



Cliff was born April 29, 1923, to Earl and Katherine Meirhofer, one of seven children in Drummond, Wis. Cliff was a devoted and strong Christian who left this world to be with God on March 6, 2009.

After high school he and a friend traveled to Montana to find work. He found a job on a ranch in Willow Creek. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor he returned to Wisconsin to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. He served three years in the South Pacific after which he returned to Montana. He worked for the Auto Inn and Rodenberg Apiaries. In 1953 he started his own

business, Manhattan Machinery Company, selling farm machinery. He found his true calling, salesmanship. This was something he enjoyed from an early age when he was selling vegetables from his father's garden and a weekly newspaper to the summer tourists in Wisconsin. Cliff was a positive and optimistic person who was encouraging to others. He was a person of courage, strength, strong beliefs and strong work ethic. He

loved life, loved the Lord and used his people skills to encourage others to know the Lord as well. Cliff was always ready with his sense of humor and smile to brighten the day. Cliff had a deep love for his family, wife, children and grandchildren.

Some of Cliff's hobbies were golf, gardening, supporting the Manhattan Tiger sports teams, having coffee at the Garden Café, playing cards and traveling, especially to see his children and grandchildren. In earlier years he enjoyed bowling, camping, stock car racing, snowmobiling, motorcycles, hunting and fishing. He learned to ski when he was 60 years young.

Cliff attended Gallatin Valley Baptist Church, was a former Manhattan School Board member, volunteer firefighter and American Legion member. He had a generous spirit and was always willing to help others.

Cliff is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sharon; his children, Cheryl (Charlie) Martin, Alan Meirhofer, Jerry (Samantha) Meirhofer, Julia Williams, Tami (Mark) Lachapelle, Lisa (Chuck) Lane and Dwayne (Tonya) Meirhofer; his grandchildren, Jed and Josh Martin, Jeremy, Jeff, Jennifer and Jerry Meirhofer, Rob, Ashley and Hailey Lachapelle, Parker and Tyler Lane and Brittany, Brett and Brenna Meirhofer; his sister, Virginia Wallin; as well as numerous relatives, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Meadow View Cemetery in Manhattan. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the Gallatin Valley Baptist Church (located on Travis Way, south of the interstate in Manhattan). Visitation hours will be from 12 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel.

Donations in Cliff's memory may be made to Manhattan Public Schools Foundation, P.O. Box 1223, Manhattan, MT, the Gallatin Valley Baptist Church, or a charity of your choice.