



## Clifford G. Bates

September 5, 1925 - September 8, 2017

Clifford G. Bates, 92, of State Highway 67, Amsterdam and formerly of Broadalbin, died Friday September 8, 2017 at St. Mary's Healthcare. He was born in Amsterdam on September 5, 1925 a son of Reginald and Virginia Clifford Bates and was a 1942 graduate of Wilbur H. Lynch High School. Cliff later enrolled in night classes at Union College. He was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Bates was an engineer at General Electric Co. in Schenectady, retiring in 1985. He later was a private consultant.

He was a World War II veteran of the US Army and served in Okinawa and Hawaii. He repaired and maintained airplanes and engines and participated in combat missions. Mr. Bates was assigned to a troop carrier squadron as a flight engineer.

He was of the Catholic faith.

He was a former member of the Broadalbin Rotary Club and a member of the American Legion in Broadalbin.

Cliff enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing, and was a proud NY Mets fan.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, Reginald, Diane, Donald, and Gary.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Reinhart Bates, whom he married on August 29, 1948; a daughter, Bonita (Douglas) Burroughs of Northville; a brother, John Bates of Galway; a sister, Virginia McDonald of Amsterdam; five grandchildren, Brandon Pileckas, Paul (Laura) Pileckas, Connie (Mike)

Weisepape, Jason Burroughs (Amy), and Brian (Lisa) Burroughs; twelve great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. A military graveside service will be held on Thursday September 21, 2017 at 11 am at the Gerald B.H. Solomon-Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duell Road, Schuylerville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Montgomery County SPCA, in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown.

The family extends their appreciation to the 2nd floor at Wilkinson RHCF for the care and kindness given to Cliff.

# Cemetery Details

## Gerald B.H. Soloman Saratoga National Cemetary

200 Duell Road  
Schuylerville, NY 12871

# Previous Events

## Military Graveside Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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