



Clifford V. Crader

May 20, 1923 - June 9, 2010

Clifford V. Crader, age 87, of Highland, IL., died Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at his home, Highland, IL.

He was born May 20, 1923, in Lutesville, MO., the son of Gifford and Mae (nee Runnels) Crader.

On February 12, 1949, he married Aline E. Crader, nee Ellis, who passed away April 16, 2010.

He was a member and Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson, Ferguson, MO; St. Louis Bow Hunters; St. Louis Soaring Association; Masonic Lodge, Ferguson, MO.

Clifford was born in Lutesville, Mo. Graduate of Normandy High School, St. Louis, MO. Served in US Army from March 16, 1943 to December 19, 1945, during WWII, with duty in N. France, Rhineland and Central Europe; received a Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars. Mr. and Mrs. Crader lived 40 years at Bridgeton, MO and moved to Highland in 2002. Clifford owned and operated Crader Tire Company, St. Louis, MO; retired in 1980. He enjoyed archery, bow hunting, fishing, hunting, flying and soaring. Clifford's main love was flying his sail planes; he owned three sail planes, his call sign in the air was "76 Sierra PaPa"; He also owned two power planes (fixed winged planes).

Survivors include two sons-David C. (Darlene) Crader of Saint Charles, Mo. and Michael R. Crader of O Fallon, Mo., granddaughter-Jennifer Crader of Troy, Mo., Grandson-Daniel Crader of St. Charles, Mo., two great grandchildren-Katrina and Breanna .

He was preceded in death by his wife-Aline Edith Crader nee Ellis, father-Gifford L. Crader, mother-Mae M. Crader nee Runnels, and brother-Robert Crader.