



Donald F. Dix

February 10, 1936 - March 14, 2008

Donald F. Dix, 72, of Jamesville, New York died Friday, March 14, 2008 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York following a long illness. Born February 10, 1936 in Syracuse, New York, the son of Albert F. and Loretta I. (French) Dix, Mr. Dix was a graduate of Onondaga Community College. He retired from Onondaga County Department of Corrections at Jamesville Penitentiary following 30 years as a Lieutenant and he worked several years with the Onondaga County Parks and Recreation Department as a crew chief. He also retired from the National Guard following 25 years of service.

Don was a member of LaFayette Alliance Church, where he was also a founding and very active member of F4. He was a member of AmVets, Valley VFW and a former member of Jamesville Fire Department. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing and was an avid traveler.

He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Kimberly J. Dix in 2004.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years the former Judy Reahr; two sons, Donald A. Dix and Rich (Michelle) Dix both of LaFayette, New York; three daughters, Robin (Jeff) Peacock of Shalimar, Florida, Sandy Dix of Jamesville, New York and Lynn (Gerrit) Vanderwerff of LaFayette, New York; two brothers, Ronald (Linda) Dix of Homer, New York and Duane (Dawn) Dix of Jamesville, New York; an aunt, Eldora Sleeth of Jamesville, New York; 12 grandchildren,

Hannah, Sarah, Mark, Jon, Kevin, Amelia, Gerrit, Amber, Collin, Jonathan, Emmett and Spencer; three great-grandchildren, Halie, Ashlyn and Madison; several nieces and nephews.

Services: Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 11:00 a.m. at LaFayette Alliance Church, corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road, LaFayette, New York.

Burial: Jamesville Cemetery, Route 173, Jamesville, New York.

Calling Hours: Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. at LaFayette Alliance Church, corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road, LaFayette, New York.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald F. Dix*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - March 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Pappy I was just sitting here looking at your picture. I just read through your obit.(You really did live quite a wonderful life.)I sure do miss you .You have 2 new great grand daughters.Mano how time flies. Love Sandy*

March 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Pappy, Well we made it through the first Christmas. It was different, to say the least. Richard's boys were very fun to watch. I talked to Robin , she had the whole gang at her house.Idon't know if you celebrate Jesus birthday there ,I can only think it must have been quite a happening!! Missing You lots. Love Sandy*

December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Pap, I sure do miss you. Fathers day past,last weekend. It bought back alot of great memorys. I am trying now to plan this years vacation. I am thinking of all the family vacations. You really gave me the travel bug! I so wish you would have made it to Alaska. It is quite a place. Well I think of you often, but I have to go for now. Love You LOTS! Sandy

June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Frank worked with Don at the penitentiary beginning 1959 and became friends. Don and Judy invited us to their house to play cards and a spaghetti dinner. We became instant friends. I still use Judy's recipe that I have passed on to my family. We moved to Michigan in 1966 and left behind our best friends ever. They had beautiful babies and we missed seeing them grow up. It was always special to come back to N.Y. to see Don, Judy and their family for special events. Judy for Don to be taken away so early; but I know you and your family was the most important thing in his life as well as his "God". Thank you for all the good times. Love, Frank and Myrna

April 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Judy, Robin,Sandy,Don,Lynn,Rich, I'll always remember your house had the frist deer of the season. One time when Don was in Michigan he ran into a friend of mine and he brought her bussiness card back to me and we were able to reconnect.He was a great person. Gwen

March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ You've been called today, as all will be Relinquished from your misery And onto us the pain will shift... The poorest syndicated gift We turn one unto the other and say just how we feel But between the weeps lies happiness... and effervescent zeal We'll all come home soon too... and we will not need to cling To all the ephemeral thoughts of you, and the sorrow that they bring No tears no longer will be shed for thee But we'll smile for where you've come to be For soon we'll meet in the ending place And run to you with full embrace

March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Judy, Robin, Sandy, Don, Rich and Lynne, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. He was always a happy, respectful stand up guy and what more can you ask from neighbor? As I often make long car journeys now I remember him telling me of driving, where was it to St. Louis?, untold miles to see Judy and not thinking anything about it. I've taken on that same sense. We will all miss him. David Coye

March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“Dad, I love you and already miss you. Hard to believe you are not at home. So very glad to have gotten to visit you a few weeks ago! Truly a gift from God. There are lots of things that I will remember about you....."french" vanilla (plain vanilla just wouldn't do), your "good movie, Babe" yelled from your chair in the living room, the nick name "Rube" that you often called me by, whisker rubs and leg slaps, and "fired our guns and the British kept a comin" playing loud over the car stereo. I also cherish memories of hiking and canoeing with you and the youth group. One fond memory I have is enjoying laying in my bedroom early in the morning and listening to the sounds of you and Mom's voices in the kitchen as you prepared to go off deer hunting....somehow it made me feel safe and secure. I will always remember the value of hard work, and learned so much when the addition was put on the old house. You involved us kids and made us feel useful. I recall doing sheet rock and staining the texture 1-11, also roofing and shoveling dirt; to this day I have an appreciation for work and actually enjoy it! You taught me to respect my elders, especially Mom, and to greet people in the house when I come in. The core values of love of God, love of family, and love of country were very important to you, and are so to me. I remember you would always stand up at attention at a parade when the war veterans would march by. Family, too, was always a priority, and helping each other, and sticking together. So amny trips you took to visit me and Jeff and the kids over the years, helping to form lasting bonds in spite of the distance. One of the greatest gifts you gave to me was a love of the natural world. Those cross country trips opened my eyes to some of our country's most beautiful sites. I remember gazing out the window in awe at such places as Yellowstone, Glacier Park and the Colorado Rockies. Thank you, Dad, for all these memories, and many more. You are ever in my heart.

