



Edward "Eddie" Cline

November 19, 1940 - September 2, 2011

Edward "Eddie" E. Cline, age 70, of Richland Center died suddenly Friday, September 02, 2011 at Iowa University Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. He was born November 19, 1940 in Doylestown, Pennsylvania the son of Elmer & Margaret (Ingrassia) Cline. Eddie was drafted into the U.S. Army from 1963-1965 and drove fuel tankers. On June 12, 1982 he married Barbara E. Denman at home in Dayton Township, Richland County. Eddie has been driving semi his entire life until the time of his death at age 70. He was employed through Holiday Express from 1972 – 1982 and then had been a self-employed semi-truck driver ever since. Eddie was a dedicated husband who was always there for Barb when she needed him. He also loved his dogs and was known by many to be an animal lover.

Survivors include his wife Barb Cline of Richland Center; a sister Kathy (Michael) Jones of Quincy, Illinois; 3 nephews Shane (Cyndy) McNett of Bloomington, Illinois, Chris (Nancy) McNett of Libertyville, Illinois, Travis (Jean) Fruit of Lone Rock; a niece Courtney (Joe) Kloehn of Sextonville; great nieces & great nephews, Gabrielle, Noelle, Annie, Sarah, and Ryan McNett, Haylee and Mackencie Fruit, Carter and Alexander Kloehn; father-in-law & mother-in-law Charles (Elsie) Denman of Sextonville; and sister-in-law Susan (Martin) Fruit of Richland Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 2:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with Fr. Roger J. Scheckel officiating. Local Military Honors Unit will provide graveside rites at the Dayton Corners Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 11:00 AM until the time of services at 2:00 PM. The CLARY MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences, pictures, & life stories can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Hi Ed it's been 3 years already since you left us. I still miss you every day. So many things remind me of you. I miss our phone calls every week as you were driving your truck. Rest in peace my brother. Till we meet again someday you will always be close in my heart. Love You, Kathy

Kathy Cline Jones - Quincy, IL - sister - September 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Eddie I sure do miss you . I know you are always with me and you will forever live in my heart. I choose the teddy bear cause of all the teddy bears you gave me and i will never forget that little shy look you had when you gave them to me on valentines day. Thanks for watching over me .

BARBARA CLINE - RICHLAND CENTER, WI - WIFE - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Eddie I hope you are looking down on me as I write this note to you. I miss you more than you can imagine. I miss our phone calls every weekend & just knowing you were out there, maybe not right with me in person but close in my heart. Rest in peace my brother. I love you & always will. Kathy

Kathy Cline Jones - Quincy, IL - Sister - November 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ IT has been two years since Eddie passed . I am very grateful for the thirty wonderful years we had and I never stop thinking of him . I feel he is watching over me and still helping with the driving I never could put that rig in some of the places I have when he was here but now its like parking a car.
Thanks Eddie for being here for me . I will always love you and cherish the time we had together.
Barb

Barbara Cline - Richland Center, WI - wife - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Its been a year and I still and always will remember Eddie not only my husband but my best friend . Even though I may not be able to reach out and hold him I know he is always with me as I drive the peterbult. It is his hands that are on the wheel . Eddie was the best semi driver out there with a will that never gave up . He always loved the dogs we come across in our travels and always would give them food. Some he gave a home to.*
I will continue to drive and remember for I know he is with me to keep me safe and make the right choice and do my best to keep his dreams alive.
LOVE FOREEVER
Barb

barbara cline - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *one year ago today i lost a turn friend...i just want to say that you are always in my thoughts and that we will see each other again someday.*

Dale Van Kraanen - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *RIP eddie*

jonathon vankraanen - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *seeing you and Barb on the road in your trucks!! my husband use to drive milk truck and i would go with .we would see you guys when we went into Richland Center when we unloaded the milk at Foremost!! Keep on trucking!*

