



## Clifford Tyner

October 19, 1927 - January 8, 2008

Clifford Wilson Tyner, age 80, lifelong resident of Neebish Island, Michigan passed away early Tuesday morning, January 8, 2008 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born October 19, 1927 in Chesaning, Michigan. Clifford graduated from Sault Area High School with the class of 1946, and held a Masters License from the Great Lakes Maritime College. He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was 3rd mate on the freighters with U.S. Steel for 10 years. He was half Owner/Captain of the Neebish Islander 1 for 40 years. Clifford was also the owner of the Neebish Equipment Co. He built and maintained roads on Neebish Island for 30 years. His expertise was often sought regarding St. Mary's river conditions by U.S.Coast Guard, Corp. of Engineers and National Guard. Clifford was also a member of the Ship Masters, VFW, NRA and the American Legion. Clifford was a man of many talents and interests. He loved learning and lived life with a passion. Family was one of most important things to him whether he was teaching or mentoring us. Traditions he handed down to us were making maple syrup, life according to ferry time, hunting, gardening, storytelling and a love for the outdoors. He enjoyed watching the freighters that went by his home daily and was very proud of his family. Clifford is survived by his wife of 56 years; Dorothy Marie (Miller) Tyner, two sons; Richard D. (Linda) Tyner of Baxter, MN and Russell W. (Lori) Tyner of Neebish Island, MI, six grandchildren; Lyric (Jeff) Hassler, Harmony Tyner, Nathaniel Tyner, Justin Tyner, Courtney Tyner and Hunter Tyner, and one

great-grandchild; Baby girl Hassler, due in April 2008. He is also survived by a brother; Norman Wilson of Macomb Twp, MI, three half-brothers, three half-sisters and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; Howard and Mary (Wilson) Tyner, a daughter; Gayle E. Tyner, sister; Ruth Sammut, and a brother George C. Wilson. A Memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1:00 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left to Hospice of Chippewa County, or Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905 ATTN: Cancer Research (with checks payable to: Mayo Clinic).

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ I was searching the internet today for Neebish Island material and came across this Obit..I would love to say on behalf of what's left of the Borden family Our deepest prayers go out to all the family. Growing up as a your boy my fondest memories was going up to the island for a vacation...We camped at a area near the Tyners farm which was beautiful..I have a million stories I could tell ..One story I will never forget was helping out on the Neebish Islander pulling the ramp up and down for cars making a dime each time and then buying penny candy at the little store by the Ferry dock Latnin's I believe it was called. Cliff And Dorothy and their children were awesome...God Bless you all..



Timothy Borden - June 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My sympathies to the family. He taught us all about ferry time and maple syrup. I often thought of Cliff and his wife Dorothy when anyone whined about the weather after watching them from my protection within a car or cabin. Much love and big hug, Julie Baier

Julie Baier - October 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ I think this man may have preformed my FIRST marriage. Still so very grateful.

Constance Abramski (Stahl) - January 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Hello..sorry for your loss..I allways loved coming to Neebish to c Uncle Cliff...goinghunting there as a you g child to hunt with my dad and uncles ...cousins..ill allways remember them days ..sittin on his lap and letting me drive the ferry..good x..lots of memories

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**clayton melvin** - May 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Tyners passing, it has been years since my grandfather Albert Walter had the house next door on the island. I was also a childhood friend during summer of russell, my many memories of my days on the island will always be treasured. Again my deepest sympathies to the Tyner family.

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**David Pritchard** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dot, hope you are doing okay. Cliff kept us all "on our toes"....)

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**Rob & Tracey Laitinen** - January 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ As a summer person for over 60 years, I remember Cliff with affection and respect. For many years when he ran the ferry, he was for me the man who transported us every summer to the best place on earth. And he was always the go-to guy for information and know-how. I miss him already, and I know that Neebish Island will not be the same without him.

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**Jenny Barthold** - January 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Russ-  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your father  
was truly a great man and he will be missed.  
Sincerely,  
Eric and Jaime Brow*

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**Eric and Jaimee Brow** - January 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Russ,Lori,Hunter,Courtney  
We are thinking of you, Godbless  
Jimmy,Johnny,Chris*

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**Jimmy,John,Chris** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To all who loved my Uncle Cliff: He was my Dad's baby brother - who was a mystery to me growing up because of the distance, I'm sure. The stories I grew up with about this man who "ran with the deer," and worked the waters left me in wonderment. I met him a few times at family gatherings, but only really got to know him after my own father passed away when Dot and Cliff hosted a couple reunions. For what little I knew of Uncle Cliff, the write-up is quite humble. It wasn't a little sugaring operation, the tanks and setup are quite impressive for the Maple syrup. Most recently, I was in attendance at his granddaughter Lyric's wedding where Cliff proudly wore his formal uniform. My husband, Rod, and I sat at his table and immensely enjoyed his exuberance with the occasion.

We should all be so blessed to have family and friends who care so deeply. We will fondly keep him with us in thoughts and prayer.

*Protect me, O Lord;  
My boat is so small,  
And your sea is so big.*

*Breton Fisherman's Prayer*

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**Ann (Wilson) Hirschy** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Joe Laitinen** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our condolences to Dorothy & all the Tyner Family.

*Bruce Sammut, Mark Sammut & John Sammut.*

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**Bruce Sammut & Family** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Dot,

*The years have slipped away but my memories are vivid of you and Cliff.*

*Those were wonderful times.*

*I will tell Ian and Callie of Cliff's passing and we will talk of those years gone by when Ian was such a little devil.*

*Remember the time Ian climbed into the County truck Cliff had driven to our house and threw the key out into the yard?*

*Ian is a husband and daddy now. But both he and Callie enjoy hearing of the good old days.*

*Please take care of yourself and keep the faith.*

*Sincerely, Sally (Graham) Plummer*

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**Sally Plummer** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Dear Hunter,

*Your grandpa sounds like an amazing man. What wonderful memories you must have of the time you spent with him! I'll bet you learned a lot from him, too. I know you will miss your grandpa greatly and that it will be hard for you and your family for a long time. You can come visit me at school any time. I know your friends will be glad to see you, too!*

*Sincerely, Mrs. Larsen*

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**Nancy Larsen** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *Dot, I don't really know what to say, other than I feel a loss that can't be replaced in my heart because of this tragedy. I don't really know what else to say.*

*Greg and Marcia Gray  
GOD bless you and yours*

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**Greg and Marcia Gray** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ *He is deeply missed. A special man who lived a unique life, known and loved by so many.*

*We miss you, Grandpa.*

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**Harmony Tyner** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I am so sorry Aunt Dot. I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,*

*"Jane"*

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**Jennifer France** - January 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *Dot and family,*

*I am sorry to hear of Cliff's passing and I wish you all the best.*

*Take care and I will see you when I get back in the area.*

*Mark*

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**Mark Vink** - January 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Cliff was a bigger-than-life person to me. He and my mother, Patty McLean, were unique individuals and we will not see their kind again. They had tremendous personalities and a gusto for living. We at Bass Lodge send our deepest condolences to you family.*

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**Margaret Pinho** - January 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM