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**Clifford, James Beryl
"Bill"**

of Princeville, Kauai passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 at Wilcox Hospital. He is preceded in death by his wife Karen, parents Harry E. and Eva Angeline, brother Byron, sister Hallie Freile and son James Scott.

Bill is survived by sons Robert "Bob" (Mona) and Bradley Clifford; daughter Amy Clifford Wamhoff (Chad); stepsons Marc and Mike Dahlquist; grandchildren Jade, Josh, Libby, Zach, Mackenzie, Spencer, Abby, and Ally; great grandchildren Caleb and Jaylah; numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill grew up in Little Falls, MN, he graduated from Royalton High school 1946. After high school Bill attended University of Minnesota graduating with a Bachelors in 1951. With the Korean War going on, he served his country 1951-1953 and was honorably discharged. Bill was extremely active in politics, including serving as councilman in Plymouth, MN and the Minnesota House of Representatives 1973-1974. He also helped found the Chamber of Commerce in a Minneapolis suburb, which has grown to now be the second largest Chamber of Commerce in Minnesota.

Bill also had a successful career selling group life and individual insurance for North American Life for many years then becoming the regional manager. In 1981, he decided to start Corporate Benefits of America CBSA and went on to grow it into a very successful company. In his career, he served as President of the MN Life Underwriters, and received the prestigious industry award the G. Bennet Serrill award in 1989. After selling the CBSA in 1991 Bill and Karen, bought their home in Kauai but did not move there until they completed the "loop" on their boat that took about a year and a half.

Bill and Karen lived in Kauai for 19 years, enjoying many trips around the world. Bill continued to live in Princeville after Karen's passing in 2013. After suffering a major illness in May 2018, Bill moved to Garden Isle in Lihue. There he enjoyed going out to dinner with a good friend, Jeff many night for the last year.

While living on Kauai Bill continued his love for politics and community by serving on several boards for condominium and housing association in the Princeville area. Bill proudly served as a Rotarian for over 20 years between Minnesota and Kauai, including being on the board.

Bill also enjoyed giving garden tours with Karen at Na' Ania Kai gardens. Bill drove the tour cart while Karen shared her knowledge about all the beautiful things in the Garden.

A celebration of his life will be held on September 14, 2019 at 11:30am, Hudson Marina Club House, 16 1st St. Hudson, WI 54016.

Casual/Aloha attire.