



John Butkins

October 3, 1933 - July 4, 2014

John Butkins, 80, of Lafayette, New York died Friday, July 4, 2014 at the VA Hospital in Syracuse following a long battle with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Born in Syracuse, New York he was the son of the late, Percy and Anne Newman Butkins. John retired from Allied Chemical following 29 years as a pipe fitter. Mr. Butkins was a life member and Past Commander of LaFayette Post 1955 VFW, an avid SU Lacrosse fan, enjoyed gardening, woodworking, horses and was a former Scout Master of Troop 100 in LaFayette. He was a communicant of The Church of The Nativity at St. Joseph's. He was a US Navy veteran serving on the USS Quincy during the Korean Conflict. He was predeceased by a grandson, Joshua Butkins in 2009, brother, Louis Butkins and two sisters, Joan Krull and Barbara Beckwith. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, the former Betty Jean Matson; sons, John (Charlene) of Liverpool, William (Laurel) of Cuyler, Peter (Kimberly Kesel) of Brewerton and David (Wendy) Butkins of Baldwinsville; daughter, Kathleen (Brian Franklin) Butkins of LaFayette; his mother, Rosemary Newman Butkins of Clay; brothers, Dr. Peter of Orlando, FL and Robert Butkins of State College, PA; sisters, Tina (Hank) Bustin of Cicero and Valerie (Donald) Robbins of Liverpool; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and his K-9 companion, Pixie.. Calling hours will be on Tuesday from 4 to 7 pm at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc. 3584 Field Lane, LaFayette. Burial will be in Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. A Mass of Christian Burial will at 10 am on Wednesday at the Church of the Nativity at St. Joseph's,

6136 Cherry Valley Tnpk. (Rt. 20), LaFayette. Contributions may be made to ALS Association (Upstate NY Chapter), 890 7th North St., Suite 108, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Butkins*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - July 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *miss you pops!!rip say hi to josh for me*

February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers for all of you.*

July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Jack was a person full of life, who enjoyed life. He was very active and always had a smile on his face. He was a man I respected. I am thankful he was a part of my life. He will be greatly missed, but we all have wonderful memories of him. My sympathies to Aunt Betty and my cousins.*

July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you all during this hard time. I don't know what else to say about my uncle except that I was extremely fortunate to have him as my uncle and now that he is gone, I miss him. Rest in peace, in the arms of the angels, as they carry you to heaven, Uncle Jack.

July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Jack was my father-in-law for only a few years but we shared a mutual respect and understanding that included learning to rise above life's struggles and challenges. He was always honest, upfront and full of wisdom. It was easy to love and adore him. I am honored and blessed to have been touched by him. His strength and courage will always be with me as a reminder of how to forge ahead. I will miss you Jack. See you again one day.

July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I feel so lucky to have had uncle Jack in my life. I moved away right after high school, but remember visiting my \"crazy\" cousins (crazy because they were so full of energy) out in the country, and wish I could have more. Uncle Jack always had stories and a smile on his face, unless we ran off somewhere we shouldn't, then you didn't want him mad at you. I joined the service because of relatives like my uncle Jack. I'm sitting here trying to think of one word that describes him and it has to be hero. If I can amount to be even half the man he was, I'll feel like I accomplished something on this earth.

July 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Betty and family~so sorry about ajack\'s passing. He was such a good man. Our thoughts are with you all.

July 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Billy and Lori, I'm so sorry to hear of Billy\'s father\'s passing. I remember him as a very jovial man who was so proud of his family. I will be keeping you all in my prayers.

July 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So glad I was able to meet Uncle Jack several years ago, and hear some of his unique stories and jokes. Rest in peace.

July 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We would like to express our most sincere sympathy and offer our prayers to the Butkins family. Mr. Butkins was a pillar our town and set an example of service, leadership and caring that is second to none. God bless you all.

July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My father was one of the finest men I have ever known. He was my friend, my mentor and hero! I will always cherish the time I had with him and so happy to have shared so many life events. You are now at peace, no more pain or suffering...rest in peace and until week meet again Sir, I love you!

July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in peace Mr. Butkins*

July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Jack (John), I am so very glad we got to spend some time together most recently. Your new van and electric chair not only gave you a better quality of life, but seemed to please you immensely. I had to marvel at your precise talent of maneuvering the chair into the van. I know I couldn't have done it at all, much less better. It was good to see you looking so well and enjoying the benefit of these items, the company and the day. You have had a lot on your plate for a while now and have handled these struggles with dignity, grace and patience. You are in good hands at this time and look forward to when we will meet again. For Aunt Betty, John, David, Peter, Joe, Kathy, Pixie, your grand children and the rest of your family, I know God is with you at this moment, tending to your sadness and grief, while welcoming His newest sheep back into His fold. God Bless and well wishes for your journey. Love, Connie and Family (PS: please say Hi to my Mom and Dad, grandparents and my John)*

July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM