



Clifford Marshall Slocum

March 6, 1947 - May 18, 2026

Clifford Marshall Slocum, lovingly known as Cliff, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2026, at the Southern Utah Veterans Home in St. George, Utah. Born on March 6, 1947, in Long Prairie, Minnesota, Cliff lived a life marked by faith, service, leadership, and devotion to both family and country. A man of deep conviction, Cliff was a devoted member of the Church of the Nazarene and lived his life guided by his faith in God. His steadfast belief shaped the way he served others, cared for his family, and approached each day. On January 21, 1972, Cliff married the love of his life, Jean Heywood, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Together they built a loving family and shared more than fifty-four years of marriage grounded in faith, commitment, and cherished memories.

Cliff proudly served his country in the United States Air Force as a Sergeant and Parachute Specialist, where he inspected and serviced parachute equipment and supported aircraft operations for the F-4 Phantom jet. His military service reflected the discipline, courage, and dedication that would remain hallmarks of his character throughout his life.

Following his military service, Cliff continued a distinguished career in public service. He served as a Deputy Sheriff for San Bernardino County and later as a Police Sergeant and Supervisor for the City of Palm Springs Police Department, where he supervised officers, trained personnel, and helped

protect his community. During his law enforcement career, Cliff served on the SWAT team and earned recognition for his skill and professionalism, including an Excellent Marksmanship Sharpshooter Award. He also provided security for the California Angels, creating memorable experiences for his family during spring training. Cliff treasured taking his sons, Brian and Bob, where they had the opportunity to spend time around legendary Hall of Fame players such as Reggie Jackson and Rod Carew.

Over the years, Cliff also worked as an automotive assistant service manager and later served as a driver's training manager and instructor.

Cliff valued education and lifelong learning. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Service Management from the University of Redlands and held a California Community College Teaching Credential in Law Enforcement, using his knowledge and experience to mentor and teach others.

Beyond his many accomplishments, Cliff will be remembered for the joy he found in music and the generosity with which he shared it. He loved playing the guitar and used his musical gifts to serve others, often playing at church services and rest homes to bring comfort, encouragement, and fellowship. He passed this legacy on to his grandchildren, who also love music and enjoy playing, creating, and writing songs as an expression of their faith. He was also proud to sing in a barbershop quartet, where his love of harmony and connection with others could shine.

Cliff had a lifelong love of sports. While he especially enjoyed NFL football, he was equally passionate about basketball and baseball. Watching games and talking sports with his sons became treasured family traditions, and they shared many memorable experiences together, including attending Sacramento Kings games. His love of sports extended beyond spectatorship to the joy of watching his sons compete and coaching Little League, creating memories and lessons that would stay with them throughout their lives.

Cliff had a passion for classic cars and motorcycles. He loved owning and

working on classic cars and especially enjoyed driving Route 66 and taking motorcycle trips. Whether out on the open road, under the hood of a car, or sharing stories about his latest project, Cliff found joy in craftsmanship, adventure, and time spent with those he loved.

Family meant everything to Cliff. He took tremendous pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren and was especially proud of his son Brian's service in the United States Army, honoring the same spirit of duty and sacrifice that Cliff himself held dear.

Cliff is survived by his beloved wife, Jean Slocum; and their three sons: Brian Slocum and his wife Jen of Kaneohe, Hawaii, along with their children Zachary, Makenzie, and Hailey; Bob Slocum and his wife Melissa of Yuba City, California, along with their sons Joshua, Kent, and Gavin; and Brad Slocum and his wife Nancy of Carmichael, California.

He is also survived by his brother, Duane Eldon Slocum.

Cliff was preceded in death by his sister, Marlene Mariel Swaim, who passed away in 2018; his father, Raymond Harold Slocum, who passed away in 1962; and his mother, Frances Winifred Roloff, who passed away in 1979.

Those who knew Cliff will remember his quiet strength, servant's heart, and unwavering devotion to God, family, and community. Whether serving his country, protecting others, coaching his sons, sharing music, or offering encouragement and wisdom, Cliff lived with purpose and integrity. His life was a testimony of faith expressed through action and love expressed through service.

Cliff was laid to rest with military honors at the Southern Utah National Cemetery in Cedar City, Utah, on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

His legacy of family, faith, service, music, and love will continue to live on in

the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Southern Utah National Cemetery

2181 1600 S
Cedar City, UT 84720
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/SouthernUtah.asp>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 21. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Cliff was an awesome man of God. He was also an incredible musician. We were blessed to have him provide worship music for our Life Group. Cliff added so much of his knowledge of the Lord in our group as well. He has been and will be missed.

FRANK AND CAROL MARSH - June 01 at 11:12 AM

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“ I have many memories of Uncle Cliff and Auntie Jean coming down to Sacramento for many family get together's. There was always a full house, (with everybody talking at once LOL!!), and there was loads of great food, swimming in the summer, and a lot of the time, my parents and all my Aunties and Uncles would sing together. Either Auntie Peggy or my amazing mom would play the piano. It's so hard losing another loved one....but in the same breath, I'm so relieved that he's at peace and is once again with our family in Heaven!

Karen Walker - May 22 at 01:08 AM