



## Clifford L. Shandle

November 29, 1926 - December 17, 2016

Clifford L. Shandle, age 90, was in the comfort of his son's home and surrounded by family when he went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 17, 2016

Cliff was born on the Mather Estate on Little Mountain, in Kirtland Twp. November 29, 1926, to Stephen and Ada Shandle. He was raised and resided in Mentor and Wickliffe most of his life. One of 9 children, he graduated from Mentor High School in 1944. Cliff is a veteran of United States Marine Corps, having served on active duty during WWII.

Reflecting on Cliff's life isn't hard to do for most who have met him. The words "a good man is hard to find" always brought about Shirley's wonderful laugh, and a chuckle from those who knew him. The man we all knew and loved not only impacted the lives of those in his family and community, but also of this entire nation. His compassion to help others was manifest by the life he led. We are honored to be witness to his remarkable legacy.

His greatest accomplishment, and the one dearest to his heart, was his loving family who was always by his side to support his every venture. He instilled in his family that there was "only 1 way to do a job — the right way," and that went for life, too.

With the loss of his oldest child, Carolyn, he passionately instituted the Leukemia Plus (Race For Life) program with Mentor Rotary. The program has helped find bone marrow transplant matches for Leukemia patients and has increased the registry by thousands.

Among his many other accomplishments, Cliff was an active member and past president of Mentor Rotary Club. He was recognized with the very 1st Fred Fuldauer Rotarian of the Year award in addition to multiple "Paul Harris Fellow" awards. He was also a member of the Painesville United Methodist Church, having served as a Trustee. Additionally, in 2006 Cliff was recognized as a distinguished alumnus by the Mentor High School Alumni Association and entered in to the "Alumni Hall of Fame".

With both a smile and a bit of sarcasm, Shirley often referred to Cliff as "a regimented Marine." Even in his last years his eyes would fill with tears when he expressed how thankful he was to have been stateside when they dropped the bomb and ended the war.

Cliff started building homes and developing land, and in 1965 created Shandle Construction Co. He is the only individual to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cleveland HBA. He was a Life Director for the Cleveland & Suburban Counties HBA (Home Builders Association), the OHBA (Ohio Home Builders Association), and the National Association of Home Builders. He was President of both the HBA and the OHBA and served on the board of the NAHB.

He was honored with the Builder of the Year award in 1984 and was an honored recipient of the OHBA's Garson-McDaniel award for giving so much to the home building industry. He also received Lake County's Development Councils "Beautification Award for Improving the Quality of Life." because of how he developed land to bring success to others, not just to himself.

His desire to give back to the community was the driving force in all his accomplishments. He served as co-construction coordinator of the Lake County YMCA Dream House from 1996-2012 raising more than \$3 million dollars for the YMCA. He was vice-chairman and chairman of Mentor's Zoning & Planning Commission, served on the Lake Hospital Foundation's Finance Committee and on the board of Lake County Community Development Corp., and was a founding member of MEACO (Mentor Economic Assistance Corp.). In 1997, Cliff and his wife Shirley were honored as recipients of the Mentor Chamber of Commerce "Citizens of the Year" award.

Beyond his notable career, Cliff had a love for singing. He was a 50 year member of SPEBSQSA'S (barbershop harmony) local chapter, the North Coast "Johnnycake Ridge Singers." He served in Barbershop in many capacities, including President, and was also honored as "Barbershopper of the Year." Cliff loved to travel God's country with his wife Shirley. He was also an avid deer hunter and fisherman. He was an active member of the "Y," and back in the day was a local stock car driver.

Cliff is preceded in death by his father Stephen and mother Ada Shandle. He is also preceded in death by brothers Elmer, Ira, Joseph (Marjory), and Ernest (Jane); sisters Bertha Kipp, Dorothy (Bill) Pullin; nephew Dan Pullin; and daughter and "angel" Carolyn Cobb.

Cliff is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley, sons Steven (Lynn) and Thomas (Christy); daughter Beth Anne (Chester) Karchefsky; sisters Eleanore Lette and Marge (Rollie) Helton; Grandchildren; Tracy, T.J. (Ashley), Katie, Dawn, Brittany, Nicole, Tara, Anna, Kyle, Dakota, David & Elisabeth; Great-grandchildren; Timmy, Michael, Tommy, Steven, Aiden, Devin, Mason, Emma, Elijah and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Clifford's life will be 11:00AM Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor. Family will receive friends from 3:00PM - 7:00PM on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at the funeral home.

