



Lawrence "Larry" Martin Clifford

November 24, 2017

Lawrence (Larry) Martin Clifford, 67, died at his Brooklyn Park home on November 24 after a long illness. He was born April 14, 1950, to Harold and Betty (Solem) Clifford in Rockford, IL. Larry earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Minnesota and a nursing degree from Metropolitan Community College. He worked as a registered nurse for many years at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Fairview-Riverside Medical Center, retiring in 2011.

He is survived by his beloved wife Mary (Krumholz) and 11 siblings: Mike Clifford, Colette Clifford, Kate (Paul) Dale, Tom Clifford (Barb Hermann), Bob (Georgia) Clifford, Teresa (Steve) Lipus, Beth (Dennis) Matlock, Clare Clifford (Rick Swain), Ellen Clifford, Judy Clifford (Joe Zolkoske III), and Jane (Wes) Schoepke. Also surviving are 40 loving nieces and nephews and 19 grandnieces and grandnephews, one great-grandnephew and many dear cousins. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Betty Clifford, brother Patrick, an aunt, Mary Solem, and grandnephew Aiden Riach.

Larry's passions included reading, the study of history, Scrabble, traveling, the arts, running, broomball, Nordic skiing, hiking, camping and Minnesota Gopher hockey. Larry was a favorite brother and uncle who loved spending time with his family and friends entertaining them with his wit and wisdom. Receiving a humorous letter from Larry was a very special gift. He also loved

animals, especially his many cat companions over the years and four legged "nieces and nephews". He was a kind and generous man who chose to benefit others by being an organ donor.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Monday, December 18, at St. Bridget Catholic Church, 600 Clifford Avenue, Loves Park IL, with visitation from 10 AM to the time of Mass. Interment at Calvary Cemetery will immediately follow the Mass and be followed by a luncheon at St. Bridget's parish hall. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the following charities which were meaningful to Larry: Courage Kenny Foundation, 3915 Golden Valley Road, Minneapolis, MN 55422, and Friendship Place Inc., 220 N. Commercial St., Neenah, WI 54956.