March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“Grandpa, It's unfortunate that I didn't live closer to you, because I loved every chance I got to see you. I feel that over the past 3 or 4 years you and I were really beginning to bond. I enjoyed having lunch, just you and I.. It was those lunches we had that I really felt I got to know the real you. And I'll never forget the time you came and helped us move into our new house... It was a lot of fun taking orders from you that day.. There you were, 70 years old, outdoing everyone, and talking about how you could have moved the whole house in one day by yourself, and had a spaghetti dinner. You will never know how much admiration I have for you. You were without a doubt the toughest person I have ever met in my life. Very rough around the edges, yet so kind at heart. I am so honored that I was able to have a guy like you for a grandfather. I couldn't have asked for a better one. You will be sorely missed by all who you met, no doubt, and I am no exception. I love you grandpa, and I will see you soon.

March 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“My love and prayers to you and your family.

March 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“Ron & Linda, I did not know Don. But my sincere sympathies go out to you and your family. I lost a brother 3 months ago and I certainly know what you are going thru. Another angel amongst us. God Bless

March 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gramps was a great man who will be missed dearly. I consider myself lucky to have been blessed by knowing him and knowing all of you. Please take comfort in the fact that he is with the lord. I love you all and Miss each of you.. My prayers are with you.

March 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Judy and family, Don was such a wonderful human being, friend, and neighbor. He always went the extra mile to help out others and we have such great memories of him that we will keep forever. Love, Jim, Alice, Brittany, Michaela, and Sophie.

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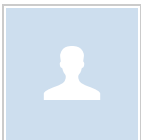
“ my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your loss.....

March 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ well he was my bestfriend amber 's grandfather and he was very nice and he was always happy he will be miss by many and he will always be in our hearts Amber i am her for you if you need to talk to someone Samantha

March 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am really sorry for you loss i know it is hard to lose someone you love i know how you guys feel i lost my cuz Justin last year to leukemia it was really hard for are family~samantha~

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“ *My thoughts are with your family.*

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“ *I always had alot of respect for Don and I'm glad I was able to see him this past Christmas, It had been 15 Yrs. I'm in florida right now and unable to attend the services, but he will be in my Prayers and Thoughts.*

March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Ebenezer Penny Squeezer or ""Eb"" for short: You know you seemed like a tough and crusty kind of guy to me and I was always a bit nervous around you, at first. But as I got to know you over the last 22 years, I have found you to be a kind hearted man, someone who was always quick to help those in need, an adventurous traveler which that spirit of travel has trickled on down to me thru Sandy, and a fierce competitor whether it be a simple game of Pitch to the wickedest game of all...Scrabble!!! You have touched many lives over the years and you will be sorely missed. I am glad to have known you Eb, I'll miss you and your strength, and I'll see you soon. Say hi to Kimber for me. :) Linda*

March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Judy and Family,I know that Don will be greatly missed at events we had at Dave's Parents house. Don really put a smile on our faces everytime he told us that things get more interesting as the kids get older, and Jeff is sure living up to that. We just wanted to extend our prayers with all of you in this time and we hope to see you all soon at the Hartnett's pinics and outings this summer.Patty, Dave and Jeffery Hartnett

March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Stay strong through all the hard times.

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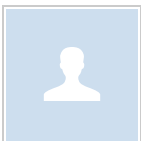
“ One of my fondest memories of Don was the time we all got together to work at Lynn and Gerrit's and working with Don. We had so much fun with him, and it only got better.Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you at this time.With Love,Chip and Beth

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Judy and All the Family,Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Steve's fondest memories are, floating around on a catamoran in St Kitt's with Don. He always asked "What's wrong with you Murphy?"All our Love,MSgt Steve & Eva Murphy

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. Sorry I cannot be there. Dennis Zgardzinski

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY OF DON. HE WAS A FINE MAN AND WE KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED GREATLY BY HIS WONDERFUL FAMILY. TOM&HELEN DUTTON CLAY,NY

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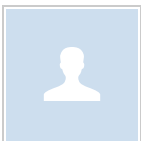
“ oh so many memories with grandpa and kim. The two of them always had the greatest smiles ever. The 2 of them could light up the world and they did. Im gonna miss you so much grandpa. Hug kim for us all. I love you!!

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Don will be missed by us all, when he'd come over and say lets go somewhere.

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Don was a great and honorable man and I know that when he looks down on us from heaven that he could not be more proud of his family and loved ones. My prayers go out to all of you. May the Lord be with you and keep you all.

