



## Clifford D. Sane Jr

December 27, 1969 - December 26, 2025

Clifford D. Sane, Jr., age 55, of Sevierville, Tn unexpectedly went to sleep December 26th, 2025.

Preceding him in death is his parents Clifford D Sane SR and Sharlene (Berry) Sane, His sister Shelley Cruz along with his Grandparents.

Many say "To know Clifford was to love Clifford".

Cliff was born on December 27, 1969 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Mr. and Mrs. Sane. From the beginning, he seemed to have a spark that others didn't. He was the life of the party- not because he demanded the spotlight, but because his smile and his laughter were so infectious they could light up the darkest room. He had a rare gift: he never met a stranger. Whether he was at work or just out in the community, he made friends everywhere he went. He saw the best in people, and in return, people couldn't help but want to be around him. Cliff was a man of movement and hard work. Many knew him from his years as a dedicated truck driver in the dump truck division at Charles Blalock and Sons. He eventually took that work ethic and turned it into his own legacy as the owner of T&C Transportation and Staffing LLC. But life wasn't all work for Cliff. If it was a Saturday in the fall, you knew exactly where he was and who he was rooting for. He was a die-hard UT fan, bleeding orange and white through every win and loss. Beyond the business and football games, Cliff's heart belonged to his family. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a great friend. He was a mentor, a jokester, and a steady hand for anyone who needed him. Clifford Sane lived a life that was

full- full of laughter, full of miles on the road, and full of love. While the world feels a little dimmer without his smile today, we carry that light forward in our own memories of him.

Left to cherish and carry on his memory is his partner and wife Tracy Sane, his daughter Taylor (Chris) , his son Zachary, His bonus children Nikki (JR), Christy (Tim), Douglas (Mikala), Jamison (Bradley). His Grand-children Daimeon, Nathan, Zach, Lucas, Shelby, and Eva Grace. and two precious little ones that he came to love as his bonus grandchildren Kamel Moku-Rai Cariro Spencer and Kiana Eliana Mulai (his little princess), His brother Eddie (Beth) sisters Marcee, Christy (Ralph), Cathy (Robert) Nephews Ben, Grant, Ronnie ( Deana), Chris (Josefina) Nieces Caryn(John), Makala(TJ), Ashley(), and Amanda. Great Nephews Isaac, Caiden, Trevor, Alex, Mikey JR, Andrew, and Austin. Great Nieces Ashley M, Trinity, Charlotte, Elle Grace, Destiny and Harper. With Several bonus Nieces and Nephews Special Friends Bill Ogle aka "Daddy Bill", Nick Ogle, Matt Holt, Jeff aka Chief and Many Many lifelong friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening Dec 30th from 4-7 at Manes Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday Dec.31st at 10a.m. in Manes Funeral Home West Chapel, with Franklin Wine officiating.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Funeral service

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home West Chapel  
Newport, TN 37821

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Clifford D. Sane Jr*



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 30, 2025 at 11:59 AM

LF

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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**Linda Sane and Family** - December 30, 2025 at 06:55 PM

LF

“ *We are very sorry to hear about "Lil Clifford" as we called him in our younger days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow.*

*Jean (Gregg) Wines  
Linda ( Gregg) Franklin*

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**Linda Franklin** - December 30, 2025 at 06:11 PM

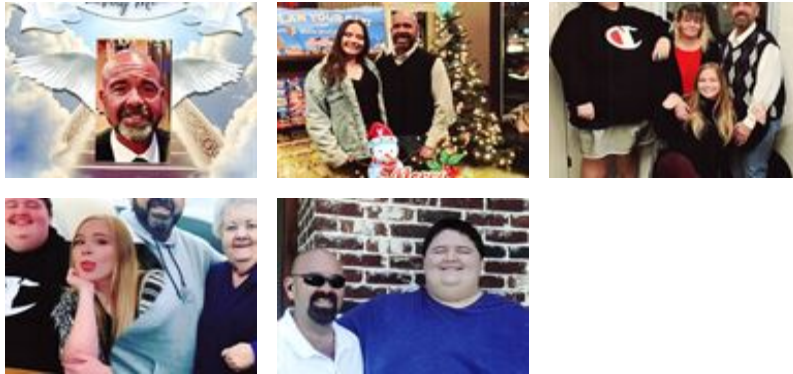
CM

“ *Family,  
We are so sorry to hear about “little Clifford”. He was a ray of sunshine anytime that you would see him. Working with Sharleen for most of my life I heard a lot of fun stories about his antics on vacations. We will be praying for you all!*  
*Terry Dale and Crystal Mantooth*

crystal mantooth - December 30, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ 286 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - December 30, 2025 at 10:58 AM

