



Clifford J. Gruenenfelder

October 26, 1924 - July 2, 2014

Clifford Joseph Gruenenfelder, age 89 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, July 02, 2014, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born October 26, 1924, in Highland, IL, the son of Clarence and Lettie (nee Haley) Gruenenfelder.

On June 02, 1948, he married Evelyn Emily Weidner who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church. He was also a member of Holy Name Society - St. Paul Altar Society - Perpetual Adoration at St. Joseph Hospital - Lee Iten American Legion Post #439 Highland, IL(Past Commander) - Highland VFW Post # 5694 - .

Cliff was born and grew up in Highland, IL. He attended Highland High School. In March of 1943 he was inducted in the US Army and served in the Infantry during WWII in Europe. After his military hitch he later operated a Taxi Service and Pool Hall. He worked for Ford Motor Co. in Hazelwood, MO in the 1950's. He was a Laborer until 1965, when he joined the Highland Police Dept. In 1973 he worked at the Army Depot in Granite City as a Security Officer, retiring in 1990. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards, bowling, Cardinal baseball, and was very active in the VFW and American Legion. He had donated a total of 23 gallons of blood, and Volunteered for Meal's on Wheels.

Clifford never missed a parade and put US Flags around town and participated with Military Funeral Honors.

Survivors include :

Wife - Evelyn E. Gruenenfelder, nee Weidner, Highland, IL

Son - Kevin G. (Debbria S., nee Garland) Gruenenfelder, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Regina R. Ripperda, Highland, IL

Granddaughter In-law - Wendy M. Gruenenfelder, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Courtney M. Gruenenfelder

Great Grandchild - Gage D. Gruenenfelder

Great Grandchild - Kelsey L. Gruenenfelder

Great Grandchild - Keely S. Gruenenfelder

Great Grandchild - Brianna R. Ripperda

Great Grandchild - Isaiah R. Moore

Brother - Duane (Mary Ellen) Gruenenfelder, Highland, IL

Brother - Robert (Shirley) Gruenenfelder, Springfield, IL

Sister - Mary Ellen Ansley, Mount Vernon, IL

Brother In-law - Stan Brauer, Saint Jacob, IL

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Clarence Gruenenfelder

Mother - Lettie --- Gruenenfelder, nee Haley

Grandchild - Corey J. Gruenenfelder (died 8/28/2012)

Sister - Stella Brauer

Brother - Donald Gruenenfelder

Brother - Russell G. Gruenenfelder

Sister In-law - Lois Gruenenfelder

Brother In-law - "Doc" Ansley

Sister In-law - Betty Gruenenfelder

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in

Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, July 06, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Monday, July 07, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 07, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Fr. Charles A. Edwards, Pastor, Highland, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southern IL ; Lee Iten American Legion Post ; Highland VFW Post.

Tribute Wall



“ Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Clifford J. Gruenenfelder



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - July 05, 2014 at 12:29 PM

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“ Our heartfelt sympathies to the entire family. We are sadden to hear of your loss. May you find solace in the love and memories shared together and may God comfort you with the words of the Bible at Revelation 21:4,5. There we are assured that He will wipe away our tears and eliminate all suffering. May the promise of the resurrection bring you peace in the days ahead Acts 24:15.

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“Cliff was a great brother. Being about 12 years younger, there are a lot of memories of his early years that I did not experience. What I remember about him is consistent. He was always there to help if you needed it. Before he was drafted he looked out for his younger siblings. He cooked meals, made sure we got safely to school. Yes, he had to help with cleaning the house and other chores that Mom gave him. He loaned us his car when we were married and I was in the USAF. When my wife, Shirley was getting ready to join me in Germany, Cliff took her to Scott Air Base to get her necessary shots. He made sure that she got onto a train with a sleeping compartment for her trip to New York. Even before that, when I had come home for Christmas after basic training, he picked me up in St. Louis. When I was out of the Air Force for a short time and money was tight, he had an extra job running a carnival stand, he got me a job assisting him so I could make a few dollars. In summary (and not make this into a whole book) Cliff was there for Shirley and me and anyone in the family who needed a helping hand. Love him, Bob and Shirley Gruenenfelder

Bob and Shirley Gruenenfelder - July 05, 2014 at 01:45 PM

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“Our prayers go out to Evelyn and Uncle Crip's family. I fondly remember him as a caring and Patriotic man, always friendly and welcoming. His contributions to the USA as well as the Gruenenfelder family were very significant and will be fondly remembered.
Doug Gruenenfelder and family

Doug Gruenenfelder - July 04, 2014 at 02:54 PM

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“ *I offer my prayers and sympathy to all of Crip's family. His life is complete now in God's hands.*

Joyce Engle, SSND

Joyce Engle, SSND - July 04, 2014 at 08:54 AM