



Clifford Thomas Parlow

July 3, 1939 - December 20, 2022

Clifford Thomas Parlow, known as Cliff or even Tommy, was born on July 3, 1939 and passed away on December 20, 2022 at The Ponce Therapy Care Center in St Augustine, FL. Cliff enjoyed working from a young age, and he held many jobs during his 83 years on Earth. His favorite jobs revolved around building things, and he got his first remodel job when he was barely a teen. He served in the National Guard, and then began working at Bell Telephone where he met a woman named Diane, who became his wife in 1965. They started a family and moved to Pompey, NY. Besides working on houses and snow plowing driveways, Cliff was a volunteer fireman for the Pompey Fire Department. He had the crazy idea that he could heat his house through the long and brutal winters of Upstate New York using only firewood, and you could usually find Cliff and his kids out chopping, stacking, moving, re-stacking, and moving again all of the firewood needed to keep the house warm from October to April, or however long those winters lasted up there.

Eventually everybody got sick of the snow, and Cliff and his family moved to Palm Coast, FL in 1985. Cliff and Diane started Cliff Parlow Custom Built Homes and built many homes in Palm Coast and the surrounding area, including Shirley Chisholm's home in Pine Lakes. If you live in Palm Coast, you may even be living in one of those homes, as Cliff was known for building a quality home, no matter what.

Besides building homes and a family, Cliff also enjoyed rebuilding classic cars in his spare time. He made friends in the car clubs and loved traveling to different car shows across the country. Cliff always said his favorite house he ever built was the one that he built for his family on Wentworth Lane in Palm Coast. Eventually Cliff and Diane sold that house and traveled around the United States in their motorhome. They became snowbirds and split their time between Palm Coast and Pulaski, NY. Cliff's desire to work would not allow him to be idle for very long so he worked security at Brennan Beach Campground and then became the weekend tram driver.

When the snowbird life got old, Cliff could be found at home in Palm Coast most of the time in his puzzle room, singing his favorite songs along with the radio or watching his favorite genre of movie - westerns. Cliff is survived by many family members including his wife of 57 years, Diane Lathan Parlow; his sisters Sue Richards, Cindy Klodowski and Jennifer Thompson; his children who he loved dearly: Debbie, Lisa, Jeffrey, Valerie and Catherine; a lot of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including Steffan, Emily, Oskar, James, Mason, Henley and Hudson; and his last best friends Robert and Squeaky.

There will not be a service for Cliff at this time; however, if you would like to honor Cliff's memory you can make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, the Flagler County Humane Society or Old Glory, an organization that pairs service dogs with veterans and retired first responders (<https://oldgloryservice dogs.org/>). Cliff and Old Glory shared a similar mission about dogs making everything better, and a motto: "In this family, nobody fights alone."