

Thank You to God

for the life and witness of

**CLIFFORD
EDGAR
STRUCKE**

21 April 1938 - 7 September 2013

**Rhody Family Funeral Home
Chesley, Ontario
Wednesday in the Sixteenth Week after
Pentecost
11 September, 2013,
2.00 o'clock in the afternoon**

In Thanksgiving for the Life of
Cliff Strucke
1938– 2013

*The Service is conducted by Merv Blake, Pastoral Associate,
and Fr Ed Wagner, Pastor, of St Mark's Lutheran Church*

Pastor Ed welcomes everyone; then we all stand. Fr Ed says

Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
Everyone **The source of all mercy and the God
of all consolation,**
Mr Blake Who comforts us in all our sorrows
Everyone **So that we can comfort others in
their sorrows with the consolation
we ourselves have received from
God.**

*The Paschal (Easter) Candle, symbol of Christ eternally present among His people,
burns beside the bier. Cliff's casket is covered with the Pall, symbol of his clothing with
Christ in baptism. Pr Ed blesses Cliff's body with the sign of the cross, and Mr Blake
says*

All who are baptized into Christ have
put on Christ. In his baptism, Cliff was
clothed with Christ. In the day of His
coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

And everyone responds

Amen!

Fr Ed The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love
of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.

We offer silent prayers for Cliff and his family, after which we say together

O God of grace and glory,
we remember this day before you
our **brother Cliff**.
We thank you for giving **him** to us
to know and to love as a companion
on our earthly pilgrimage.
In your boundless compassion,
console us who mourn.
Give us faith to see in death
the gate of eternal life,
so that in quiet confidence
we may continue our course on earth,
until, by your call, we are reunited
with those who have gone before;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sit for Family and Friend Reminiscences, Scripture, and the Meditation.

Reminiscences

Tim, Ashley, Mandy, Merv Blake

From Colossians: *Clothe Yourselves With Love* [3.12-15]

As followers of Christ, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts.

Psalm 23 (*read in unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's
 sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

From the Gospel According to Matthew: *Jesus Gives Himself, for Us and for the Whole World* [26.26-28]

On the night before Good Friday, Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples. While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Meditation, by Fr Ed

Now we stand and sing

**Amazing grace!-- How sweet the sound--
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

The Prayers

Mr Blake leads us in prayer, first saying

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

After each petition, we respond, "Amen."

Almighty God, you have knit together your friends in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace.

Amen.

Grant that **Cliff** may rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death **he** may pass with Jesus to **his** own joyful resurrection.

Amen.

Give courage and faith to Marilyn; to Tim and Marta, Jean and Charles, Ken and Sharon, Mike and Paula, Brenda and Devin, and Jeo-Anne and Gord; to Miranda, Mandy, Ashley, Josh, Terrance, Jodi, Michael, Daniel, Brittany, Cody, Dean, Mikayla and Brayden; and to everyone who is grieving Cliff's death; that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in full assurance of eternal life with those that are gone before them. *Amen.*

May Terry, Kashton, Ken and Jim, Bill, Edgar and Violet, and all the departed, enjoy their consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; and, with St Mark and all your saints, receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

And now, gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The ministers take their place at Cliff's body, and we formally commend Cliff to God who made him.

We pray silently. Then we pray together

**Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant Cliff.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.**

Pr Ed sprinkles water on Cliff's body, in token of his baptism, then says

Rest eternal grant unto **him**, O Lord.
Everybody **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**
Mr Blake May **he** rest in peace and rise in glory.
Everybody **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace.
C **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

Cliff's Committal and Burial take place later in Chesley Cemetery.

The family are honoured you are here. There is a reception at the home of Jeo-Ann and Gord Pearce, 45 Bruce Road 30, at the south end of Chesley (turn right on main street to the end of town—watch for a lot of cars). Please—come, meet and greet!

Clifford Edgar Strucke

*Born Sullivan Township, 21 April 1938,
to Edgar and Violet (Schlorff) Strucke*

Baptised and Confirmed St Peter's Lutheran Church, Sullivan

Married to Marilyn (Stade) Strucke, 21 April 1962

*Born into the New Life at
Chesley Hospital, 7 September 2013*

Cliff began his working life at age 16 at Krug Brothers in Chesley. After a stint away in auto wrecking yards, he returned to Krug's in earnest, acquiring there his 4th class engineering papers, which led to other factory jobs in Grey and Bruce. But it was his large family that was the centre of Cliff's life, and stories abound among them of both his gentleness and joy, of his delight in the rough-and-tumble of it all. For 52 years he shared a marriage and good times with Marilyn, and she and the children and grandchildren were with him, loving him to the end, as he reluctantly came to his final rest.



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