

Clifford R. Baird Jr. | 1934-2015

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Clifford R. Baird Jr., 81, of Blanco died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Memorial service is 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Blanco United Methodist Church. A gathering of friends and family will follow in the fellowship hall.

Cliff was born Feb. 19, 1934, at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. His father was in the Air Force, and the family moved a great deal. Cliff went to many different schools, graduating from Savannah High School in Savannah, Ga. He enlisted in the Air Force, and while in basic training at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, met and soon thereafter married June Byler. They celebrated 62 years of marriage.

Cliff was a Korean War veteran and was stationed in Japan, as well as several state-side bases. He left the Air Force honorably as a disabled veteran, and in 1964 he moved his family, which now included three children, to Boyd. Cliff then worked for the U.S. Postal Service for eight years and ran a substantial farm with registered pigs, large gardens and fruit trees. He volunteered as a Boy Scout leader and also as the Methodist youth fellowship leader. He loved to coach Little League and Pony League baseball. In 1980, with all of his children grown, he and June moved to her hometown of Blanco. He enjoyed his life there, with time spent fishing, dancing, traveling the world, gardening and practicing carpentry. Cliff built two of his family's homes. He volunteered at the Blanco EMS and was a member of the Blanco United Methodist Church.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford R. Baird Sr. and Effie Derbonne Baird. He is survived by his wife, June Byler Baird; brother Bill Baird; sons David Baird and wife, Becky, and Rusty Baird and wife, Brenda; daughter Janett Baird Goad and husband, Bobby; grandchildren David Baird, Brian Baird, Candace Baird Craig, Caleb Baird and Casey Baird. He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He also has many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors that will miss him. Memorial donations may be made to the USO, P.O. Box 96860, Washington, DC 20077-7677 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, National Processing Center, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KA 66675-8516.