



Clifford H. Eagleson

October 11, 1925 - May 30, 2022

It is only fitting that on Memorial Day Cliff Eagleson's statement of "old soldiers never die – they just fade away" came true.

Born at the family farm on 11 October 1925 to Dwight Alexander and Gustava Ellen McIntyre Eagleson – the sixth of what would become 13 children.

Cliff received his primary education at Grand Ridge, a one room schoolhouse and Winterset's two room schoolhouse. Cliff was an outstanding basketball and track star at Madison High School graduating in 1944. He represented Guernsey County at the OHSS Track & Field Championships held in Columbus in 1943.

Cliff followed his older brother's example of service to his country he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in the summer of 1944. Taking the train to Columbus with him were Kenny Neuhart and Albert Saft. Returning home in 1946 and not locating promising employment, Cliff again answered the call to the military, enlisting this time in the US Navy at Fort Columbus. He made the rate of Firefighter First Class – staying 19 months. If you knew Cliff you knew he was always ready to fight a fire.

Once again with no promising employment in Guernsey County, Cliff and two other buddies, decided to try their luck in California. Cliff had a car, one fella the gift of gab and another had ready cash – their names lost in time. All three found jobs immediately at North American Aviation where jet fighters were being produced for the Air Force in El Segundo. Hearing he could make more money Cliff became a sheet metal apprentice. It was while working in

downtown Los Angeles that Cliff spied an attractive gal, while installing ductwork in a ceiling. They had lunch several times in Pershing Square. It was under the statue of Beethoven that Cliff proposed. Cliff made MaryLou his bride on 1 May 1954.

Not having met Cliff's family, they traveled to Winterset in the summer of 1956 for vacation. At the end of the summer they chose to stay in Guernsey County. With Cliff's experience in the sheet metal trade he went to work for John Glenn Sr. at Glenn Plumbing in New Concord. When the older Glenn retired, Cliff purchased his tools and customer list. Cliff always stated, "I started on a shoestring that I borrowed". That business later became Cliff Eagleson and Son's and later Eagleson Plumbing and Heating.

He & family helped with two home mission church's – Byesville and Caldwell Nazarene – where he was a charter member. In recent years he attended Derwent Church of Christ in Christian Union.

You may recognize Cliff and his family from the many parades they participated in. The family trained their horses "Sham & Sprite" to pull a three seat wagon. The very first parade was in 1973 when Guernsey County celebrated its 175th Sequa-Centennial. Cliff was also extremely active in Civil War reenactments traveling the Tri-State area and as far away as Georgia and Tennessee. When not many Confederate soldiers were present he would portray General John Hunt Morgan, otherwise as Northern General James M.Shackelford. Several times he took grandsons Patrick and Rory to ride with him in the Canton Pro-Football Hall of Fame Parade.

Cliff was active in Garfield Elementary PTA, SERTOMA, Cambridge Lions Club, proud of assisting with the courthouse levy in 1980, Life Member of the Guernsey County Historical Society, Civil War Round table, and a Charter Member of Byesville VFW Post #3760. In 2014 he was named "Guernsey County Veteran of the Year" and honor that he felt humbled to receive.

Preceded in death are his parents, his siblings – John, Walter, Eddie, Hervey, Helen, Don, Craig, Pat, Denny, Bill and Mabel, one son – Joe, two grandchildren – Matthew and Kelly, one great-grandchild Halley Lynn.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, MaryLou, children Cookie (Steve) Connell, Mark (Lori) Eagleson and DIL Cindy Eagleson, grandchildren – Kristy (Darren) Tigner, Patrick (Morgan) Connell, Jessica Young (Tony Bradbury), Laura (Mike) Guerrero, Rory (Katie) Connell, Adam and Ashley Eagleson, great-grandchildren – Savannah, Madison, Haley, Duke, Elle, Emerson, Daley, Bode and Nollynn, along with 35 nieces and nephews and one brother Bernie. Visitation will be at Bundy-Law Funeral Home on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm with the service to begin at 1 pm. Pastor Evan Greathouse will officiate with burial to follow in Old Washington Cemetery. Military Graveside Rites will be performed by the Guernsey County Veterans' Council. Memorial donations may be sent to Guernsey County Veterans' Council at P.O. Box 572, Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Cliff's online guest book may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Old Washington Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
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Funeral Services

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HE

“ I am so glad we had the chance to spend time with Cliff in Birmingham in 2017 and then again in Cambridge this past January. Time with him was such a pleasure and our lives are richer for the opportunity!



