



Donald Wentworth Coye

July 19, 1917 - August 20, 2016

Donald Wentworth Coye, of Jamesville, passed away Aug. 20, 2016. He was 99 years old. He was born July 19, 1917, in Fayetteville, NY, the son of Monte and Edith (Wentworth) Coye of North Pitcher and South Otselic, NY, and moved to the township of LaFayette at the age of 3 where he resided for the rest of his life. He attended Jamesville High School and graduated from Cornell University in 1942 with a degree in agriculture. He operated a dairy farm with his father, wife, sons and daughter for his entire working life. He was a lifelong member of the Jamesville Community Church and active in their men's club for many years. He was a 4-H Club leader at different points in his life and active in farm organizations like the Farm Bureau and Grange. He and his wife, Joyce Fincher of Ithaca, were married in 1951. She predeceased him in 2013.

He is survived by his brother, Dana and his wife Dorothy of Skaneateles; his children David of Phoenixville, PA, Dale (Bev Boyer) of Wilton, NH, Gary (Mary Ellen) of Syracuse, and Gwen of Jamesville; one granddaughter, Julianne Coye of Wilton, NH; as well as nieces, nephews, and their children.

He had a keen interest in many things, including all aspects of farming, the history of Jamesville, and keeping in touch with his family. He enjoyed planting trees and relaxing at his camp at DeRuyter Reservoir. In lieu of flowers friends are encouraged to donate to the Jamesville Community Church (6300 E.

Seneca Turnpike) or the Jamesville Museum (6492 E. Seneca Turnpike) both at Jamesville, NY 13078.

A memorial service will be held at the Jamesville Community Church at 7 PM Wednesday, August 24.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Wentworth Coye*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - August 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you very much.*

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace and your memories keep him alive in our hearts.*

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you, Paul. The church, neighbors, family and friends came through last night once again as it will continue to do. My mother and father were always fond of your family.*

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave,
My deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father. I hope the good memories of his wonderfully long life soon replace the sad memories of his passing.
Sue Klotz Payne

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you, again, Margie. We were just looking at your dad in my parent's wedding album when they all were so young and determined to do what they needed to do for their families.

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Thanks, Rick. Yesterday our family fondly remembered the Bishops, Grubbs, Armstrongs, Rounds, etc. as one came up Coye Rd. in the 1950's and 60's. Your thoughts are appreciated.

August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue, your good wishes hit me in such a heartfelt way today. I am touched. I hope you are well and that our paths will cross before too much longer.

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“ Some of my earliest memories of Don Coye are from when I was a small child. They were at the old Jamesville Federated Church building; and, at the farm, usually in the barn. He was always at church on Sunday. I would see him talking with the other Dads; and, men after church services. On the farm he would take time to show my brother; and, I the cows and new calves. Don was a quiet man; a kind man. A giving man. He was a good friend to my parents and family. He was a life long friend of my Dad. He cared about his neighbors; whether they were across the street; or, down the road. Don will be missed by many whose lives he touched.

Margie (Rounds) Algood

Butterfly - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Coye family, We remember Don and Joyce very well. We are very sorry for your loss. The Grubb family

August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I have the same memories of Don that Margie Rounds describes so well. Don and his wife Joyce were among a group of people who made Jamesville Community Church the special place it has been, for many, many decades. He was a gentle, humble man. Of all the churches my father served as pastor, Jamesville was his favorite, and the rest of our family felt the same way. That feeling was because of people like Don Coye. Condolences to his family

August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wonderful comments, Margie*

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