TB

“ *Sending sincere condolences .. May God comfort the family with His peace during this difficult time.*  
*Tammy Presnell Binkley*



Tammy Binkley - December 30, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford D. Sane Jr.*



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December 29, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *I am heartbroken. I have known Clifford our entire lives. We went to school together and he always made everyone around him smile. My thoughts and prayers are with all his family. Gone but never forgotten, you will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Eva (Frazier) Durance** - December 29, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *My sincere condolences. Charlene was a best friend of mine and I know she loved her children. My sincere prayers and love. I'll light this candle for his mother.*



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**Glenda Willis** - December 29, 2025 at 10:16 AM

SF

“ People believe that angels have wings and a golden ring around their head but in my life , the angel that I knew was a little taller than me , always wore shorts, white shoes, a UT shirt , had some sunglasses on top of his head or on his face and always had an ear bud in his ear with a welcoming smile on his face.

*I just wanna give my deepest condolences to Tracy and The entire Sane Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*Clifford was an extraordinary man and he will always be remembered. Many of my accomplishments this year would not have happened if it wasn't for him by my side. Im glad I got the opportunity to thank him while he was alive.*

*To Clifford , I just wanna say thank you for always answering my calls , thank you for never judging me, thank you for always showing up for me, thank you for taking me in when I had nowhere else to go, thank you for the encouraging talks we had, Most of all thank you for being you.*

*I'll definitely miss the fact that you could never say my name correctly and we always laughed about it, I'll miss going to the store and seeing your truck and running to it and you would say "well , what's up honey". I'll miss calling you for every single thing because you were definitely my problem solver. I'll miss the way you always trusted me with any and everything. You were definitely a father figure in my life and I'll miss you forever Clifford. Im glad I got to hear your voice one last time last week and you would always end the call with "be good now honey".*

*You will be missed tremendously Clifford and I'm definitely not ready to say goodbye.*

*LongLiveClifford*  

**Shanoy Ferron** - December 29, 2025 at 06:14 AM

LD

“ It seems as if I just saw Clifford taking us places we wanted to go, making sure we had what we needed and checking in with us every day while we were on our trips to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge to see if we needed anything. We tried to get Clifford to rest; but he was such a people person that he would not rest. The love he gave and received in return was his energy “drink” or energy bar. I know he loved you Tracy so much. He spoke so highly of you often. He spoke of his entire family that I feel like I have met them. I’m stunned and heartbroken that I won’t see Clifford again on this Earth. I’m holding on to when I can see him in Heaven. I have never met such a friendly, caring, loving, funny and supportive person. I thought of him as the unofficial Mayor of Sevierville and Gatlinburg. I was proud to call Clifford my friend, my close friend! A close friend — that’s how he made everyone feel and loved. I will surely miss him and hope to find comfort in all of my memories. May Tracy and his family members be surrounded with love, support, and memories and God’s love to hold them up during this difficult time. Tracy, please contact Lauren if you or anyone needs anything! I love you. Lisa Day

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**Lisa Day** - December 28, 2025 at 06:29 PM

AK

“ Work with him for years at Blalock. Always look to see him come to our job in his dump truck. When he came on our job all we had to do is point where we want him at and he knew what today. It was always nice to work around and talk. Since he left us I do miss the talks we had. RIP my friend you will be miss.

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**Andrew W King** - December 28, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ Praying for the family. Big Dog was a great friend of many years and coworker while he was at Blalock. He was always great to be around and always spoke about how much he loved his wife and kids and always talking about what they were doing. Big dog would do anything for anyone and the world was a better place because he was in it. Praying for the family and thankful I was one of the lucky ones to know such a great man.



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**Nicholas Ward** - December 28, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Christy, Eddie and Marcee and his wife, kids and family. I am sorry sorry about Little Clifford. I remember he and I hanging out in high school. He was fun loving and definitely would make you laugh. His smile was contagious. He sure is going to be missed. Prayers for peace and comfort during this time.  
Mark (Trufus) and Sandra (Sandy Samples) Steward

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**Mark & Sandra Steward** - December 28, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Clifford will be missed dearly

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**Tajera Campbell** - December 28, 2025 at 01:55 PM

TC

“There are no words to fully express how truly amazing Clifford was. He was always laughing and smiling, and it was impossible to be around him without feeling his warmth. Clifford never missed an opportunity to make someone laugh or feel seen. In my eyes, he could do no wrong—he was genuinely one of the best people I have ever known.



*I hate having to speak of him in the past. This loss has made my soul cry. The sound of Clifford's voice was gentle and full of love, always spoken with such respect and care for others. He often called me "sweetheart," "darling," or his favorite, "honey," in the most grandfatherly way. He spoke to everyone with kindness, patience, and sincerity.*

*I will never forget when he had surgery and was in so much pain, yet he never slowed down. I remember telling him, "Clifford, you have to stop working so hard." He would smile, chuckle, and say, "I know, honey." That was who he was—selfless, resilient, and always putting others before himself.*

*Clifford never held grudges. If someone wronged him, he let it go almost immediately. He was truly an angel walking this earth, and anyone who knew him knows that he always went above and beyond to help others.*

*One of my favorite memories is the last time we spoke. My partner offered him a water, and I joked, "Clifford doesn't drink water." Without missing a beat, Clifford shared a joke about telling his doctor he drinks two to three cubes of water a day. That was Clifford—always making light of a moment, always trying to bring joy and laughter to those around him.*

*Clifford held immense love for his wife, his children, and his entire family. He was especially proud of his beloved UT football team and was always repping them—whether it was his orange cup filled with*

*ice, a sticker on his van, or something he was wearing.*

*Clifford taught me how to drive while I was extremely scared—a core memory for me. He was endlessly patient and reassuring, always calm and steady. He would say, “Honey, I promise, it isn’t hard. You’ll be good at it in no time.” Had it not been for his constant encouragement, I wouldn’t have believed in myself the way I did then.*

*He always had the most encouraging words, the most interesting stories, and never failed to say something funny. Being around Clifford meant feeling supported, loved, and uplifted.*

*There are truly no words to express how great of a person Clifford was or what he meant to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. I pray that God covers his family and friends during this painful time. To have known and loved Clifford was a blessing—losing him is heartbreaking*

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**Tajera Campbell** - December 28, 2025 at 01:43 PM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Cindy Schoolcraft** - December 28, 2025 at 01:33 PM

RL

“ Robert and Linda Linz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clifford D. Sane Jr.



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**Robert and Linda Linz** - December 28, 2025 at 01:15 PM

LD

“ My heart is absolutely broken at the news of Clifford’s passing! Knowing Clifford was knowing love. I am so thankful for the time and memories that I have with Clifford. He was kind, helpful and caring. To Tracy, his kids and grandkids know that he loved each and every one of you so very much and so deeply! He loved the time he got to spend with you all. If there is anything I can do please let me know!

Lauren Day - December 28, 2025 at 01:07 PM

RL

“ Ruby L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford D. Sane Jr.

Ruby L. - December 28, 2025 at 12:47 PM

RL

“ Ruby L. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clifford D. Sane Jr.



Ruby L. - December 28, 2025 at 12:47 PM

CA

“ Clifford will be missed by many. My American family



Carlotta - December 28, 2025 at 12:01 PM

IM

*I will miss you dearly, until we meet again my friend, love you dearly I just can't stop my tears from falling 😭*

**Irma McKenzie** - December 28, 2025 at 12:47 PM

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*I only knew Clifford for a few years while I worked at Blalock. To us he was Big Dog. He was an incredibly sweet guy. I always loved talking to him. Rest in peace Dog, the world will miss you.*

**Paul Syverson (Porky)** - December 29, 2025 at 07:17 PM

AB

*My sincere condolences to Mr Clifford entire family and friends. You're gone on before but your memories will forever live on. Rest in eternal peace Mr Clifford. Am heart broken.*

**Angella Crowl Barrett** - December 30, 2025 at 08:15 AM