



## Clifford Nighsonger

August 16, 1921 - July 11, 2018

Clifford Nighsonger, 96, of Morris, IL passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born August 16, 1921 in Zion, IL, he was the son of the late Solomon and Grace (Newman) Nighsonger.

Raised in Zion, IL and a graduate of Waukegan High School, Class of 1939. He proudly served with the United States Army during WWII from 1942-1945. He received the Presidential Unit Citation, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, American Theater Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal during his time of service.

Clifford married Mollie (Tina) Christensen of Kenosha, WI on January 16, 1954. They enjoyed vacationing in Myrtle Beach, SC and were snowbirds for 30 years. The highlight was their family visiting them there.

He worked as a drapery maker for Marshall Fields from 1945-48 before continuing his career with Illinois Bell Telephone Company from 1948-1983. Clifford was active in the Fantasy Football League, coaching two teams, the Morris Packers and the Panthers. He enjoyed playing bridge, golfing, fishing, boating, and gardening, but most of all, he cherished spending time with his family and friends.

Clifford was a man of great faith and was a member of the First Methodist Church of Zion, IL; St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waukegan; and was currently a member of Friends in Christ Lutheran Church in Morris.

He is survived by his wife, Mollie; three daughters: Kimberly (Jeffrey) Beck of Morris; Kay (Dean) Layton of Hilton Head, SC; and Kari (Steven) Payne of Mundelein, IL; Grandchildren who referred to him as Boppie: Michael Layton; Nicole (Christopher) Swigart; Rachel Layton; Todd Beck; Kori Beck; Tyler Payne; and Karlie Payne.

Visitation will be held at Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, 1338 Clay Street in Morris, on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., with a Celebration of Clifford's Life to follow the visitation. He will be interred at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery with military honors presented by the Morris Color Guard at another time.

Memorials may be made in Clifford's name to the Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, 1338 Clay Street, Morris IL 60450 or Morris Hospital Transportation at Auxiliary & Foundation Ofc, Attn: Hannah Wehrle, Auxiliary & Foundation Officer, 150 W. High Street, Morris IL

60450.

The family would like to thank all of the nurses, CNAs, dining staff and dietitians at The Pointe of Morris Assisted Living, Joliet Area Community Hospice, and a special thank you to Pastor Mark Willig of Friends in Christ Lutheran Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington Street, Morris, IL. For further information visit the website at [www.ucdaviscallahan.com](http://www.ucdaviscallahan.com) or contact the funeral home at 815-942-0084. Online condolences may be directed to the family by visiting the website.

# Cemetery

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**Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery**

Elwood, IL,

# Events

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**JUL Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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Friends in Christ Lutheran Church  
1338 Clay Street, Morris, IL, US, 60450

**JUL Celebration of Life 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ He was always so kind! He and my mom played bridge together. Always smiling... Keeping you all in our thoughts, our prayers and sending hugs.

Laura ( Galloway ) Flick

Laura - July 16, 2018 at 11:43 AM

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“ What an act to follow! It was obvious to all that this good man spent an exemplary life...at his work, serving his country, and, most of all, enjoying that wonderful family of his. Never did I ever hear him raise his voice in anger; he was as easygoing a man as I've ever met. Dear sister Tina and Kim, Kay, and Kari, , each of you is in our prayers and we sincerely pray the memories of that remarkable man will sustain you. The tears are there, surely, but as time rolls on, his memory will bring smiles to each of you. Best of all, he loved the Lord, and he's up there right now with him smiling down on all of us.

Love you all,  
Bob and Carole

Bob and Carole Christensen - July 13, 2018 at 07:16 PM

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“ You will be missed by us all uncle! What an amazing life you lead! Military hero, family man and never without a smile, and that's what I'll remember most. I think back through all these years and can't picture you ever without that big genuine smile. Even when we were children and tore up the basement every holiday, there was your smile. Through all the years of pain, you never lost it then either. You are an inspiration! You raised 3 amazing children, who all have amazing children of their own. Can a better gauge of a person be possible? I don't think so. Love you uncle Cliff. And to the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Jay Sampson - July 12, 2018 at 06:20 PM

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“ Kay, Dean, Rachel and all other family:  
I am thinking of all of you and hoping that beautiful memories of the amazing man  
you loved so very much will help soften the pain of your loss.  
Much love,  
Michelle Groninger  
Steubenville, OH

**Michelle Groninger** - July 11, 2018 at 09:05 PM