



## Mr. Stephen Hunt Cliff

May 14, 1957 - November 7, 2021

Stephen Hunt Cliff, 64, of Columbia, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. Born May 14, 1957, in Dallas, TX, he was a son of the late Fae Marie Maillet Cliff and Fred Able Cliff.

Survivors include his children, Murray Vaughan Cliff, of Williston, SC and Jeffrey Grier Kelly Cliff, of Lugoff, SC; siblings, Kimberly Cliff Giger (Hanspeter) of Charlotte, NC, and Merrill Maillet Cliff (Ansley) of Elgin, SC. The family is particularly grateful for the friendship and support of Chris Cox (Kelly) of Florence, Stephen's longtime friend and tennis partner.

Stephen graduated from Spring Valley High School and earned a degree in Horticulture from Midlands Technical College. He was a gifted athlete and excelled in football (playing on the State Championship Spring Valley High School Football team), basketball, baseball, golf and tennis. Stephen loved the outdoors, and to hunt and fish, but his greatest love was for his children. He was self-employed with Cliff Services, working in home and business renovations.

A small family service will be held at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to The American Liver Foundation at [liverfoundation.org](http://liverfoundation.org).

Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

# Comments

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“ Love of my life. Best father I could ever want for our child (Grier) and a wonderful father figure for Whit. I will always miss seeing him and our conversations. Holding him close to our hearts .

Michelle

**michelle** - November 26, 2021 at 03:06 PM

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“ My Husband, Bernie Adkins, and I, Corey Adkins, have been friends with the Cliffs for a long time. Bernie and Merrill have been the best of friends ever since I began to date Bernie when I was 16. Steve has always been around at every event, of course, as the events, parties, whatever the occasion may be was always "the Cliff Boys" get together. Although I was young, rather stupid, and new to "their crowd", I can never think of one time that Steve was not friendly and kind to me. Which was odd, as I was a stupid kid probably in over my head. Steve always kept his friendly and inviting attitude towards me as far I as knew. Most likely due to the fact that Bernie and I married at 18 and are still married. Bernie has always had a great Love the whole Cliff Family, including Merrill's wife, Ansley as well as Merrill's Sister and her husband, and of course his Mom and Dad. One of my long time friends, Michelle Kelly is Steves son- Griers- Mother. I know the family is devastated from the loss of the larger than life Steve- Big Brother, Father to two wonderful children provider, and friend to many. He will be missed. Bernie and I have had similar situations this year with multiple deaths of family members, so I know the family is dealing as best they can. we have to think that the family is looking down, with extreme pride as Merrill, Cameron, Steves kids, Murray, and Grier, Kimberly, Ansley, I am sure I am leaving out many- Grand daughter ....just a great legacy....Steve knows his family will be well taken care of until they all meet agin one day. Fly High Steve, no pain, no stress, no anger, smile and laugh that loud boisterous laugh, and be their Angel watching over you pride and joy- your family. I am glad I was able to know Steve and I am sure many feel this way. The world is a little less "unique" without you. Until we see you again Steve, Bernie, Corey, and Ian Adkins say- not goodbye but see you on the other side!

If there is anything we can do- don't hesitate to call- Bernie, Corey, and Ian Adkins  
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**Corey Adkins** - November 21, 2021 at 01:50 AM

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“ Remembering my friendship with Steve has many great memories. Raising our boys in a similar fashion, we coached and assisted with youth baseball and basketball teams together, took boys to ride dirt bikes, trips to the lake fishing and skiing, and many more fun memories. Steve was a man of high character, the hardest working man I ever met in my life, and a great father. My condolences to the family. RIP Steve.

**Dee McCoy** - November 11, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ Was among one of the best athletes to ever wear a Viking uniform. Also a great guy and good friend. RIP

**mark Catoe** - November 10, 2021 at 07:01 PM

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“ Remember Steve as a friend from Junior High and High School. He was one of the best athletes to ever paly at Spring Valley high School.

**Alton Rabon** - November 10, 2021 at 06:27 PM