



Clifford Anthony Sousa

February 7, 1923 - January 12, 2017

Mr. Clifford Anthony Sousa

Clifford Anthony Sousa, 93, retired Electrical Engineer, died at 8:22 A.M. on Thursday in Bartlesville. Private Family Service. (That's it).

Cremation Arrangements are under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Mary Martha Outreach, or to Agape Mission.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Clifford Anthony Sousa*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Clifford Anthony Sousa*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Kathy and family I am very sorry for your loss it is always difficult to lose the ones we love. You are in my thoughts and prayers,
Patricia McCollum Wile*

Patricia McCollum Wile - February 05, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ *Cliff was such a sweet man. I truly loved him. When I worked at jph he always had a smile and hug for me . We spent time talking, laughing and crying together. He would ask about my dad and we talked about his wife prior to her passing away. My dad Roy Peck was a volunteer and him and cliff grew to be good friends. Dad had alzheimer so Cliff always stopped to check on him. I know cliff is now reunited with his wife, no more pain but he will be missed. So sorry for your loss. He was so proud of his family. Prayers to you.*

Sonja parker - January 29, 2017 at 02:42 PM

NS

“Cliff was the best neighbor anyone could ask for. We moved into the neighborhood in 2006 and Cliff was always so sweet to my girls. My husband and I appreciated the fun food gifts he left for the girls on our front porch and his laughter was contagious. My girls enjoyed talking with him and leaving him cards on his doorstep. When Cliff moved to Tall Grass, we missed him greatly. Our hearts were saddened when we heard of Cliff's passing and we are sorry for your loss of such a great man.

Nick and Janelle Swart

Nick & Janelle Swart - January 23, 2017 at 11:37 AM

NS

“I worked with Cliff a lot when we both volunteered at Green Country Free Clinic. He became a good friend and mentor to me during that time. He loved helping people, while maintaining their dignity. I learned a lot from him, and I will always be grateful for the time we shared. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Nancy Schremmer

Nancy Schremmer - January 20, 2017 at 03:53 PM

LF

“Cliff had a tremendous impact on Tri County Tech in the early 70's. I had an opportunity to visit with him a few years ago and the passion he had for our institution was still evident many years later. Thank you Cliff for helping to bring Tri County to life and for helping to bring an education to so many deserving individuals.

Sincerely,

Lindel Fields,
TCT Superintendent and CEO

Lindel Fields - January 17, 2017 at 08:15 PM

CB

“I am so sorry to hear of cliffs passing. I loved seeing him at the hospital. He would stop by to say hi or tell a joke! He always made me happy! He was an inspiration to me and so many others!

Cheryl bridendolph - January 17, 2017 at 01:40 PM

JV

“How like Cliff to say "that's it". He was one of the first persons we met in 1965 when we moved here. He told us a "mathimatician's joke then and it has been one of my husband's favorites since that time. He helped start Concern at that time and he and Trudy have kept showing up, always ready to assist since then. He was one of our actual saints but never sad and always there with a smile. We will miss him.

May your family know that the happy memories will comfort you knowing Cliff is well cared for and caring for others in heaven.

John and Helen Vanderveen

John and Helen Vanderveen - January 17, 2017 at 12:25 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss. Your parents were great..... never without a smile and wonderful laugh! Amazing couple! They will be remembered fondly by many.
Margaret (Gordon) & Larry McDonald

Margaret McDonald - January 16, 2017 at 06:24 PM

RC

“ 3 files added to the album *Cliff*



Rosemary Carlson - January 15, 2017 at 10:55 PM

BO

“ *Cliff was one-of-a-kind in many ways. His only fault was that his many Christian activities and actions made the rest of us feel guilty for not doing more for our fellow man. May God bless him and the family. Now he joins his partner and helpmate, Gertrude.*

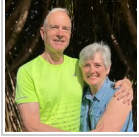
Bob Oborny - January 15, 2017 at 09:08 PM

CP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cathy Pecher - January 15, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ *Cliff was an example to all of Christian social action. He not only preached the words of Christ, he and his loving wife Trudy lived them. Their missionary work in central America and the boot heal of Missouri was remarkable not only for what they accomplished but for the example they set. Even as he aged, Cliff shared articles of faith and social action with the Community of St. James through the We Are Church email group. I will miss his wit and his gracious smile that he shared with all he met. He was a great man who will be sorely missed.*

Peggy Boyce

Peggy Boyce - January 15, 2017 at 08:12 PM

CP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends of this remarkable man. Growing up in The Community of Saint James, I remember Mr. Sousa as a wonderful member of the parish who set an example for all of us with his outreach work in Haiti and his radiant smile and presence as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister in our church. My last interaction with him was at the Rosary for Father Bill Skeehan, where he shared comforting words and anecdotes to bring our church family comfort and strength. I also remember him visiting my mother when she was in the hospital for surgery with the same smile and wish to be of comfort. He led an exemplary life and was a role model for all of us as well as a friend. He "walked to the walk."*

He will be missed.

