



## Clifton C. Eastin

June 23, 1929 - October 14, 2018

Longtime Clay Center resident Clifton Eastin, 89, died Sunday, October 14, 2018, at Ridgewood Care Center, Seward, NE.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 18, 2018, at the United Church of Christ in Clay Center, NE with Pastor Ethan Feistner officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery with military honors by the Clay Center American Legion Mills-Schroder Post #87. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the United Church of Christ in Clay Center, NE or the Clay Center Super Senior Center.

Clifton was born to "Bill" Audrey A. and Elizabeth (Teichert) Eastin on June 23, 1929, along the Nebraska/Colorado border near Park Johnson Ranch, Venango, Nebraska, the highest point of western Perkins County. Clif loved the farm, his horses and growing up in the rural Madrid, Nebraska area. He married Betty Ann Colson on December 30, 1951, and to this union, six children were born.

Clif was a traveler of many roads and byways throughout his life's journey. His record of employment was diverse as he traveled from one side of the U.S. to

the other, as well as, into Mexico and Canada. After graduating from Madrid, Nebraska High School in 1947, he joined the Navy serving from 1947-1949. He graduated from Basic Flight Training in 1948. Later he became a proud member of the Reserve National Guard. As a young man he drove cattle and became a hard-working farmer in western Nebraska after marrying Betty he became a police officer in Ogallala, NE. Always using his hands to provide for his family, he became a feed salesman, blacksmith, elevator manager, welder for TRW, carpenter of numerous houses, apartments and eventually building the Twin Oaks Motel in Clay Center, NE. He was a salesman at heart, selling life insurance and agricultural products in the latter years of his life. He worked a 20-year long career with Schlagel, Inc. Agricultural Products out of Cambridge, MN.

Being a storyteller became a source of entertainment for all of his friends and family. Through the years he became a masterful conversationalist. Being an avid reader, Clif shared his knowledge, gift of words and skills while teaching Sunday school, sponsoring U.C.C. youth trips, leading 4-H groups, and singing in the church choir wherever he was a resident.

His interests were fishing with family, camping, gardening, painting, drinking coffee with his buddies, collecting tools and working in his shop where he found great comfort and purpose through the years. With his strong, large hands he ran his Bobcat as a builder and renovator of community gathering places and centers such as Clay Center's United Church of Christ, The Super Senior Center, and being a local handyman for many community members. Many family and friends have been rewarded with stories to tell due to Clif being a part of each of their lives.

He is survived by his brother, Jerry Eastin of Wahoo, NE; brother and sister-in-law, John and Pat Eastin of Lincoln, NE; daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Scott Miller of Clay Center, NE; son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Kathy

Eastin of Ankeny, IA; daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Joe Mack of Lincoln, NE; son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Linda Eastin of Cordova, NE; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Craig Ingram of Omaha, NE; daughter-in-law, Laurie Westing Eastin of Clay Center, NE; special sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jeannie and George Davis of Norway, SC; 17 grandchildren and 12 (soon to be 13) great-grandchildren which were his pride and joy. Also surviving him were his nieces, nephews, and other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jim Eastin; his wife, Betty and most recently his eldest son, Michael Eastin.

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Carol and family: You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. My sincere condolences.

Lynne Faulkner - October 17, 2018 at 07:12 PM

DM

“ With Deepest Sympathies to the Eastin Family. Clif will be missed by all.

Don & Marty - October 17, 2018 at 06:06 PM

MM

“ Darrell and family, sorry to hear of your fathers/grandfathers passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mark and Tammy Meints - October 17, 2018 at 12:24 PM

BF

“ So sorry for your loss.

Beth Eastin Watkins and Family - October 16, 2018 at 06:12 PM

TJ

“ Eastin family our hearts are heavy, but Cliffs spirit is flying high.

Tom & Vikki Jaeger - October 15, 2018 at 06:58 PM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked with Cliff for a little while putting up grain bins, and putting up sheet rock in the motel. He indeed was full of stories.

Roger Rodenbeck - October 15, 2018 at 06:46 PM

PB

“ Cheryl and family,  
So sorry to hear of Clif's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
you at this difficult time.

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**patty beska** - October 15, 2018 at 05:03 PM