



Clifford Donald Nelson

November 30, 1936 - March 22, 2020

Clifford Donald Nelson passed away peacefully in Benicia on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020. He was born on November 30th, 1936 in Salem, Oregon to Don and Helen Nelson. When Clifford was eight, his family moved to Bend, Oregon where he spent his formative years hunting, fishing, and skiing. He graduated from Bend High School and later from Southern Oregon College in Ashland. A lover of the outdoors, Cliff was a Park Ranger at Crater Lake and Mount Rainier. He became a Biology Instructor at Diablo Valley College where he taught for 30 years. During this time, Cliff met his wife, Cheryl and fathered 2 children, Clifford Jr. and Tamara. In 2001, Cliff wrote "The Guestbooks of Crown Point Chalet", after researching notable visitors (including Charlie Chaplin, Henry Ford and Isoroku Yamamoto) to his great, great grandmother's roadhouse on the Columbia River Gorge.

He was a beloved father, husband, teacher and friend. Clifford is survived by his wife of 52 years, Cheryl, and their two children: Cliff Jr. (Maya) and Tamara (Kevin Moelk) and grandsons, Tanner, Sage and Ivan.

Due to present circumstances, memorial services will be postponed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Clifford Donald Nelson*

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time. Jim & Kathy Watson*

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“ *Such a good person who loved his family immensely, loved nature passionately, and could belt out any song from any musical with profound pleasure to the delight of family and friends. He'll be missed by all who knew him and loved him.*

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