SHERRIE AND RON COLSON - Blue River, WI - Barbs cousion - September 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *What great memories I have of my wonderful Uncle Ed! Over the years we had so many great times together. In my youth I loved traveling to New Jersey to visit for summer vacation. We had a lot of fun hanging out together. Heading to Seaside Heights on the Jersey shore together was always a highlight of every summer while I was growing up. Uncle Ed loved to race go-carts and he even managed to get my Dad behind the wheel of his #40 go-cart one summer. I had Uncle Ed's picture with him and in his racing suit and #40 go-cart on my dresser throughout my entire childhood. He was an awesome truck driver. He and Barb made an excellent team. One summer I was able to ride with Uncle Ed in the diesel truck from New Jersey to Illinois. We had a blast talking it up on the cb radio and tearing down the interstate at 90 mph. That is an experience I will never forget. I wish we had more time to spend together. It's unfortunate that his life has come to a close. However, I firmly believe that I will see him again in heaven. I miss him dearly and consider myself fortunate to have had such a close connection to him throughout our lives. God bless you Uncle Ed and thanks for the memories.*

Love,
Shane

Shane McNett - Normal, IL - Nephew - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Barb, So sorry to hear of Eddie's passing! What a nice man, old school trucker with more than his share of common sense and decency. He definitely made the Truckers Hall of Fame! No speed limit in Heaven, Eddie, just like the good old days, you can let her rip again!!! Al Johnson*

Al Johnson - Winona, MN - Friend and Peterbilt Salesman - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Ok here are. I'm not really sure how to put everything i have to say. We had so many great times from go-carting,boating ,hunting, hell just kicking back on the front swing or hiding out from Barb, makin it look like we was busy. Listening to hey dont Gulsrud or the simple hey fat a** lol. Just some of the things i will miss along with all the guidance and direction you have given me. Just seems too soon. We had so much we wanted to do. Oh hell dummy I gonna miss you. Most of all I hope to see you again someday so keep me a middle seat in between you and pops. You was always my idol, hero, big brother, mentor and most of all my dearest and best friend. Someone i could call anytime, didn't matter how dumb my ? was, you always listened. Well d***head, I guess I run out of things to talk about. BYCYCLE POLE KITTY..... DRAGONFLY R.I.P my lifelong best friend. You will be loved and missed greatly !!!*

Erick Gulsrud (the dragonfly) - Richland Center, WI - dearest friend - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Good 'ol Uncle Ed ... I had many great memories with my Uncle Ed growing up, as I think of the things he has passed along to me, several things come to mind -- -he taught me to laugh, have a sense of humor, be yourself, don't try to impress people, do what you love & love what you do and be loyal to your family. These are some of the many great things I observed and picked up through his actions. None of these things were spoken, just things I have noticed and observed as he lived his life. My Uncle Eddie always had a heart of gold and would do anything for those he loved. I will miss him and know he is in a better place now. Rest in Peace, I love you Uncle Eddie. Chris

Chris McNett - Libertyville, IL - Nephew - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Eddie: I will miss you and your way that you always had about you, from telling me some story about some A** or about the turkeys on the hillside. You were like a second father to Erick and a Grandfather to his boys and of course I can't leave out Kia. I will always remember you... and if Barb needs anything Ever... I promise I will walk through Hell to help her or find a way to help. Also if you are with Kevin... quit throwing rocks and making hurricanes.. they disrupt the poker games... Good Bye old Friend and I will see you when I get there.

Edward A Rowin - Richland Center, WI - Friend - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Ed,
Over the years you have been a great friend. I sit here in the early morning hours of the day, thinking of all the things we have done together over the last 27 years. I still think one of the funniest stories is when you came to my house and announced to me that you were going to buy a Kenworth. The look on your face when you found out my daughters husband was son of John Wolff the salesman at Kenworth you been talking too. As always you went out and bought a Pete telling me if I bought a Pete I would never buy anything else. Now you are with all the trucking buddies you have not been able to see for a few years. When Barb thinks she is ready to go back on the road, I know you and Kevin will be her guardian angels sitting over there in the jump seat. As you and Barb never had any children, I can't count the number of children's lives you touched from my son right down to his children, Andy's across the road, and many more. Ed, you have touched so many people lives, you will be missed very much, take care my old friend.