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Dix family. We pray that the Holy Spirit will comfort you and bring you peace.Dave & Debbie Snow

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We share so many good memories of our times with Don and Judy. We enjoyed traveling with Don to Sight and Sound in PA with our church group. We also remember the fun times that we shared at dinners for each others birthdays. We remember meeting with Don & Judy when Don first became a Christian and the good times of seeing him grow in his faith. We have missed Don at our Monday night Bible Studies since he became to ill to come anymore. We praise God for his faithfulness and thank him for the hope we have that we will see him again.

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Donnie (Mr Dix) was a beautiful man and I loved him so much...Would do anything in the world for you..A loving father and husband.I am so thankful to have had the time I did have...We were cousins.God Bless you Donnie and your family.You will be missed..I will cherish your memories and all the good laughs we had and I am thankful for all your information you gave me on the French and Dix side of the family...We did alot of research and I pestered you so much and you were so patient... I know you are resting now and not sick anymore and very happy.I will see you again one day...I thank you and Judy both for coming to S.C. to see us over the years even in Indiana...You have a wonderful family... You reminded me so much of my father.. I love you, Ms French (Pam)and Family (Tracy&Tommy Wilson)(George & son Jonathan Esch) (Matt & Melissa Martin)

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was very sorry to hear of Don's passing. I had the pleasure of meeting him at the hunting camp and always enjoyed playing cards with him. It was always funny to observe how quiet he was when he was winning (he always kept score) and how he could cut a man in two with a sharp glare from his eyes when someone misplayed a card or wasn't paying attention. My condolences to his family.

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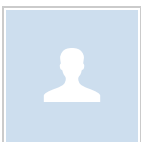
“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO HEIDI AND DONALD DIX AND FAMILY. MAY HE ALWAYS REST IN PEACE.FRIENDS & CO-WORKERS AT ADM, CEDAR RAPIDS

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ The Officers and Members of the Mattydale Fire Department join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family at this Time of Sorrow.

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ JUDY,SANDY,ROBIN,DON,RICH,LYNN &FAMILY I'M VERY SORRY TO HEAR THE PASSING OF YOUR HUSBAND AND FATHER. KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALL IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GOD BLESS. DAWN

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“gramps will be missed dearly and i know that he lived a life for christ, so that brings comfort. Taken from suffering taken from pain eternally home with Christ Jesus and the beautiful Kimberly Janewhile we ask why the Lord says because he is mine. Breathing, eating, walking with Jesus hes now talking though we cant see his face or hear his voice The Lord called him home so rejoice~amber luv ya gramps, and i cant wait to see ya again

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“Dear Judy and Family, We want to send our love and prayers to all of you. We met Don & Judy at Iroquois as he was preparing to return home and we were just starting on that road. Don and Judy were so helpful. Don's positive attitude and encouragement meant more than anything to us. The time he took to help us when he was dealing with his own illness will never be forgotten. Thank you Don, and God Bless you. Love, Mary & Joel

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“Mom & Our Family, Can't believe Pap is gone. What a LIFE full of memories. I have known you for more than 30 years and been a part of the family for more than 20. All of us have special memories of Pap, Uncle Don. We will truly miss his wit. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now at this time. Take comfort in the knowledge that him and Kimberly are together, watching over us! We love you all with all our hearts.

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We will always remember Don for all the fun and interesting things we did together. May he forever Rest In Peace

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“ I grew up next door to the Dices...All three Don, Ron and Duane are like my big brothers. I was a babysitter when Robin, Sandy, and Donnie were little. There was always lots of entertainment and joy going on around Don. Judy, Hang in there! You guys are like family and always have been. You have a wonderful family tree and I know you take your strength from their love. It is a fact that every single time someone in my family passed away it was the Dix boys and their Dad who were the first ones through the door. I will always be grateful for their love and support of my family. Don was pall-bearer every time we had a funeral. I don't know of anyone any kinder and more caring of others than Don. I wish you all more strength and love as you say goodbye to your family anchor. I am unable to come in person because of Jim's health, he remembers Don well and all the laughs we had when we visited your house. He has had 4 brain surgeries for hydrocephellis and is unable to walk anymore. I will always remember Don as my big brother. All my thoughts and love, Carol Dufrane age 61 and Jim Dufrane age 67.

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. My heart goes out to all of you as I just lost my dad, and I feel the terrible pain. I hope you will all be well. I will keep you in my thoughts & prayers.- Stephanie Helstein (Cole)

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“Gerrit, So sorry to hear about your father-in-law. We are thinking of you, Lynn and the whole family now. Know that you are surrounded by love and light to get you thru the darkness now. Much peace,
Clare and Mike Volo

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“TO all the Dix family; you will be in our thoughts and prayers. You are a wonderful family; and that will help pull you through this; Our love to all.

March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“I remember hanging out with Don Jr. and talking with Pappy Dix. I don't know if anyone still calls him that, but that is how I remember him. My maiden name was Ellis. I haven't seen any of you in a long time. I was saddened to see that Pappy had died, when I read it in the paper. My Sincerest sympathy to your whole family!!!!!! Paulette

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