



Clifford Peronto

January 4, 1940 - January 4, 2013

Clifford J. Peronto, 73, of Kingsford, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at the Aurora Bay Care Hospital in Green Bay, Wis.

He was born April 19, 1939, in Lansing, Mich., son of the late Clarence "Kelly" and Dorothy (Cory) Peronto. He was a resident of this area for most of his life and was a well-known musician.

Cliff started playing music at an early age and carried that passion throughout his lifetime. He played with many bands, including the Country Sunshine Band, the Country Caravan Band, and the Riley Road Band in 1992 when they won the Hodag Festival in Rhineland.

Cliff was a member of the Freddy Hart Band, the Ferlin Husky Band, and the Dave Dudley Band. He went on several USO Tours around the world and played numerous local benefits and many special occasions.

Cliff married Karen Plourde on May 16, 1970, in Kingsford. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a member of the NRA, the American Federation of Police, and the Sons of the American Legion. He loved guns, football, and NASCAR. He was a Jeff Gordon fan and an avid Lakers fan.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; two stepsons, Mike Plourde (Jody Edberg)

of Kingsford and Joe Plourde (Liz Dawson) of Kingsford; one daughter-in-law, Pam (Paul) Schott of Merrill, Wis.; nine grandchildren, Joe Plourde, Mitchell and Carlie Peronto, Kayla Schott, Karissa, Katelyn and Kacee Garrison, Cody and Dustin Rodman; four great-grandchildren, Kadynce, Zaedyn and Jadah Plourde, and Finlee Peronto. He is also survived by a special neighborhood family, Pete and Laura, and their children, Dominic, Dillon, and Jesse.

He was preceded in death by one son, Andre Peronto.

Burial will take place in the spring in the Spalding Township Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Clifford Peronto online at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Yes;

I remember going to see Cliff play now & then and as a up & coming guitar player back then Cliff was the highlight of my night. His playing ability and sheer control of his guitar was to say the least awe inspiring. His presents and great personality was the icing on the cake. He Made you feel that you two could play and to keep at it like he did. As is. I did and then toured on the road like he did with Louise Mandrell show, April Walker show, Marty Robbins show and others. All because of Cliff the Master Guitarist.

Then to top it all off, I hired Cliff to join my Band and they played for our Wedding some 33 years ago now. God must have needed a fine lead guitarist in heaven, Rest In Peace ole Friend - and play on ...

Sincerely Always remembered and your friend ; Brad Pepin - Escanaba, MI.

Brad Pepin - Escanaba, MI - Friend & musician - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Cliff was a great friend, and inspiration personally and musically to me. He was a rare find, with a personality that made you feel at home. He will be missed, my sincere condolences to his family, and wife, Karen.*

gerald kippola - 49849, MI - friend - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Cliff. I heard about Cliff through a disc jockey by the name of Jess Pike who found me through our web site where Cliff is on. Cliff started his career with us, (Jerry Williams and the Rockets) and played with us in 1957 - 1958. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Jerry Williams (Van Dynhoven) - Black Creek, WI - Band Leader - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Karen, I am so sorry for your loss, i will always remember the good times with you and him and the Riley Road crew.

Brenda McMahon Treiber - Norway, MI - Friend - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Sorry to hear of Clifford's passing. You have my heartfelt sympathy.

Barbara Hosford - Lansing, MI - cousin - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We are so sorry for your loss of Cliff. You have so many good memories to help you through this sad time. God will be with you and keep you strong. God Bless to you and your children and family. Don & Joanne

Donald & Joanne Johnson - Kingsford, MI - friends - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM