



Mr. Clifton Wayne Garmrath

October 18, 1959 - March 2, 2024

Clifton Wayne Garmrath passed away from this life on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at his home. He was born in Flint Michigan on October 18, 1959 to the late Wayne and Geraldine Garmrath.

He accepted Christ at an early age at East Side Baptist Church, now Harvest Baptist Church in Paragould, Arkansas. He was a dedicated and active member of that church having served as a door greeter and participating in the Men's classes. Clifton loved his church and often shared his testimony of how God had changed his life.

Clifton was a Bulldog, having graduated from Paragould High School in 1978. He earned an Associate Degree in Business from Arkansas State University.

Clifton was a true entrepreneur having started his first business at an early age with a baseball card shop, one of the first in Northeast Arkansas, out of his grandparent's ceramic shop.

Over his lifetime, he was an avid baseball card and memorabilia collector. He operated several businesses in Paragould including a video store, convenience store, sporting goods store to name a few. He was a true salesman at heart, having worked in the food service business for over 25 years and most recently in automobile sales for the past 10 years of his life.

Ever the entrepreneur, he promoted vintage card and memorabilia shows throughout Northeast Arkansas and became friends with several Hall of Fame players including Stan Musial and George Kell. He was a life-long St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Chiefs fan and had a love for all sports.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Steve.

He is survived by his son, Matthew Wayne (Sarah) of Corning, Arkansas; the love of his life and companion, Sonja Tate of Paragould, Arkansas; his granddaughter, Loreli; his nephews Tyler (Lauren), Alex (Summer), and John Koy (Brianne), all of Paragould; and a host of family and friends.

He loved his dogs, Zoey, Elvis and Riley. He will be greatly missed by all.

There will be a Celebration of Life to honor Clifton's life on Friday, March 8 at Harvest Baptist Church. Flowers and/or Memorials can be sent to Harvest Baptist Church, Paragould, Arkansas.

At the families request, wear anything Cardinal red or Saint Louis Cardinals in honor of Clifton.

Tri-City LLC Crematory Funeral Home is honored and privileged to serve the Garmrath family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.tri-city-LLC.com .

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Harvest Baptist Church
4100 Linwood Drive
Paragould, AR 72450
(870) 236-6255

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Clifton was in a category all of his own. He was a great person, enjoyed life and loved his family. Prayers go out to my son-in-law Matt and family for this loss.* ”



Jamie Colter Engel - April 02, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Clifton Wayne Garmrath.* ”



March 07, 2024 at 10:09 AM

JR

“ *Jan (and Pip) Runyan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clifton Wayne Garmrath.* ”

Jan (and Pip) Runyan - March 07, 2024 at 10:09 AM

TJ

“Cliffy, as I referred to him was a helper and appreciative—best way I can describe him. Case in point: he spent the better part of an entire Sunday afternoon with me recently going through a mound of old/new baseball cards. I didn’t have a clue what we possessed—but, Cliffy did and it was appreciated and he did it in good spirit and was like a little kid!!

But, what really stood out was how proud he was of the work that Sonja and he were doing renovating their home. He was so proud and effusive in the admiration displayed for the effort of Sonja. When I asked “how she did the coffered ceilings?” he said “YouTube and internet!!” It was/is amazing and he beamed with pride as he showed me through their entire effort.

That was Cliffy!!

Tim Jarrett - March 07, 2024 at 09:00 AM