



## Clifford Martyn Thomas

December 22, 2015

Thomas, Clifford Martyn age 60, of Chaska, MN on December 22nd, 2015. Preceded in death by his wife, best friend, and travel companion, Birthe "Bea" Hansen. Survived by son, Devon Thomas, and daughters, Amber Thomas and Cristy Thomas, all of Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, and parents Bryan and Dorothy Thomas of Stourbridge, West Midlands. Cliff was born in Bristol, UK, and became an excellent archer competing in national events. He was the consummate tinkerer-engineer with exquisite attention to detail. He could troubleshoot and fix anything, and worked on a vast array of engines and power generation systems in his career with the Royal Air Force, British Aerospace, Alstom, Siemens and Avant Energy. Having traveled and lived extensively abroad as a child, his professional life took him to Canada, Cypress, Denmark, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Norway, Saudi Arabia (among many others) and Minnesota. He earned the UK Gulf War Medal as a civilian. Cliff also worked to improve the knowledge and technical understanding of others as a teacher/instructor/trainer. More recently he worked on electric power generation from wind, natural gas and biogas, and helped commission a winery and bottling facility in Pepin, Wisconsin. He also volunteered regularly at the Excelsior Streetcar line. Cliff and Bea became avid square dancers to fill time between frequent trips together around the United States and back to Europe, and Bea's quilting. When Bea passed away last spring, Cliff worked diligently to catalogue Bea's quilts and had recently published a book of some of her work. The loss of Bea

created a void in Cliff's life that he struggled to fill. Cliff will be sadly missed by his family, friends and coworkers at Avant Energy, neighbors in Chaska, and square dancers at Westonka Whirlers and Squares & Pairs and throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Celebrate Cliff's life at a memorial at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel on Thursday evening, Feb 4th from 6 to 8 PM with eulogy & remembrances at 7:00 PM. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

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