



## Clifford Boatright

February 21, 1938 - September 6, 2012

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Clifford Boatright, age 74, of Morrilton, Arkansas passed away September 6, 2012. He was born February 21, 1938 in Mounds, Oklahoma. He grew up at the Southern Christian Home from the time he was 5 years of age until he graduated from Morrilton High School. During school he played football and

basketball as well as played a role in the junior and senior plays. After high school Cliff attended Harding University, where he graduated with a teaching degree in math and science. Between his junior and senior years, he married his wife, Patricia Ann Henson.

After leaving Harding, he taught math and coached basketball for 8 years. He was principal of England High School for 7 years and superintendent of 4 different schools for the next 20 years.

While Cliff continued his education, earning his Master's degree from UCA and an Educational Specialist Degree from the University of Arkansas; he and his wife had three children. During this time, Cliff was a part-time soldier in the National Guard and Army Reserve. He graduated from the Arkansas Military Academy in 1963 and spent a total of 36 years in the Military retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He served as Platoon Leader, Battalion Motor Officer, Battalion Personnel Officer and Commander of the 739th Ordinance Detachment and was awarded a medal for Meritorious Service.

Survivors include his wife Patricia; three children: Stephen Boatright of Little Rock, Beverly Ivey of Denton Texas, and Donna Sparks of Moore, Oklahoma; and six grandchildren: Christopher and Lauren Boatright, Katherine and Ben Ivey, and Katie and Brad Sparks.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, September 10 at the Harris Chapel. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Sunday at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Morrilton Southern Christian Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clifford Boatright*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *my sincerest condolences to your family, I knew Cliff via the restaurant I used to work at. He was a nice guy, and he will be missed*

**gayle schwab** - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ *Patty, God bless you and the children in the loss of Cliff (June). It is hard to believe he is gone. You are in our prayers. Jerri and Ozy Murphey*

**Jerri Murphey** - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ *As friends to Steve and Carla for almost 20 years, we've enjoyed Cliff's company on many occasions. We always appreciated his engaging personality, positive attitude and jovial demeanor. Our hearts are saddened by his passing and our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Kent/Elita*

**Kent & Elita McRae** - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ *Cliff will be missed.*

**John Hogan** - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

MP

“ Dear Patty,

*I am so sorry to hear about Clifford. I am Richard Henson's granddaughter. Your father and my grandfather were brothers. Our prayers will be with you and your children. God bless you.*

*Marleen Palmer*

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**Marleen Palmer** - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

BI

“ Mom and Dad taught me and my siblings to work hard, enjoy life and love God. We knew we were always loved and supported. I only hope that I can teach my children the values he taught me. I'm proud to be his daughter.

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**Beverly Boatright Ivey** - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

LM

“ Mr. Boatright was a wonderful man. He helped me believe in myself and in my abilities to succeed. He even took time to tutor me in algebra when I had difficulties after school on his free time. He loved school, learning, and students. He was a blessing to this world. We will miss him.

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**Lisa Smith Moore** - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

WL

“ i enjoyed our time together i have tried to call donna when i was in okc sorry for your lost. pattie give a call at 580-276-9431

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**walter lake** - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss , thinking of all of you. He was a wonderful man.

Chantel - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

TF

“ Mrs. Boatright, Donna and Beverly,I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and I'll always remember him from my days at Thackerville High School.

Tonya Shaffer Fussell - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

JL

“ Donna, Patty and family. Deepest condolences for the loss of Cliff, and my heart goes out to each of you. Although our interactions were limited, he left a lasting impression on me in my professional life as a career Soldier. He will be missed.

J L - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

SA

“ I just found out about your loss. He was a good man and I enjoyed knowing and working with him. Many good days spent on the golf course with him. I am sorry for your loss.

Sam Ahtone - June 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

BP

“ Beverly and family... We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. He seemed like a great man and you were blessed. We will keep you all in our hearts during this time. All our love, Beth & Bill Patterson

Beth Patterson - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM