

George Clough

Lt. Col. George Clough, age 91, of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb 11, 2024. George was born July 25, 1932, in Brooklyn, NY. His wife Shirley (née McGarvey) preceded him in death in December of 2022. He is survived by his sister, Nancy Reilly of New York; his children, Kevin (Cathy) Clough and Shelagh Clough; his grandson, Sean Clough; his beautiful great-granddaughter, Kailey Clough; and many nieces and nephews.

George proudly served in the United States Air Force. After his active duty, George received a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and went on to receive a law degree from St. John's University in New York. After graduation, he worked as a corporate attorney and continued to serve in the United States Air Force Reserves for 20 years.

He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for over 50 years serving in many Hibernian positions both locally and nationally. Clough served a founder and past president of the Cardinal John Glennon Division 2, St. Louis. He was also elected to two terms as National President, only one of four people west of the Mississippi elected to be President in the 175-year history of the Order.

While President, he visited Northern Ireland many times, and marched in the "Bloody Sunday" commemoration in Derry City. On his trips to Northern Ireland he visited the Political Prisoners in the Maze (Long Kesh) prison and delivered the proceeds of the Annual Christmas Appeal Fund to Jerry Adams and Martin McGuinness at receptions held at the AOH Hall in Derry City.

He chaired the 1978 National Convention in Killarney, Ireland and served for 17 years as Chairman of the Notre Dame-Hibernian Fund, which awards scholarship assistance to members, and the sons and daughters of members of the AOH and LAOH.

For a number of years, he served as AOH National Legal Counsel and as a member of the AOH Oversight Committee reviewing all the investment and financial activities of the AOH.

Clough was extremely proud of his Irish Heritage. He made a huge imprint in keeping the spirit of Ireland alive in St. Louis.

The following is a statement from the members of Division 2 issued upon George's passing: "The loss of George reverberates deeply within the fabric of our Division's heritage. His visionary leadership shaped our Division's trajectory, notably through the inception of the St. Louis Metropolitan Parade in downtown St. Louis and the Hibernian St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dogtown. All of us will keenly feel the void left by his guidance".