



## Clifford "Cliff" Fredrick Carlisle III

May 6, 1951 - August 9, 2020

Clifford Fredrick Carlisle, III, 69 of Birmingham, AL, formerly of Monticello, NY, passed away on August 9, 2020 after a 7 year battle with ALS. He graduated from Monticello High School, NY; Orange County Community College, NY, Jefferson State Community College, AL; and The University of Alabama at Birmingham. He completed the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire academy, Emmitsburg, MD. He retired as Deputy Chief of the Mountain Brook Fire Department after serving with Center Point Fire District, Bluff Park Fire District and Corner Volunteer Fire Department. He was also an active member of the National Disaster Medical Service (DMAT) and helped provide medical assistance after several hurricanes and at Ground Zero after the World Trade Center was attacked. Cliff taught Emergency Medical courses at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (RTI), Beville State Community College-Sumiton, and at Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Service System (BREMSS), He was a successful grant writer and was able to secure funds to provide equipment for volunteer and professional fire departments. During his career he was a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), Alabama Association of Fire Investigators (AAFI), Central Alabama Fire Chiefs Association (CAFCA), and International Association of Firefighters (IAFF). His loves included camping, canoeing, tinkering with old cars, model railroading and traveling. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Clifford and Alice Carlisle.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Rindt Carlisle; son, Rusty Spruell, his wife Bretta, and their children Noah and Savannah; daughter, Christy Guthrie, her husband Todd, and their children Emma and Megan; his sister, Cindy Ream, her husband Tom, and their daughter Siri.

There will be a private graveside service at a later date in Sheffield, AL.

Memorial gifts may be made to a local fire department or animal shelter.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing 205-648-2323

# Tribute Wall



“ Clifford "Cliff" Fredrick Carlisle III

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Cliff's family. I've known Cliff since my earliest days in the fire service at Bluff Park. May God bless you all and hold you close to Him in these days.

Asst. Chief (ret) Philip Hamrick - August 13, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ It was my honor and privilege to serve with Cliff at the Mountain Brook Fire Dept. and perhaps my greatest honor was promoting him to Deputy Chief. Cliff was one of the most intelligent people I have ever known. He was an excellent Fire Marshal in terms of requisite skills, but also a diplomat in working with the public. I deeply appreciate his support and friendship. Perhaps the greatest compliment a man can receive is to be called a good man. Rest easy Cliff Carlisle.....a good man.

Zeke Ezekiel - August 13, 2020 at 07:34 PM

SU

“ I hate to hear of the passing of Cliff he was a great man did things for others but he didn't want them to know about it. Cliff and Nancy both are like that two great people. We have many great memories with the two of them. Cliff and I talked about a lot of things and always had something to laugh about. Oh my secret t-shirt that I never got to see... Maybe I will have enough money that I could bribe Nancy with. Heeheehee. RIP Cliff you will be missed. Nancy we love you hope you can get some rest also. Thanks for your friendship Cliff&Nancy!



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**Susie&mike** - August 13, 2020 at 04:20 PM

TA

“ Nancy my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you comfort during this time of loss.  
Teresa Anderson

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**Teresa Anderson** - August 13, 2020 at 02:46 PM

HF

“ Chief Carlisle was an excellent instructor, I had several opportunities to be taught by him. One of my first classes to attend was in 1985 Combined Rookie School Instructed by Hoover, Mountain Brook and Vestavia. Also he taught a class for fire inspector. Cliff was very thorough in all of his teachings. May you rest in Heaven I know our Father God welcomed you in with open arms.

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**Homer Driver retired Hoover Fire** - August 12, 2020 at 12:47 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album *Fire Investigator*



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**Jeff Crain** - August 11, 2020 at 10:02 AM

JC

*I interacted with Cliff over many years. In addition to all of his accomplishments he was a humble individual with a fine sense of humor. Rest In Peace now.*

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**Jay Glass, retired Chief Deputy Coroner** - August 12, 2020 at 09:10 PM

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*Jay Glass, retired  
Jefferson County Coroner's Ofc.*

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**Jay Glass, retired Chief Deputy Coroner** - August 12, 2020 at 09:11 PM

JC

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**Jeff Crain** - August 11, 2020 at 09:58 AM

JJ

“ I'd like to just share a kind word of how I enjoyed working fires with Cliff when he was on the private side. I owe a valuable lesson to Cliff from early in my investigation career, and that always meant a lot to me. I appreciate his professionalism and service, my prayers go out to his family and friends. Jason Jones, Fire Marshal-City of Decatur.

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**Jason Jones** - August 10, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SA

“ Nancy,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Cliff's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.  
Susie Foote Abbott

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**Susie Abbott** - August 10, 2020 at 09:40 PM

MC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Cliff's passing after his long struggle with ALS. I had the privilege of attending classes with Cliff at UAB and was honored to introduce him at his induction to the UAB MPA Hall of Fame for 2016. I also worked on public safety projects with Cliff and he truly epitomized the definition of a true professional. I hope that Nancy and the children will be comforted by their cherished memories of Cliff. He will truly will be missed.  
Chief Mike Coppage, Retired  
Birmingham Police Dept.

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**Mike Coppage** - August 10, 2020 at 07:36 PM