Hodge Eagleson - June 04, 2022 at 11:44 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Bundy-Law Funeral Home - June 04, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Clifford H. Eagleson.



June 03, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ *"The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Clifford H. Eagleson.*



June 03, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford H. Eagleson.*



June 02, 2022 at 07:11 PM

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“ My heartfelt sympathies to MaryLou, Mark, Cookie, family and friends. Cliff was a pathfinder in our community, county and beyond. He was a true Veteran, and his loyalty to Civil War reenactments remind us how brave our Military Men and Women really are.

My fondest memory, as a very young girl, is when MaryLou and Cliff invited my parents and my 3 brothers to join the Eagleson family for lunch after attending Sunday church services. We enjoyed a shared delicious meal, prayer for the food, and an afternoon of conversation resulting in exploring an old homestead. The homestead was located on Country Club Road that was being remodeled and prepared for the family to move. At the time, the house was located on a gravel road, horses were already evident on the property, and MaryLou and Cliff were smiling with pride. I had never been up close to a horse so the experience was very exciting, and Cliff made sure to ease my mind and introduce me to his pride and joy very meticulously. The old homestead was restored, the road was paved, Cliff, MaryLou and children moved and remains the home of the Eagleson's.

Our community will remember Cliff, his service and LOVE of COUNTRY!

Brenda Gebhart Cooper - June 02, 2022 at 10:51 AM

BC

“ Brenda Gebhart Cooper lit a candle in memory of Clifford H. Eagleson



Brenda Gebhart Cooper - June 02, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Clifford H. Eagleson, give you peace,
comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You
will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Marine/ Navy Veteran, Clifford H. Eagleson, is “A True American
Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - June 02, 2022 at 04:09 AM

MH

“ *Michael Holmes lit a candle in memory of
Clifford H. Eagleson*



Michael Holmes - June 01, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford H. Eagleson.*



June 01, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*
Liz Lewis
Jim and Paula Bakos

Paula Bakos - June 01, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Rest in peace Cliff. Once a Marine, always a Marine! To Mary Lou and the rest of the family, I'm very sorry for your loss. I have quite a few pictures of Cliff as well as the other World War II veterans that I very affectionately call my collection of vets. I would be happy to share my photos with you if you like to have them. The attached photo is from the 2021 Guernsey County Fair Military Homecoming Celebration.*



Susan Shugert Green - June 01, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Jerry Gibson - June 01, 2022 at 10:51 AM

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“ *My sympathies to the family. I remember talking with him and asking him a million questions when I was a kid. He was someone my parents thought highly of as a professional and a person. The community will miss him.*



Anetta M McNurlin - May 31, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Clifford H. Eagleson.*



May 31, 2022 at 05:55 PM

BA

“ *Rest in Peace Cliff. My thoughts and prayers to the family.*



Brent Allen - May 31, 2022 at 04:07 PM

GP

“ *I'm so glad that Cookie "found me" through the family tree. Cliff & I were 5th cousins! We enjoyed several times together! One of them was marching together in a Memorial Day Parade in Cambridge a few years ago. I was pleased to be there when Cliff received the "Veteran of the Year" award in 2014 (followed by a wonderful family dinner and get-together)! Cliff, may you rest in peace!!! Sincerely, Jerry Payn, Wooster, Ohio*

Gerald (Jerry) Payn - May 31, 2022 at 03:01 PM

GG

“ *Such a sad day! Cliff was such a great man, friend, father and Patriot.*

More than that he was a God Fearing Christian Son Of God. A true believer in word and deed.

Rest in peace Cliff and many prayers of comfort for the friends and family.

Gary Gebhart - May 31, 2022 at 02:05 PM