellie and Kenna, brother

Sherrill (Joyce) Cowan of Bartlesville, sister Jan (Lawrence) Wilkie of Bartlesville, brother-in-law

Jim Pratt of Bartlesville, and many nieces and nephews.

Cliff's family wishes to thank the staff of Brookdale Claremore Assisted Living & Memory

Care and Elara Caring hospice for their wonderful care and attention.