

Cliff Simoneau Loses Battle With Cancer



Death of dive industry veteran a serious loss for the entire industry.

Popular industry veteran, Cliff Simoneau, of Silent Diving Systems passed away peacefully on Sunday November 13th with his family and friends at his bedside. Cliff was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in early September and courageously battled the disease right up until the last hour refusing to accept defeat. It was typical of his approach to life and business. He had recently celebrated his 46th birthday.

His wife, Kathy, would like his friends to know that arrangements have been made for funeral services and encourages all who can, to attend. Visitation at Lord's Funeral Home in Wolfeboro, NH are set for calling hours between 4-8 PM on Thursday, November 17th. The funeral services will take place at St. Katharine Drexel, Rt. 28 in Alton, NH at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 18th. A reception will follow the service at Pickney Boat House, Brewster Campus in Wolfeboro.

Friends are encouraged to attend and celebrate Cliff's vibrant life and career.

Cliff is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Kathy, and his devoted dog, Bailey. Kathy and Bailey would like to thank everyone for all the cards and emails received over the last ten weeks since the onset of Cliff's illness. The support of his friends kept his spirits high and his attitude positive right until the last hour. One of Cliff's last wishes was to have his company, Silent Diving Systems, stand as his legacy in the industry. His partner Mike Fowler will continue to run the operation distributing the Inspiration & Evolution Closed Circuit Rebreather products without interruption.

While SDS may stand as a solid testimonial to his entrepreneurial talents, his undying enthusiasm and unquenchable spirit of vigor will also be remembered as his trademark. No one worked harder at promoting diving and embracing innovations that led the industry. Cliff will be impossible to forget and all his friends are invited to attend the services or simply to hoist a glass in his memory no matter where you may be if you cannot travel to Wolfeboro.

His long time friend and business associate Bret Gilliam reminds us all that "The Key To Immortality is Living a Life Worth Remembering." Cliff will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

Cards can be sent to:
Kathy Simoneau
PO Box 1797
Wolfeboro NH
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In lieu of flowers please send donations to:
NEADS - National Education for the Assistance Dog Services
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The diving industry has lost one of its truly unique personalities and we all wish Cliff a smooth ride in his new journey. God speed, ol' buddy.