

Clemence Poff

Clemence Ray Poff passed away peacefully on March 22, 2026, at the age of 92, with loved ones by his side. Clem was predeceased by his wife of 28 years, Dorothy Poff, and is survived by their two daughters: Lynn Cassidy (Neil) and Vicki Kipps (Rob); his grandchildren: Emily Walsh (Shawn), Marshall Walsh (Amanda), Katie Walsh (James), Rachel Kipps (Herman), and Carter Kipps (Christine); and his great-grandchildren: Amara, Henry, and Kaydence.

Clem is also survived by his loving partner of 29 years, Beverly Carter; her son Doug Carter (Anita); her son-in-law Brad Bryan; her granddaughters Laurie and Katie (Jesse); and her great-granddaughter Georgia. He was predeceased by Bev's children, David Carter and Judy Bryan.

Born in Bancroft, Ontario, Clem was the son of the late William and Hazel Poff and the eldest of ten children. Members of his family continue to live in Bancroft and the surrounding area, including his brother Kevin Poff (Linda), sister Verrill Eddy (Richard), and his many nieces and nephews. Following a childhood on the family farm, Clem began working at the age of twelve, helping Mr. Chatterson on his farm and delivering papers and milk in the community. At fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen, he spent his summers working 100 miles from home at the Standard Chemical Company lumber mill.

In 1950, Clem joined the local Reserves and, after passing a typing test, found work in Oshawa at the Ontario Malleable Iron Company. Looking for more adventure, Clem and a few friends traveled to Kingston, Ontario, later that year to enlist in the Army for duty in the Korean War. Though not needed for Korea, they were enlisted in the new Infantry Brigade for NATO duty in Germany. So began a successful and adventure-filled 31-year career. Throughout his military service, Clem traveled the world, lived and worked across

Canada, and served on peacekeeping duties in Cyprus and Egypt. Upon retiring from the military in Victoria in 1982, he worked another thirteen and a half years as a bus driver at CFB Esquimalt.

Once Clem officially retired in 1995, he continued to enjoy time with his family, friends, and his passions of gardening and fishing—especially hosting his annual “creamy veg” event. He leaves behind an extended, loving family and many dear friends. He will be truly missed.

A Celebration of Clem’s Life and reception will be held Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, from 2:00pm in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria BC V8Y 1B4.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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