



## Clifford L. Tracey

February 26, 1935 - December 11, 2025

Clifford L. Tracey, 90, of Kalkaska, passed away after a brief illness on December 11, 2025, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born to the late Henry and Ethel (Moses) Tracey on February 26, 1935.

Clifford married his sweetheart Shirley Bishop in April 1956 in Kalkaska. As his family would fondly say, "Dad was a very loving father who loved family, his greatest love was his wife Shirley, then his kids. Clifford was well respected by all.

Clifford was a self-made man, running multiple successful businesses. If you asked Clifford about his life he was go on for hours telling everything from being a kid hauling hay with his siblings to cutting ice out of Mill Pond and delivering it to everyone in town for refrigeration. Clifford delivered grocery's, started his own logging company, driving semis across the country, a car salesman to owning his construction company in Oklahoma. Never really retiring, Clifford Clifford L. Tracey, 90, of Kalkaska, passed away after a brief illness on December 11, 2025, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born to the late Henry and Ethel (Moses) Tracey on February 26, 1935.

Clifford married his sweetheart Shirley Bishop in April 1956 in Kalkaska. He was a self-made man, running multiple successful businesses. He enjoyed working at the Elks and Moose Lodges as the kitchen manager after he

retired.

Clifford loved celebrating the holidays and tried to make sure everyone came to family functions. He enjoyed having family dinners, sitting around a campfire and talking. Clifford was known for his special steak seasoning recipe that he did not divulge to anyone.

His survivors include Shirley, his wife of 69 years; his children, Craig (Pam) Tracey of Marion, Sheryl (Dale) Christenson of Cadillac, Pam (Fred) Bartel of Grosse Pointe, and Keith Tracey of Kalkaska; grandchildren, Erin, Kristen, Justin, Juliana, David, Jessica; great-grandchildren, Briana, Dylan, Lucas, Leeland, Calan, Lauren, Eleanor, Anna, Audrey, Autumn, and Jacob; seven great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

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He is preceded in death by his siblings, Virgil Tracey and Esther Campbell and two grandsons; Rick Christensen and James Kregear.

We will miss him forever and always.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:00 am at Evergreen Bible Baptist Church with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Pastor Bill Kuiper will be officiating.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evergreen Bible Baptist Church  
1972 Saunders Rd SE  
Kalkaska, MI 49646-9367  
(231) 258-9101

## Memorial Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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