Karen Rowin - Richland Center, WI - friend - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I will miss Eddie he was not only my husband but my best friend. He was one of the best truck drivers ever over 50 years of trucking and never had a accident . He was always there for me to get me through the bad weather and slick roads. We ran as team drivers for about ten years and those days of trucking was the best of all. Eddie was always a lot of fun and enjoyed hunting and fishing. May God Bless You.
Your Loving Wife

Barbara Cline - Richland Center, WI - wife - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I love you Uncle Ed, you will forever be in my heart.

Courtney Kloehn and Family - Richland Center, WI - Niece - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We were so sorry to hear about Eddie's passing. The "Errico" family has so many memories of Eddie growing up with us in Stockton,NJ. Although we haven't seen him for several years, his loving sister Kathy (our dear friend) has kept in touch with us and we always talked about her brother Ed. Kathy has told us what a loving wife he has and our hearts go out to Barb as well as Kathy and her family at this time. Our deepest sympathy to all.
Prissy & Neal Esposito and the Errico family

Prissy & Neal Esposito - Stockton, NJ - friends - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Don't give Peter to much hell! You were a force to be reckoned with and no one was crazy enough to try. Mike and I thought of you as a father figure. Star thought you were the best thing since sliced bread. You were "her Eddie" You lived your life by the seat of your pants and had a good time doing it. You will be missed deeply. I will never forget the time we spent together while you were in the hospital after your stroke. You sure gave the nurses hell. Thank you for the memories and the prime rib sandwiches.

Darci Thompson - Melroae, WI - an old friend. - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I can't tell you how much I will miss my brother. I always knew he was with me even when we were miles apart. We talked every weekend for sure catching up on the weeks adventures. Sometimes even through the week he would be calling me about the weather or some news. I know he loved his wife Barb, she was the best thing that ever happend to him, also all of his dogs that rode with him in his 18 wheeler as his companion. My heart is heavy at this time but I know he is in God's hands now & at peace. Some day we will reunite & be together agian. Love you brother, til we meet again.
Kathy

Kathleen "Kathy" Cline Jones - Quincy, IL - Sister - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our family will always hold close to our hearts the memories we have made over the years. Thank you so much for being a wonderful husband to my sister. May the angels in heaven love you as much as we did and always will. God Bless. I know that you are going to rock things up in heaven. We will truly miss you.

Susan Fruit - Richland Cnter, WI - sister-in-law - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Eddie was more then a husband to me he was my best friend. He was my support when things got tuff. While running two trucks and be in seperate places and I get in a jam all I had to do was pick up the phone and he could get me threw it. We had a blast while we worked sometimes it was riding the log in nashville park in nasshville tn Going to the rodeo in cheyenne wyoming, running up through yellowstone national park. Eddie was also a excellent mechanic . He loved to hunt and fish and always stop and feed a hungry dog and sometimes he would pick them up and bring them home. I thank the Lord for bringing Eddie into my life I will miss him terrible ,I hope I can keep trucking and hold on to the dreams he had.

Barbara Cline - Richland Center, WI - wiffe - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I will miss you Eddie.

Anita Fisher - Paris, TX - friend (Morningstar Foods) - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

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JF

“ eddie will be missed by so many people he was a good man and would help anyone r.i.p eddie

jonathon vankraanen - janesville, WI - friend - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ You will never be forgotten Eddie! Blue-Eyes will miss you.

Alicia Brumfield - Sulphur Springs, TX - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ It was nice to know Eddie. I will miss seeing him around Morningstar Foods (Sulphur Springs).

Roy Wix - Como , TX - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ We will forever miss you Eddie!

Nikki Flanary - Sulphur Springs, TX - Friend - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM