



Clifford Gordon Collard

December 20, 1951 - October 31, 2020

Clifford Gordon Collard, 68, of Newport, passed away on October 31st surrounded by his family, after suffering a cardiac arrest on Oct 29th.

Cliff was born in Hood River, Oregon to Lillian and Charles Collard on December 20, 1951. He grew up in Tillamook with his brother Greg where he graduated from Tillamook High School in 1970 and was Valedictorian of his class. He obtained his BS in Political Science with honors from Oregon State University where he met his wife & best friend of 45 years. Carey & Cliff were married in Albany in 1975 before moving to Sacramento, CA where Cliff went to the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and earned his Juris Doctorate in 1977.

Cliff practiced law in Lincoln County for 40 years while he and Carey raised their two daughters. Cliff believed in being a public servant which he lived out by serving as a board member on the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County for many years, as well as being active in the Yaquina Bay Optimist Club and Newport Boosters. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Newport where he had served as an Elder. Cliff & Carey are passionate Oregon State Beaver fans and have devoted many years cheering on their teams in Corvallis with close friends. Cliff loved sailing and being on the water. He took great pride in his yard and projects around the house and every year would delight in decorating the house & yard with hundreds of Christmas lights. In 2018 he finished a remodeling project on his house that he did mostly himself. Cliff and Carey traveled the world together as they shared a desire to see & experience other cultures and historical sights. He loved music and would often be found with his iPad enjoying music by Queen and Cat Stevens.

Most of all, our Papa was a proud husband, father and grandparent and was selfless in his great love to his family and 5 grandchildren. He was known by all as being gentle and kind, with a meticulous attention to detail, passion for knowledge, and always strove to do the right thing.

In addition to Carey, Cliff is survived by his brother Greg Collard; daughter & son in law Jaime & Justin Perryman and grandchildren Madison & Blake; daughter and son in law Kelly & Ryan Thomas and grandchildren Kaelyn, Nolan & Jaron; and his new Chocolate Lab puppy, Mocha.

In lieu of flowers or donations, Cliff would have loved contributions be made to the Yaquina Bay Optimist Club or Newport Boosters.

Comments



“ I am sorry for your loss and just say that although I did not know your husband there is a chance there is a relationship as my father's mother was a Collard. She was one of 11 children and my great grandmother came to Oregon on a covered wagon in 1859. I know at this time it is always important to have the fond remembrances, so that this information is possibly not the correct time, but when I saw the notice in The Headlight Herald I felt that I would like to reach out. Again, very sorry for the loss of your loved one. Judy Hobday,

judy m hobday - November 28, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ Carey -- even though I never had the opportunity to meet your amazing husband, I can only imagine the joy and love he brought and gave to your family. Heartfelt condolences to you all. Jamie Strohecker, Alpha Rho Sister...

Jamie Strohecker - November 24, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ Cliff was such a wonderful, kind, gentle person who cared so much about others. His strength helped me through one of my most difficult times upon the passing of his sister-in-law, my closest friend, Heidi. He will be truly missed. My heart hurts for Carey and the girls.

Sandy Lissman - November 24, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Carey and family, we are saddened to hear of the passing of Cliff. May God help you through this time of grief. Prayers for healing are being sent for you and your family. Greg & Denise Estep

Greg Estep - November 22, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Carey, I am sorry to read of Cliff's passing. He was the complete opposite of every disparaging lawyer-joke I ever heard. Liked him a lot.

Mark Salmon

Mark Salmon - November 22, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Our family is so very saddened and heartbroken to hear of Cliff's passing. He was the nicest, kindest, the most steady and rock solid gentleman. The world needs more Cliff Collards. He left such a positive influence on us and will always be in our hearts and memories.

Robin G Bernardy - November 09, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Carrie, we are so sorry for your family's loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Julie and Kim Jackson

Julie Jackson - November 03, 2020 at 01:43 PM