~Cathy Pecher

Cathy Pecher - January 15, 2017 at 08:11 PM

RB

“ My deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Cliff Sousa. My parents Dub and Doris Ford were neighbors to the Sousa's. My daughter Lacy Beisley used to go over to there House with my mom Doris and play with Mrs. Sousa's paper weights. My mom would get on to Lacy and Gertrude would tell my mom she wasn't bothering them. Gertrude gave Lacy some of her paper weights and Lacy still has them. Mr. Sousa was such a comfort to my mom when she was going through cancer. Such a wonderful man and he will be greatly missed.
Prayers,
Robbie Ford Baker and Lacy Beisley

Robbie Baker - January 15, 2017 at 06:00 PM

KH

“ Cliff was an amazing man. He and Trudy together were an amazing couple. Cliff took Jesus seriously, and did as He asked. He clothed the poor, fed the hungry, etc. He also was a faithful servant to Fr. Bill Skeehan and St. James Community during Fr. Bill's term there. Even as he aged, he was a hospital chaplin, and sent many interesting or informative articles about the Catholic Church, or theology, to a large email list. I was privileged to know him.

Karen Hamp

Karen Hamp - January 15, 2017 at 03:00 PM

LQ

“ Cliff was such a large presence at the Community of St James. His work with Father Skeehan, the members of St James, the poor both in Bartlesville and the world , was profound. Buddy and I were honored and humbled by his friendship.

Linda Quinn - January 15, 2017 at 10:48 AM

MS

“ I think If I could choose a person to be come back as it would be Cliff. Although Trudy was pretty cool too!
Cliff has been in my life for 35 years from St James to Mary Martha and Jane Phillips
Hospital. He will always be a treasure in my heart. Praying for all the family. Mj Strack

mj strack - January 15, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ Cliff was an inspiration to me over the years from our time together at St. James to present day. At one of the lowest times of my life--the death of my first husband--Cliff was there to help me with the services, selecting the music, and providing comfort when I most needed it. That was eleven years ago. We have remained friends and I will miss his presence on this earth very deeply. He and Trudy shared so much of their lives with others and he was one of the best examples of Christ-centered living I will ever see. My condolences to his family; he was loved by so many of us. I am certain God welcomed him with open arms!

Linda Jacobs

Linda Paxson Jacobs - January 14, 2017 at 08:57 PM

RC

“ I have so many memories of Cliff throughout the years: making sure everything was ready for mass at Saint James or sharing stories of his time in mission with Trudy at Hayti, MO and other places. He was a fixture at the Community of Saint James for so many years. Cliff was of Portuguese background from New England, so he knew what chourico sausage was when I used it one time for some dish at a church potluck. When we had "Potters Wheel" dinners at the Women's Club to "re-member" our St James Community, he often made the bread we shared. At Tallgrass, he was always a popular table-mate for the residents, because he was good at reaching out to others.

I will always remember Cliff for his generosity of time given to help those in poverty and those in need of spiritual sustenance. And for his smile! I always picture him smiling and laughing.

My condolences to his family in their grief. Thanks for sharing him with us throughout the years. He will continue to be with you and with us in our hearts, our souls, and our memories.

Peace and love,

Rosemary Carlson

Rosemary Carlson - January 14, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ My experience with Cliff over the 40 years I have known him is of an impassioned individual for the downtrodden whether they are in that position because of poverty of material needs or poverty of spiritual needs. He was their champion. If you were schooled within the Roman Church then you are familiar with Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical “Rerum Novarum”, the blue print for Catholic Social Justice of the 20th century. In our conversations in the 1980’s it was apparent to me that that document was Cliff’s savoir faire. Today we label it distributive justice. He was a successful manager at Phillips Petroleum. He carried that leadership in retirement to labor for those in dire straits. That’s what led him and Trudy to Haiti, Missouri, to aid the Blessed Stanley Rother in Guatemala, to help found Mary Martha Outreach and to comfort those at Jane Phillips hospital these many years. As one of the thousands of lives touched by Cliff I am a better person for that encounter. Rest in peace Cliff, the seeds of caring that you and Trudy sowed will forever bear the fruit of justice and comfort.

Joe Shveima

Joe Shveima - January 14, 2017 at 12:51 PM



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Tom Litsch - January 14, 2017 at 09:37 AM

TL

“ Twice in my 3 years time as Associate Pastor of St. John's Parish I was jarred awake by pounding on the front door and repeated door bell ringing at 6:30 a.m. I had overslept again and Cliff Sousa was making sure he did not miss daily Mass. I still have a part of one of his old parish bulletins and several digital pictures of the family taken with a 35mm camera and later copied to a DVD as well as my computer. Cliff would send me the same emails he sent you about every other week when he had a bright idea he wanted to share. I drove up and visited him a few months ago in his room. But he had been in the emergency room at the local hospital that morning because of oxygen problems. My he and Gertrude rest in peace together. It was a pleasure to enjoy his friendship.

Tom Litsch - January 14, 2017 at 09:28 AM

RN

“ Rosy (Rosanne) Nikkel lit a candle in memory of Clifford Anthony Sousa



Rosy (Rosanne) Nikkel - January 13, 2017 at 06:20 PM