



# Anthony Boyd Clifford Hamilton

October 17, 1921 - September 9, 2021

Anthony Boyd Clifford Hamilton, Cliff to his friends, born October 17, 1921 passed away peacefully on September 9, 2021, just shy of his 100th birthday!

A long-term resident of Oakland, Cliff would befriend all who crossed his path with a twinkle in his eye and the charm and grace of a Southern gentleman. Cliff was born and raised in the Waynesville, North Carolina area before moving west some 60 plus years ago. He worked for Ford Motor Company and then later American President Lines (APL) before retiring at the age of 65. Although retired, he continued to assist his lady friends well into his 80s having survived all of them.

Cliff was predeceased by his companion of 46 years, Joseph Bettencourt, his parents Sanford Devereau and Altha Reed, siblings, Blake, Fornis, Forest, Dorothy, Maud and half sibling Sanford Deveraux "SD". He is survived by half siblings Connie Bryson of Waynesville, NC, Sue Sparks of Oakridge, TN, Charles Hamilton of Bennett, NC, Joyce Riggs of Lexington, TN and many nephews, nieces and friends.

Cliff lived a full life having travelled through Europe and the states but his favorite destination was Oahu, his final resting place, a place he visited more than 50 times during his life. He enjoyed hosting dinner parties for friends and friends of friends and came to enjoy the pot lucks when he was no longer able to host these parties.

A friend to many and a compassionate benefactor to many a stray cat or dog. Cliff maintained a positive and happy outlook on life and was looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday!

A memorial service and reception celebrating his life will be held on October 17, 2021 at St. Columba Catholic Church, 6401 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland from 1:00 – 5:00

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

OCT **17**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

St. Columba's Church  
6401 San Pablo Avenue  
PIEDMONT AVENUE  
Emeryville, CA 94608

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Cliff in 1996 as a home health therapist for his partner Joe, who was slowly recovering from a stroke. Cliff invited me and Debbie to one of his chili cook off's where we met many of the old guard first tier group of friends Cliff had accumulated during his beauty salon years. In summer of 2000 Cliff and I escorted my daughter Libby and her friend to Honolulu and the big Island. What fun it was!

On Cliff's suggestion I went with him to my first Mass in Waikiki. Over the years it's been such a joy to gather monthly for the grand potlucks. The group has grown and I am ever hopeful that we will continue to meet, eat, drink and share stories of Cliff!

For so many of us, he was the Dear father, uncle, brother, or partner we wish we had had. It has been a great honor and pleasure to know Cliff, and I believe his spirit will live within all of us for all of our lives! Go FOCERS! (friends of Cliff)  
Bob VH

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**Bob VH** - September 27, 2021 at 02:37 PM

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“ I remember Cliff when he worked at Doreen's Beauty Salon on Lakeshore Ave as a Beautician in 1974. I worked at Eleanor Louie's Beauty Salon I would see Cliff prancing up and down Lakeshore he wore white jeans, white belt and white loafers with a pink Polo shirt. LOL

We had our first conversation in 2015 when his cat ran off he asked me if I saw the cat. I told him that I liked his house and always wanted to see the inside Cliff invited me in and gave me a Grand Tour. After that I was invited to Christmas parties and birthday parties and met all of his lovely friends. I will miss Cliff's wonderful humor and kindness he certainly was one of a kind what a small world who knew he was the man across the street, karma.

RIP

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**Andrea Logan** - September 27, 2021 at 01:32 PM

“ I met Cliff in the early '90s when our paths crossed walking my Scotties and he, his Schnauzer Grethen. We developed an intimate friendship over the years and as I watched him age and relocate from Rich Street to Walker Street, Warfield and Arizona before returning home to Oakland I was constantly amazed at his prowess of life and its challenges. His partner Joe and my partner Joe both passed away within months of each other in 1999 and those losses cemented our friendship no matter the distance between us. I was blessed to be with him over the past few months, travelling back and forth to ensure he was taken care of, safe, happy and in the best possible care. He did enjoy his watermelon frescas the last few months and it seemed to be one of my primary responsibilities according to Cliff. He enjoyed sitting on the patio near the water fountain, weather permitting and although he knew his time was approaching, I think he wanted to delay it as long as possible. He was a man of great generosity, compassion and endless joy, optimism and eternal youth.

I loved Cliff as a friend and he was in many ways more of a father figure to me than my biological dad who passed away in July. Even in his declining health, Cliff was saddened for me when my dad passed but he had shared his experience of visiting his father before he passed and convinced me to visit with mine before he died. I am grateful for Cliff's experience and his willingness to share that with me as it gave me peace when that time came after having followed his advice . Cliff endured many hardships and countless losses along with bountiful love in many forms during his 99 years and I suspect I speak for all of us on this email thread, our lives have been much enhanced by having been a part of this lovely man's path!

I will miss him greatly but know he is in a better place, at peace, with Joe and all his friends who went before him!

Godspeed dear friend!!!

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**Mark LaBonte** - September 26, 2021 at 07:44 PM