



Clifford Kennell

December 11, 1938 - February 23, 2024

Clifford Kennell, 85, of Carthage, Missouri, passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2024, surrounded by his family. Clifford was born in Carthage on December 11, 1938, to Maryln Kennell and Hazel (Jones) Kennell. He started working at the age of twelve in the car business and on the farm. He worked until he was 85 years old, a total of 73 years with Cliff Kennell Motors. In his down time, he enjoyed participating in and watching drag racing.

Cliff was united in marriage to Patricia Louise Sandidge on November 27, 1954. They were married for 63 years before she preceded him in death (April 16, 2018).

He is survived by one son, Kel Kennell of Carthage; one daughter, Lana Graham of Carthage; one brother-in-law, Jeff Steffin of Webb City; three grandchildren, Rayce Kennell, Devin Chance and wife Kelly, and Dara Chance; and two great grandchildren, Sidney Steffin and Avery Steffin.

Clifford was preceded in death by his wife Patricia Kennell, and his parents Maryln and Hazel Kennell.

Per Clifford's wishes, he will be cremated, and his family will host a celebration of life at a later date.

Condolences may be posted online at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Kel so sorry for your loss. The first-time I met your dad was at Joplin 66 Speedway. Cliff was a good man*

Roger Spencer - February 29, 2024 at 06:25 PM

KS

“ *Condolences to the Kennell Family. I know he will be missed. I remember seeing the car dealership in Carthage. My Grandma Irene was one of 6 Kennel girls with parents Joe & Viola Kennel. Joe's Buckeye Farm was SE of Carthage. They are buried in the Jasper Cemetery near their old farm. I'm not sure why his last name dropped the L because I believe they were related to the Kennell family. So sorry for your loss.*

Kelly Shoemake - February 29, 2024 at 09:52 AM

LC

“ *Kel, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I thought the world of your dad and your mom we all had great times together. My heart goes out to you and your family.*

Leann Cole - February 29, 2024 at 08:54 AM

ED

“ *Cliff was such a good friend. Liz and Larry*

Elizabeth Deffenbaugh - February 29, 2024 at 08:35 AM

SH

“ Kennell Family, Kel, Lana and children, My condolences on your dad and Grandfather's passing. Cliff was a good man and will be missed by many. Godspeed Cliff on the next portion of your life's incredible journey

Sid Hiatt - February 29, 2024 at 07:44 AM

SP

“ Keep, please know you and your family are in my prayers. Your dad was always so kind to me and a great business man. He sure loved you and was so proud of you. I'm blessed to call him my friend.

Sherri Perry - February 29, 2024 at 04:34 AM

JH

“ I will always have the greatest respect for Clifford. Like many others, I bought several cars from him. He always was fair and took care of any issues. I was fortunate to have him as a customer as well. I send my condolences to all of his family for this great loss.

Jim Hunter - February 28, 2024 at 11:47 PM

PO

“ So sorry to hear of Cliff passing. Your family is in our hearts. Peggy O'Neill & Larry Aschermann

Peggy O'Neill - February 28, 2024 at 11:22 PM

SH

“ Kel and Lana, My sincere condolences on your dads passing. Cliff was a good man and will be missed. I remember good times with Cliff and your Grandpa Mert. Godspeed Cliff on the next part of your incredible journey. Sid Hiatt

Sid Hiatt - February 28, 2024 at 10:27 PM