

Clifford Francis Schumann



Major Clifford F. Schumann, USAF (Ret.), passed away peacefully on 9 February 2024 at his home in Pittstown, NJ. He was 88 years old.

“Cliff” was born on 17 May 1935, in Jersey City, NJ, to Charles and Mary Schumann. A 1953 graduate of Snyder High School, he went on to serve his country, attending the U.S. Naval Academy. During his time at Annapolis, Cliff was a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps. In 1959, Cliff was crowned the Brigade Welterweight Boxing Champion.

Graduating in 1960 with his bachelor’s degree in engineering, Cliff went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years. His intelligence and love for learning led him to further his education, receiving his master’s degree in electrical engineering from Baylor University, and then his master’s degree in mathematics from Monmouth College.

Following his career in the U.S. Air Force, he worked for Bellcore/ Telcordia Technologies in Piscataway, NJ, for approximately 22 years.

Cliff was an active member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America from 1965 to present. He enjoyed singing in his barbershop quartets and choruses, an a cappella group, as well as volunteering as a soloist and choir member at his church, St. Catherine of Siena. He stayed fit by working out, becoming the world record holder for his age group, (70-75 years of age) benching 205 pounds in the naked bench press.

Cliff’s family was the most important thing in his life. He was a true family man. Cliff married his one true love, Lorraine Hunchak, on 11 June 1960. They spent 70 loving years together, more than 63 of them as husband and wife. Lorraine predeceased Cliff by five months, on 9 September 2023. They raised five children, Ilene, Becky, Amy, Jon ’91 and Mark ’97; 12 grandchildren, Zachary (Erin), Carolyn (Danny), Joseph (Nancy), Staci, Tyler, Jordan, Spencer, Jeremy, Jake, Bronson, Natalie and Benjamin; and five great-grandchildren, Finnegan, Jameson, Audrey, Saige and Ashton. As a point of interest, Cliff and his son, Jon, were both members of the Second Company at USNA.

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