



Mr. Steven Wayne Clifton

October 2, 1948 - April 7, 2023

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Steven Wayne Clifton

died peacefully at his home on Good Friday after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 74. He

was born on October 2 nd , 1948 in Taft, CA, growing up in both Fellows and Taft. He enjoyed

spending family summer vacations at Bass Lake. Having overcome childhood polio, Steve

excelled in playing baseball, golf and waterskiing. He played the clarinet throughout his youth

and rekindled his love for the instrument later in life. He graduated from Taft Union High

School in 1966 and from Cal Poly in 1971 with a degree in Business. He was an active member

of the Alpha Upsilon (later Delta Upsilon) fraternity and stayed close to his fraternity brothers

throughout his life. While playing Santa Claus at a fraternity party he met the love of his life,

Kathleen Lewetzow-Ferraro. After college he was drafted into the Army, was honorably

discharged and married Kathleen in 1972. Steve began his career in accounting at French

Hospital, eventually starting his own business in Atascadero. He served many loyal clients over the years as a CPA, many who were also great friends.

An avid sports enthusiast, Steve equally enjoyed playing, watching and discussing sports. He was an umpire for both Little League and Babe Ruth baseball and participated several times in local triathlons. He relished the opportunity to be involved in his sons' activities, which meant countless weekends of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, baseball, cross country, soccer, track and music recitals.

Though short in stature, Steve had a giant personality. He was universally optimistic, had a kind heart and loved people. In retirement, he traveled extensively with family and friends.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents Larry Clifton and Kathryn (Davidge) Clifton. He is survived by his wife of fifty years Kathleen, his sons Matthew (Vicky) and Joshua, and grandsons Asher, Jacob and Joseph, as well as sisters Teckie Taylor and Leslie Peterson, and a large family of in-laws.

Viewing will take place at Reis Family Mortuary on Thursday, April 20th from 4pm to 6pm, followed by a Vigil for the Deceased and Rosary at 6pm. Funeral Mass will take place at Old Mission Church on Friday, April 21st at 10am.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Steve's honor may be made to the Jacquelyn Palchak Cancer Fund or the Woods Humane Society.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Reis Family Mortuary and Crematory
991 Nipomo Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 544-7400
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<https://www.reisfamilymortuary.net/>

Vigil/Rosary

APR **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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Mass

APR **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Old Mission Catholic Church
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Interment

APR **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Old Mission Catholic Cemetery
101 Bridge St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 541-0584
<http://www.cfcsmonterey.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Steven Wayne Clifton.*



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