

Donald Clifton "Cliff" Green, 86, of Fairfax Station, VA, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2025. Cliff was born on August 23, 1938, in Fairhaven, MA, to Donald and Nancy Ericson Green. Cliff was a member of the GWC from 2013 until 2023. You may also remember that he was an instigator for many of us Model A folks to join the Northern Virginia Regional Group Ford V-8 club, where he was the trophy man for the annual NVRG annual Armed Forces Day car show in Fairfax. He encouraged those of us with Model As to join in their show, and encouraged me to sponsor a trophy specifically for Model As. In return, he was a strong advocate in the NVRG to bring their stunning cars to Sully, and to help us with judging. Cliff's 1940 Ford Deluxe Woody Station Wagon was a meticulously restored masterpiece, one he shared with us every year at Sully, like in this shot from 2015. His skill rebuilding the fickle Early Ford V-8 distributor was extraordinary. He was a charter member of the Northern Virginia Regional Group, and recognized nationally as a Woody expert.

Cliff graduated from Boston University where he was a member of the varsity crew team. Upon graduation, he attended Naval Officer School in Pensacola, FL, and earned his wings. Cliff was Sandra's "Top Gun," as he was a fighter pilot assigned to the famed Jolly Rogers VF-84 Fighter Squadron, based out of Oceana NAS in Virginia Beach and assigned to the USS Independence. After his tour of duty, Cliff went on to have a long and fulfilling career as a pilot with American Airlines. He was based in Washington, D.C., and they made their home in Fairfax Station, VA, for decades.

Outside of his career, Cliff was a man of many talents and interests. As a charter member of the Northern Virginia Early V-8 Club, he served in many capacities for decades. He enjoyed restoring classic Fords, particularly the vintage flathead models, as well as antique clocks and furniture. He also enjoyed building things for the grandchildren, designing and building Lionel train layouts, and doing numerous other woodworking projects. Together, Cliff and Sandra enjoyed a life of family, travel, ski trips, golfing with friends, and spending winters in Amelia Island, FL. They loved gardening on their property and created an oasis in the woods behind their home of 42 years. Each morning, he began his day walking the azalea paths through the woods with his beloved shelties.

Cliff was known for his kind heart and his willingness to always lend a hand and help others, and his unshakable loyalty to his family and friends. He found joy in the simple things and always had a story to tell. He leaves behind a lasting legacy of love, laughter, and inspiration.

He is survived by his cherished wife of 62 years, Sandra; his daughter, Tracy Green Foster and her husband Rick Webb; his son, Russell Green and his wife Mary Green; his grandchildren, Shane Foster, Jordan Green, Noelle Foster, Jackson Green, and Charlie Green; as well as numerous extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.