



Clifford Walter Jenkins

January 24, 1935 - January 9, 2024

Clifford Walter Jenkins, age 88 of Crown Point, formerly of Merrillville and Gary, passed away January 9, 2024. He was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Crown Point, and a former longtime member of St. Peter and Paul Church in Merrillville, and a dedicated member of Serra Club. Cliff served in several roles in his beloved Sts. Peter & Paul Church including the Parrish counsel, adult confirmation teacher, choir member, fund raiser, and lector. He was a member of Serra Club, encouraging those entering the ministry, and those currently serving. Cliff was a graduate of Bishop Noll High School, class of 1952. He received a certificate from Purdue University Calumet, and a certificate from the Diocese of Gary in Lay Ministry. Cliff served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-1955 and the Naval reserves until 1960, and a member of the American Legion. He was a man of faith, service and work ethic. Cliff retired from U.S. Steel Gary Works after 32 years, followed by Gary Steel Products of Gary and part-time for Speedway gas station in Winfield, IN. He served as a volunteer at St. Mary Medical Center and served on his homeowner's association board. In his community, he was active in Junedale Little League in Gary, IN, with his young son and daughter, and was a Ross Township volunteer fireman for several years. He took up jogging, completing the Chicago Marathon. He loved to play golf. Cliff and his wife Marge were the owners of Baskin Robbins franchise in Merrillville for many years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years- Margaret Rose Primich, mother-Mary Hart, brother and sister-in-law- John "Jack" (Sharon) Jenkins. Cliff is

survived by his children- Renee (Robert) Reimer, Claudette (Corey) McShane, Clifford A. (Carrie) Jenkins, Michelle (Darrin) Enloe, Kevin (Donna) Jenkins, Joseph (Kristen) Jenkins; grandchildren- Ann Reimer (Joe Grimes), Katherine (Jonathon) Gleason, David (Irene) Kelsey, Milissa (Matthew) Kirkilewski, Jonathon (Gloria) Kelsey, Devin (William York) Jenkins, Samantha (Michael) Lipinski, Nathan Enloe, Jenna Jenkins, and Kyle Jenkins; six great-grandchildren; sister- Sandra (Clifton) St. Clair; many loving nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial donation to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Crown Point, IN; Sojourner Truth House, Gary, IN; Serra Club of Northwest Indiana; Honor Flight Chicago; or a charity of your choosing. Visitation will take place on Monday, January 15, 2024 from 2 – 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Mass of Christian Burial will take on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 10 a.m. DIRECTLY at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E 109th Avenue, Crown Point. Rev. Thomas Mischler officiating. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
7667 E 109th Ave
Crown Point, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Family and Friends of Cliff,
What a loss to the world is the death of Cliff Jenkins. I had the privilege to get to know him and serve with him at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Merrillville, Indiana. A man of such goodness, integrity and kindness is hard to find. I worked with Cliff for the 23 years I was the assistant pastor at Saints Peter and Paul. We worked most closeley together in preparing men and women to join the catholic faith. After I left in 2009, Cliff carried on as long as he was physically able. We kept in touch through an occasional unch when I came back to town, phone calls and e-mail. With the help of his iron-strong faith, Cliff navigated some of the sugfferings of his life with the courage and bravery he also showwed when serving in the Korean War. I have no doubt that Cliff is celebrating in his next life as God says to him..."Well done, good and faithful servant." Choose to carry on Cliff's legacy in whatever way you can. I will try to be a person of truth and integrity to honor his memory.*

Sister Karen Walther, SSND

Karen Walther - January 15, 2024 at 02:34 PM

CT

“ *Colleen, Debbie, Jessica, and Tim purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.*



Colleen, Debbie, Jessica, and Tim - January 15, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.*



January 15, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *The Swisher & Stanivuk Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.*



The Swisher & Stanivuk Families - January 15, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ *The Swisher & Stanivuk Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Walter Jenkins.*

The Swisher & Stanivuk Families - January 15, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ *I met Cliff through Bill Franz, another Pete & Paul fellow. Our paths crossed again through Serra Club. Cliff's knowledge and experience of Vocations has been so helpful to me and other Serra members. We will continue to pray for him and his family. I enjoyed his sense of humor and his love/prayers for the young men contemplating the priesthood. He will be missed. " Peace to you young man." Aggie Zellers*

Agnes Zellers - January 14, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.



January 12, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ Love, Your Lax family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Walter Jenkins.

Love, Your Lax family - January 12, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.



January 12, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.



January 12, 2024 at 12:45 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.



January 11, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.



January 11, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Clifford Walter Jenkins.



January 11, 2024 at 06:10 PM



“ *Devon, Christie, Abbie, Josiah, & Seth* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Walter Jenkins.

Devon, Christie, Abbie, Josiah, & Seth - January 11, 2024 at 06:10 PM

BG

“ *Cliff was such a joy to be around. He was a welcoming site as he sat behind the desk at St. Mary Medical Cener smiling and joking with staff and visitors.*

We had the pleasure of going out to dinner with him after Mass at SS Peter and Paul, which was always fun. It is our delight to know and enjoy Cliff. Heaven has received another angel!

Norm and Beckie Govert!

Beckie Govert - January 11, 2024 at 03:47 PM

LM

Cliff was a wonderful example of a life well-lived. He treasured his family, and used his gifts to help others. He pointed the way to God for all those who met him, whether at church or on the job. He generously shared his voice in our SS Peter and Paul choir over the years. He made a difference in this world. He was an excellent friend and we will miss his smile and sense of humor. May God bless him.

Laura and John Monteen

Laura and John Monteen - January 12, 2024 at 09:09 AM

KP

“ *I was his transport to choir practice at SSPP and he shared his remarkable life! Not only did I know him from choir, I grew up across the street in Meadowdale! My sincere sympathy to you all and may the angels lead him into Paradise. RIP Cliff..*

Karen Pavel - January 11, 2024 at 12:58 PM

BS

“ *My sympathy to the whole Jenkins family. Rest in Peace, my Cuzzy Wuzzy. Loved our many conversations over the years. You know how much I loved you, Barbara Stanivuk*



Barbara Stanivuk - January 11, 2024 at 01:15 AM

CL

“ To Renee and the whole Jenkins family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I hope your good memories of him help to lessen the sadness you feel today. May your Dad rest in peace and enjoy his heavenly reward.

Carol Lee - January 11, 2024 at 12:26 AM

RG

“ To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss.

Rest Easy Hero.

Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowski - January 10, 2024 at 03:55 PM