



Clifton Merrill Brink

July 18, 1956 - February 12, 2022

STANDISH - Clifton Merrill Brink was born to Marilyn Frances Lund Brink and Harry Melvin Brink on July 18, 1956. His early childhood was spent in Falmouth surrounded by family and friends where he learned to love climbing pitchy pine trees with his best friends, Michael and David Polley, ice skating on Squittery Gussett with his older sister, Debbie, and fishing for mackerel off Tukey's Bridge with his Grama, Mildred Lund.

Later, the Brinks moved to their home on Sebago Lake where Cliff spent most of his time during his formative years on or in the water. Cliff enjoyed working and getting to know new people from an early age; he started a paper route on White's Point Road in Standish, often raking leaves or carrying groceries for neighbors along the way.

Cliff grew up to be a strong, barrel-chested specimen who proudly served in the United States Air Force for 6 years as a Forward Ground Radio Technician. He traveled to Europe and South America and all across the United States, winding up his tour of duty at Loring Air Force Base before beginning his career as an Electrician and Yard Maintenance man at Bath Iron Works.

He married Ellen, the love of his life, in 1985; the pair especially enjoyed playing cribbage and drinking tea together at their home in Standish where they raised their two children.

Cliff had a big personality and a presence that filled the room. When he was happy, joy radiated from him, and he was never more joyful than when he was spending time with his family—especially his grandchildren whom he adored and doted on. He was the first person to

volunteer

to help anyone who needed it; to shovel, to sweep the walkway, to carry groceries, to make a run to the dump, to babysit, to rake leaves, or to run errands. Cliff also loved food and enjoyed cooking for people; one of his specialties was his delicious chicken parmesan.

The consummate outdoorsman, Cliff was passionate about teaching others how to appreciate

nature. He became a Boy Scout troop leader, proudly guiding his son Jacob to become an Eagle Scout. The elements never phased him; Cliff camped in the winter and hiked in the summer and swam earlier in the season than anyone else dared. He was such an excellent

swimmer, and could hold his breath for such long periods, that he'd often quietly slip under water only to reappear dozens of yards away mere moments later to tickle the toes of his delighted and squealing children, niece, and nephew floating above him. Cliff spent lots of time

hiking in the White Mountains with his daughter, Lynn who recalls after one particularly long hike

they leaned on some rocks as they reached the summit; just as Cliff stretched and reached his

hands out, a gray Canadian Jay perched on his fingers. Lynn watched in disbelief as her dad

made friends with the little bird.

Cliff passed away unexpectedly at his home in Standish, on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at the

age of 65. He is survived by his loving wife, Ellen Conley Brink; son, Jacob Merrill Brink and his wife, Sara Starr Brink of Wooster, Ohio; daughter, Marilyn Pearl Harmon and her husband, Brian Harmon of Limington, Maine; four grandchildren, Liam & Kaity Brink and Ameila & Claire Harmon; sister, Deborah Jean Fickett and her husband, Robert W. Fickett, III

of South Paris, Maine; and his niece and nephew, Amanda Lynn Fickett, Esq. and Andrew John

Edgar Fickett of South Portland, Maine.

A visitation will be held, 1-3 p.m., Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the Windham Chapel of Dolby, Blais & Segee, 434 River Road.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Dolby, Blais & Segee - Windham Chapel

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ Prayers for you family of Cliff. Worked and commuted with Cliff for many years at B I W.

Rob Poissant - February 28 at 06:56 AM

AC

“ Rest in Peace Cliff, you've earned it. Cliff and I spent many teenage summers together, chasing girls, waterskiing, and hanging out in the Basin with friends. You always helped anyone who needed it. You had a heart as big as the world, and I am richer for having known you. My condolences to Cliff's family.
Alan Connell

Alan Connell - February 19 at 11:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifton Merrill Brink.



February 18 at 09:40 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Clifton Merrill Brink.



February 17 at 03:07 PM

JF

“ JoAnne and Dave and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clifton Merrill Brink.



