



## James Clifford "Cliff" Rackley

June 8, 1941 - October 12, 2008

James Clifford "Cliff" Rackley, beloved brother and uncle, 67 of Sharon, PA, and formerly of Beaver , PA died Sunday, October 12, 2008.

He was born Sunday, June 8, 1941 in Westmoreland Co., PA, the son of the late Farnham L. Rackley and the late Betty (Cook) Rackley. In addition to his parents, Cliff was preceded in death by his half-sister, Jeanne Nemeschy.

Surviving are his sister, brothers, and their spouses: Beth R. Hesselson, Thomas F. and Meryl Rackley, and W. John and Gail Rackley, and his nephews and nieces; David A. Hesselson, Amy H. Loe, Dr. Aaron B. Hesselson, Jason R. Rackley, Alison R. Salita, Jane M. Rackley, Anne R. Berenbrok, Emily M. Rackley, and Christine N. Lachina, as well as 8 great-nephews and nieces. His former wife, Barbara Fifer, also survives him. Lastly, he leaves behind his loyal companion, Ranger .

Cliff graduated from Beaver Area High School in 1959 and subsequently received a degree in journalism from Ohio University. He later did graduate work at the University of Montana. He was a veteran of the US Navy, having served during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the first Gulf War.

A dedicated outdoorsman, Cliff enjoyed fishing, camping, and hiking. He was an avid reader who maintained an intellectual curiosity throughout his life.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the doctors and staffs of Countryside Nursing Home, the Sharon Regional Health Center, and the VA Hospital in Butler for their kind, patient, and compassionate care.

According to his wishes there will be no visitation. Memorials in Cliff's name

may be made to the Beaver Co. Humane Society, 350 Adams St., Rochester, PA 15074 or the Beaver Area Memorial Library, 100 College Ave., Beaver, PA 15009.

# Tribute Wall



“ King lit a candle in memory of James Clifford  
"Cliff" Rackley



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“ King lit a candle in memory of James Clifford  
"Cliff" Rackley



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“ I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Cliff.  
I remember him from Beaver High School.  
Please accept my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##W.A.  
&quot;Sandy&quot; Bliss III##imported-end##

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October 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen and I first met Cliff when he introduced himself as our new neighbor in 1979. No, you don't understand. Our new home in North-Central Pennsylvania was about as remote as remote gets in that part of the country. Cliff had come from his home two miles away to welcome us to the &quot;neighborhood.&quot; Two minutes hadn't passed during our first conversation that Cliff hadn't expressed his opinion about the current political situation, various &quot;rights&quot; groups, his job, and, of course, one of his heroes, mountain man Jim Bridger.

Our memories of our three years there are filled with warm thoughts of cutting firewood on cold autumn mornings, hiking through the snow to visit each other, breakfast on Sunday morning in Williamsport (an eighteen mile drive), and listening to Cliff expound on the latest crises facing humanity.

The years have separated us but we have always looked forward to receiving a note from Cliff at Christmastime, wishing us the best and always executed in superb penmanship!

We love him and will miss him dearly.##imported-begin##Chris and Ellen Hall##imported-end##

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