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***Obituary: 6-30-2003***

## ***CLIFF MILLER***

Cliff Miller, who died from natural causes on June 30, 2003, was an integral and substantial part of the NTI Team. His early, untimely death was a shock and great loss to all that knew him. He was involved in many facets of the shooting sports and a core member of the Adams County Sportsmen's Association. Cliff was a participant in the early NTI events, and from NTI V- XIII was an active and contributing Team member.

The strong and friendly personality along with the ready smile and quick wit soon endeared him to the entire Team and any participants who came to know him. He began his career with the Team on live fire stages. There his ability and insight into the mechanics of building stages and understanding of the philosophy of the event soon manifested itself in scenarios that were challenging and meaningful. He was more than a willing worker and was always there to assist anyone in any way that he could. The keen sense of humor that became one of his trademarks was appreciated by all that came into contact with him. Any conversation with Cliff was an uplifting experience. He had that unique ability to make anyone feel good about themselves no matter how exasperating any situation might be.

When he transferred to the "Force on Force" stages, and became one of the original ATSA Village judges, his talents and abilities found a whole new venue to express creativity and learning. One of his favorite themes "watch your six" was always presented as a significant problem for practitioners to learn a valuable lesson. Cliff had a unique ability to propose real life situations that provided individuals with the opportunity to test themselves and their reactions in order to evaluate their abilities. His calm and commanding presence in "The Village" assured participants and role players that a safe arena was established in order to produce the atmosphere to learn and test skills and abilities.

While the physical presence of the man is no longer with the Team, the sense of honor and duty that he exhibited along with the lessons and humor that he portrayed shall always remain a part of the NTI.