JoAnne and Dave and family - February 16 at 11:38 AM

KM

“ I first met cliff when I needed help moving my sons bureau downstairs. Ellen and cliff came over and cliff jumped right in with Tyler helping him bring the heavy bureau downstairs. Cliff was the life of the room that he was in. His personality was immense He was always so thoughtful and caring. He would clean off our cars at work during a snowstorm. He would visit Ellen often at work bringing her coffee and bringing the puppies in to visit all of us. He would take his puppies for chicken nuggets and then at times bring us apple pies He would always tell Ellen I love you before he left. The fondest memory I have of cliff is the day of my wedding. He and Ellen came to my wedding in Aug 2021 We had a get together after at the Olive Garden. He entertained my guests at the reception with his humor until my husband and I arrived. When we were cutting our cake my husband and I started cutting slices for our guests. Cliff said to me this is your day. I will take care of the cake. He then sliced and served cake to my guests. His passing truly hurts my heart. He was such a kind man His passing is such a shock. He seemed so healthy it truly makes you realize how precious and short life is. It has taught me that you never know when your last day is and to appreciate every moment and person in your life. My thoughts and prayers are with Ellen and her family. I am here if you need anything.

krista martel - February 15 at 07:37 PM



Thank you for your memories, Krista. You caught his personality perfectly. from Debbie, Cliff's sister.

Deborah Fickett - February 17 at 07:25 PM

GF

“ Graney and Kramer families purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Clifton Merrill Brink.



Graney and Kramer families - February 15 at 07:23 PM

JR

“ We are heartbroken at the loss of Clif. He was the best husband to my sister Ellen and the most awesome dad to Jacob and Lynn! And those grandchildren were his most precious gift! He was very proud of his family. We will truly miss him. Thoughts and prayers! ❤️🥹🙏 JoAnne and Dave

JoAnne Roy - February 15 at 06:14 PM

BD

So very sad ..
We are sending hugs and prayers 🙏🙏🙏

Brenda Duncan - February 15 at 07:31 PM

DD

Diane

Diane Deschesne - February 15 at 07:57 PM

PC

Dear Ellen, Jacob and Lynn, Collette and I are so so sorry for the passing of Cliff. He was a good man who always seemed so kind and caring for those around him. Our prayers are with you and family. RIP Cliff ! Love Collette and Cousin Mike

Peter Conley - February 15 at 09:46 PM

JM

Cliff you will be missed by so many. I remember all the times you helped me with my bags at Pilgrim Lodge. All the times you would make me sit and sit with me while I got my breath. You were all ways helping someone out pushing a wheel chair up the hill. You will be so miss at Pilgrim Lodge. Ellen my thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

judith MCGovern - February 15 at 10:26 PM

TR

I'm so glad that I had a chance to reminisce with Cliff at Mel's service this fall. I hadn't seen him for years. He was warm and kind, and it was wonderful to talk with him. I'm am so sorry for his passing.

Tina Riley - February 16 at 09:58 AM

MP

I was so shocked and sad to hear of Cliff's passing.

As I get older, I think often of growing up on the Falmouth Road. They are really wonderful memories. When I look back at the photos from Lund Family Reunions, it reminds me that I used to think that I was related to half of Falmouth.

Debbie, I have such wonderful memories of your brother, and your parents were always so wonderful to me and my family both on the Falmouth Road and up at the lake. Please give my condolences to Cliff's family, and my thoughts are with you.

Michael Polley - February 17 at 05:10 AM

MD

To the Brink Family, please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of Cliff. I know I can speak for the entire Bath Iron Works family in telling you (which you already know) that Cliff was a wonderful person and co-worker. Every day he worked with a bright, helpful and positive demeanor. Cliff was an inspiration and mentor to all but especially with the newer, young shipbuilders coming along. In heavy industry, it is not always the best working environment but in all the years, I never saw Cliff without a smile and a perpetual can do attitude.

Myself, along with hundreds, if not thousands of shipbuilders, over the years have benefited from Cliffs knowledge, professionalism and great spirit. Without the likes of Cliff Brinks of the world, it becomes a little more difficult to witness the joy of life. Thank you Cliff for your compassionate contributions to make this statement true... "Bath Built is Best Built" in a very large part due to you.

Michael Dana - February 17 at 08:13 AM

CA

Dear Ellen, Jacob and Lynn. So sad to hear of Cliff's untimely passing. He was so kind and caring. You Ellen and Cliff we're always there for my mom through the years right to the end. Mike and I will never forget that. Cliff will always be close by you. Our prayers with you through this very difficult time

Cousin Cathy and Al ❤️

Cathy Adams - February 19 at 09:01 PM