

## Clifford Behrendt,

81

July 14, 1936 - Oct. 12, 2017



**HARLAN** – Clifford Behrendt, son of John Joseph and J. Mae (Kelley) Behrendt, was born on July 14, 1936 in Harlan. He attended country school in Lincoln Township then graduated from Harlan High School, with the class of 1954. After high school, Clifford worked at various gas stations, Western Engineering, and drove truck. He went on to work for the ASCS office in Harlan, and continued to drive truck for Hockett, Cox, COOP, and milk truck for David Christensen.

On June 5, 1965, Clifford was united in marriage to Paula Darling at the United Methodist Church in Irwin. After getting married, they farmed just outside of Harlan. Clifford also ran a snow removal business for many years. He worked as a security guard at the Shelby County Fair. Clifford loved going to farm sales, looking at older farm equipment, especially Oliver. He liked working with his small cow herd and chickens, doing custom farm work, and gardening. He was rarely seen without one of his beloved rat terriers. Clifford retired in 2002, but could regularly be seen talking farming at the Mickel's round table or the Scouler elevator with a glass of iced tea.

Clifford passed away Thursday, October 12, 2017, attaining the age of 81 years, two months, and 28 days.

In addition to his parents, Clifford is preceded in death by his siblings John Behrendt, Charles Behrendt, Russell Behrendt, Pearle Norgaard, and Doris Jackson; parents-in-law Wayne and Mary Darling; and sister-in-law Connie Seipel.

Clifford is survived by wife Paula Behrendt of Harlan; daughter Sherry (fiancé Mark Helinski) Behrendt of Harlan; brothers-in-law Jeff (Lora) Darling of Kirkman, Donald Norgaard of Harlan, and Don Jackson of Omaha, NE, and sister-in-law Mildred Behrendt of Harlan, nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

An 11 a.m. Memorial Service was officiated by Pastor Donna Ewert on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Glen Arnold, Rick Lefeber, Dwight Zimmerman, George Gross, Trent Heimerman, Larry Ohlinger and Keny Ohlinger served as honorary urn bearers. Inurnment will take place at a later date at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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