



Clifford Berger

January 15, 1923 - January 15, 2011

Clifford James Berger, 88, of Ft. Pierce, formerly of Kingsford Heights, passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, in Ft. Pierce.

He was born on March 22, 1922, in Carney, son of the late Carl and Eva Berger. He attended the Kingsford schools, and then during the depression went to work in the Escanaba River CCC Camp. He later enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the European Theater during World War II.

Upon being honorably discharged, Cliff pursued training as a meat cutter in Chicago. While in Chicago, he reconnected with a hometown girl, Ann Hall. They were married on July 12, 1947, and spent 63 wonderful years together.

In 1958, Cliff and Ann returned to Kingsford to raise their family. Cliff purchased a grocery store and expanded it into Berger's Foodland, operating it for the next 20 years. He was a devoted family man. Regardless of how many long hours he worked in the store, the remainder of his time was spent with his wife and children. He enjoyed camping with his family, as well as treasured weekends at the family deer camp. In their later years, Cliff and Ann divided their time between Rivers Bend Campground in the summer and Fort Pierce in the winter.

Clifford is survived by his loving wife, Ann Berger, of Ft. Pierce; sons, Gary

(Christine) Berger of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; Don (Rita) Berger of Hancock, Randy (Fern) Berger of Aurora, Colo.; and Dale (Linda) Berger of Brookfield, Wis.; brothers, Robert Berger of Marquette, Arnold Berger of Panama City, Fla. and Eugene Berger of Iron Mountain; sister, Ethel Sicard of Appleton, Wis.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Norman and Clarence Berger and a sister, Helen Trudell.

Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the Kingsford Funeral Home, located at 1000 S. Carpenter Ave. in Kingsford.

The funeral service will follow Saturday at 12 noon at the funeral home. Rev. Steve Wilson will officiate.

The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will accord full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Clifford James Berger may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Kingsford Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ Randy, I am very sorry to here about the passing of your father. Hope you are doing ok. God Bless.

mike julian - iron mountain, MI - friend - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ I'm sorry to read of Cliff's passing. I worked for Cliff at his store in Kingsford during my senior year in high school and he was a good guy and a good boss. I have many fond memories from my time working there. My condolences to Cliff's family.

Rick Trevino - January 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Uncle Cliff will sadly be missed and my thoughts & prayer's are with you all. He was a Special Uncle to me. I am going to miss playing cribbage with him.
When I was in first grade Auntie Ann & Uncle Clifford gave me my first doll.It was a Nancy Nurse Doll and I remember that was my first baby doll. Forty-five years later I still remember. We shared alot of good memories and also visiting us in Colorado. Take Care & God Bless

Lucinda Kasten - Niece - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“Cliff hired me as a check-out when I was in high school. I can still see him behind the meat case smiling and wiping his hands on his white apron as he was preparing his famous porkettas... I know he had a special place in his heart for me. My till was always off (Gene would help me:) and he never complained about it~! Those days were good memories of small neighborhood and a friendly neighborhood store. Wish I could attend the service. My sympathy goes out to you. Warm regards, Corrine

Corrine (Wickman) Thomson - Lena, WI - Employee - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“I got to know Cliff and Ann @Rivers Bend Campground, wonderful couple, loved to share a beer or a manhattan w/you and a game of cards. If we ever had a cribbage count question, we knew who to call!! May the Lord keep you all strong thru your loss and HIS gain.

Sue

Sue Van Dusen - friend - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“My prayers are with the Berger family. I worked with Cliff for a few years at the old IGA in Iron Mountain. To this day I think of him every time I see raw hamburger and he loved rawdog:) Good memories

Roberta LaFave - Escanaba - co-worker - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Condolences to the family. We were neighbors for a few years and got to know Cliff really well. We helped with each other's projects. We will miss him greatly.*

With our sincere sympathy,

Ken and Pat

Ken and Pat Dzarnowski - Cape Coral, FL - Summer next-door neighbor -
January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM