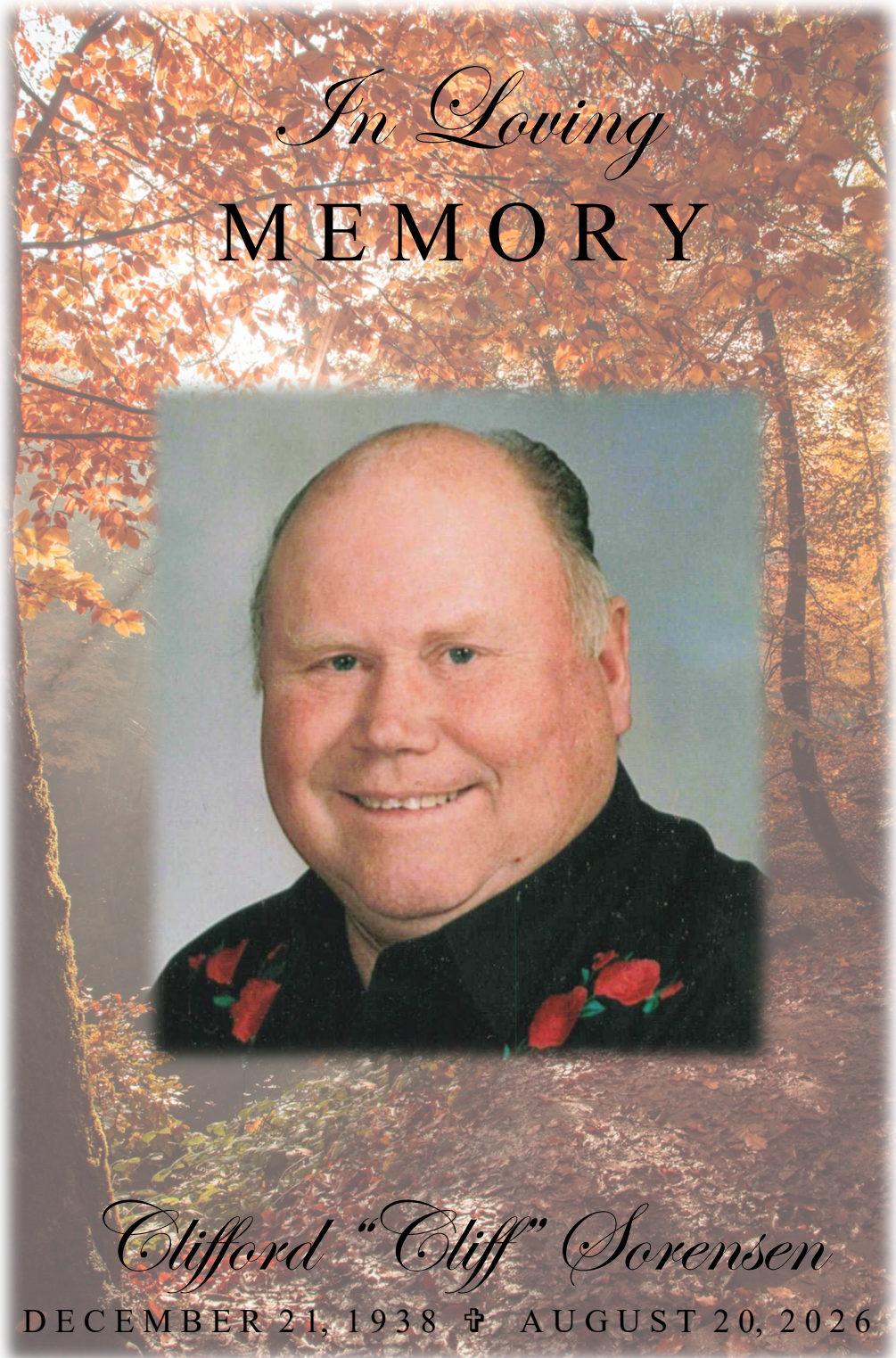


**Clifford “Cliff” James Sorensen** was born December 21, 1938, to Harvey and Dorothy (Bock) Sorensen in Milford Township, rural Essig, MN. He attended country schools by Comfrey and Butterfield, MN. He married Marlys Ericson on May 13, 1967, in Cottonwood, and they welcomed Melanie and Cyle to their family. Cliff worked for the City of Sleepy Eye for over 30 years, and he enjoyed deer hunting with his brother, Russell. Cliff was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he had served as deacon and head usher. His personality was contagious, and he was a proud grandpa to 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Cliff died on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at the Johnson Memorial Care Center in Dawson at the age of 87. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Dorothy Sorensen; parents-in-law, Orin and Mildred Ericson, and nephew, James Sorensen.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Marlys; children, Melanie (Korey) Patterson and Cyle (Cindy) Sorensen; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; brother, Russell (Gail) Sorensen; sister, Sharon (Dick) Bunker; in-laws, Gordon, Nancy, and George Ericson, and many nieces and nephews.



**I'm Free**

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*In Memory of*

**Clifford James Sorensen**

December 21, 1938



August 20, 2026

**Memorial Service**

Johnson Memorial Care Center Chapel

Dawson, Minnesota

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

2 PM

**Officiant**

Pastor Pat Moe

**Special Reading**

Russell Sorensen

**Honorary Urnbearers**

Cheyenne Orvis

Ashlyn Sik

Toby Sorensen

Kaila Patterson

Keegan Patterson

Ashtyn Sorensen

Owen Orvis

Bentley Grinager

Michael Sorensen