Interment Mentor Cemetery, Mentor.

Contributions may be made to Mentor Rotary Club, c/o Joey Tomsick, Pres. PO Box 1177, Mentor OH 44061, PUMC (P'ville United Methodist Church), 7 N. Park Place, Painesville OH 44077 or Johnnycake Ridge Chorus, c/o Dick Hills, 12311 Nantucket Dr., Chardon OH 44024.

Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 974-5733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
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## Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Terri Shandle Mattingly

Terri Mattingly - January 02, 2017 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford L. Shandle.



December 27, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford L. Shandle.



December 27, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Clifford L. Shandle.



December 26, 2016 at 10:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford L. Shandle.*



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December 26, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford L. Shandle.*



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December 26, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Clifford L. Shandle.*



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December 26, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our visits to Ohio always included lunch with Cliff and Shirley. It was always the highlight of our trip as we shared memories together. Now Shirley and I are without Cliff and Wimp but our memories will be cherished forever.  
Love and deepest sympathy,  
Mary Ann Moyer*

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**Mary Ann Moyer** - December 24, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clifford L. Shandle.*



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December 24, 2016 at 01:12 PM



“ *Where do I start? So many years, so much fun and yes, even heartache. The Shandles and the Blacks did many things together, but probably the greatest was when we (all 11 of us) motored to the East coast and visited Washington, DC, drove part of the Skyline Drive in VA, and slept on the outside balcony of a motel with broken air conditioning on a hot night. Goodbye, my dear friend. God and Jesus are lucky to have you. We are devastated, but know that there is a heaven, and you are in it. Love, Dot Black*



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**Dot Black** - December 24, 2016 at 07:42 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss. He always treated us with warmth and friendliness.  
May God heal your pain during this time of sorrow and grief.*

*We will remember him with fond memories of laughter and pig roasts.*

*Steve & Linda Yeager*

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**Steve & Linda Yeager** - December 24, 2016 at 06:22 AM

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“ *Cliff and Shirley were our neighbors. They were so much more than neighbors to us they became dear and cherished friends that we came to love.*

*They had a marriage that was a shining example to so many. They were best friends who loved each other completely. They were loving parents to their children. One of Cliff and Shirley's greatest pride and accomplishments, was that in doing the annual bone marrow drive in honor and memory of their loving daughter Caroline. They were so proud of what they raised and the amount of people who donated their bone marrow.*

*Cliff had so many accomplishments in his life that very few can equal. One of those great accomplishments and of great pride to him was his service and dedication to our country. For that we are forever grateful to him.*

*One of our fondest memories of Cliff was when we were out to dinner and we ran into his Barbershop quartet. They serenaded us at our table and Cliff joined them in singing with tears in his eyes. He so loved that special group of friends.*

*Cliff had the best sense of humor, funny sarcasm, and his quick wit. You never knew what he was going to say and he always, always made you laugh.*

*Our prayers and love go out to Shirley and his family as we ask for God to comfort all of their hearts and give to you all peace and understanding. Have joy and faith knowing that he lives in your hearts and is now at peace and is with those loved ones waiting for him as he is now in the arms of a loving God.*

*We will miss you dear friend and love you forever, Polly and Lenny Pasko*

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**Polly and Lenny Pasko** - December 23, 2016 at 02:27 PM

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“ Grampa, your little chuckles and smile will be missed!! Thank you for always giving me great advise and being here for me when I needed you most!! I know you and Aunt Carol will watch over all of us!! Love you!!

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**Dawn 'Shandle' Messner** - December 23, 2016 at 01:54 PM

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“ I will always remember that Cliff and Shirley were loving, supportive and proud band parents for their children. He set the example of a terrific father and husband. Tim Yowell

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**Tim Yowell** - December 23, 2016 at 12:58 PM

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“ Cliff was the proverbial "great guy" . A great professional and all around gentlemen. He will be truly missed. He made his mark in this world. Roger Frisman

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**Roger Frisman** - December 23, 2016 at 12:25 PM

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**Lynn Shandle** - December 23, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Clifford L. Shandle.* ”



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December 22, 2016 at 01:43 PM