



Malcolm Knapp

February 5, 1930 - October 30, 2013

Malcolm Wells Knapp February 5, 1930 - October 30, 2013 Malcolm Wells Knapp, 83, of LaFayette, passed away Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at home, surrounded by his family. Malcolm was born in Jamesville to the late Otto and Irene Knapp. He graduated from Jamesville Central School and the State University of New York at Morrisville with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. As a life-long farmer, he was the owner and operator of Hiscock and Knapp farms in LaFayette and belonged to many farm organizations. Malcolm loved to garden and generously shared the bounty of his crops with his family and friends. He was also a real estate broker for Coldwell-Banker for twenty-five years. He was a founding member and chairman of the LaFayette Apple Festival for over thirty years. Over the years Malcolm also served as an Elder at the Columbian Presbyterian Church and as a member and past master of Tully Masonic Lodge #896, a thirty-second degree Mason, and member of the Scottish Rites and Tigris Shrine as well as District Deputy Grand Master for the Onondaga Districts. Malcolm loved the Town of LaFayette and was involved in the community by serving on the Town Board, the LaFayette Republican Committee and as Town Justice for forty-three years. In those forty-three years he enjoyed performing over 1000 weddings. Malcolm was honored to be selected as President of the Onondaga County Magistrates Association, President of the New York State Magistrates Association and was chosen New York State Magistrate of the Year by his peers. Malcolm was known for his sense of humor, broad smile, hearty laugh

and his ability to find the good in everyone he met. He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-nine years, Bettye (Hiscock), sons Malcolm Douglas (Anne), David (Donna) and predeceased by his daughter, Deborah Miller (Kenneth). His nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren (Douglas, Kenneth, Justin, Ashley, Gabrielle, Brittany, Devon, Shannon, Oliver, Katherine and Delanie) were the joy of his later years. He is also survived by his brothers Merrell (Audrey), Bruce (Sybil) and sister Joyce Klock and predeceased by his brother Melvin (Lea) as well as many nieces and nephews and his pet miniature donkeys Jack and Jenny. Friends may call from 2 – 6 pm on Saturday at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane, Lafayette (Cardiff). Burial will be in LaFayette Rural Cemetery. Services will be at 2 pm on Sunday at Columbian Presbyterian Church, corner Rt. 20 and Rt. 11 LaFayette. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Tully Masonic Lodge #896 or Columbian Presbyterian Church in LaFayette.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Malcolm Knapp*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul and I would like to express to Bettye and the wonderful family that she and Malcolm created that our heart is heavy for you and we send along our prayers. Malcolm was the cornerstone of our little town and gave us newbies a reason to set roots in the community. His warmth and wit will always be remembered along with that tremendous smile. A honorable public servant that never sacrificed his integrity. May God reward you for all the good you brought to this world.*

November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We were always so pleased when Malcolm and Bettye would visit us here in Maine. Malcolm always had that twinkle in his eye, and a curiosity and interest in everything. Sometimes it seems when people get older their world gets smaller, but that wasn't the case with Malcolm. Together with their friends John and Irene, Malcolm and Bettye explored the world and made every moment count. Reading his obituary has given us an even greater appreciation for his life and the people he touched. Here was a man who spent his life helping others and he sure seemed to enjoy himself doing it!

November 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Bettye and Family, Sorry to here about Malcolm, our thought and prayers are with you. His smile told the story. That he Loved his family and his family Loved him. His sense of honesty, fairness, civic duty, and Love for his family will carry for generations in the Knapp Family and others. God Bless

November 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Betty and family, I met Malcombe many years ago and had many pleasant times with him and have found memories. He will be sadly missed by the family and the community. We are all better off for knowing him. Lanny and Linda Schantz.

November 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sending our deepest sympathy to you Bettye and all of your family. Malcolm was a good friend and a great man to do business with. He helped us out many times and that will not ever be forgotten. May he rest in peace. Jim and Cathy Edinger Clearwater, Florida

November 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Malcolm's passing was a great loss for all. I will always remember him and feel better for having know him. He was well loved by all Troopers that I have worked with. I will remember him in my prayers. Retired Sergeant SP LaFayette.

November 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Knapp, Doug, Dave, and Family: We all felt deep sadness when Dave called to tell us that Malcolm passed away. He was a wonderful human being that meant so much to so many people and he will surely be missed. I (like others) have so many great memories of him that whenever I recollect one, it's guaranteed to put a smile on my face and add a bit of brightness to my day. You and the entire family are in our thoughts and we pray the Lord provides you all comfort during this challenging time. I can't help but envision the big grin on Debbie's face when she welcomed her father Home. God Bless you all! "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God"...John 14:1

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Betty, Doug, Cheeks and families.....Steve and I are so sorry for your loss. Everywhere one goes in Lafayette you could see Betty and Malcolm helping out at school, a community function, cheering on the kids.....what a wonderful legacy you have left in your families and you should be so proud! Growing up you both were wonderful friends with my mom and dad and always so good to us kids.....you will be missed. Our little town will never be the same. Let us know if there is ever anything we can do to help. Rest in peace kind man..... Steve & Lisa Sofranko (Crabtree)

November 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Malcolm was known by many. He will be dearly missed. Our sympathy goes out to all of his family. Jim & Terri Herlihy

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“ It was my honor to serve with Malcolm on the Board of Elders at the Columbian Presbyterian Church. He was a fair man with a kind heart and wonderful sense of humor. I know that he will be greatly missed by family, friends, and the LaFayette community. I would like to share a memory that makes me smile. While serving on Session, the members would gather for a dinner in early January to discuss future plans for the church. Each of us would volunteer to bring a dish to pass. Malcolm always jumped in and volunteered to bring dessert. A few years passed before someone explained that he would talk one of his granddaughters into making it for him, and so I thank them for all of those delicious desserts! To the entire Knapp family, I am so sorry for your loss.

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“ *Bettye and Family - We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of need. Sincerely, Cathleen, Patrick & Michael Ready*

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“ *Brother Malcolm served Tully Lodge # 896 and the community at large for his entire life. He was a positive influence on all who met him. My condolences to his family, friends, and fellow Masons. May his memory be a blessing to us all.*

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“ *Malcolm and I shared so many occasions in the past few years: in court; as fellow judges of the Memorial Day parade; sharing ideas and opinions about real estate and legal matters over the phone and in my office; talking about LaFayette's old days at the Historical Society and at alumni reunions (where, though not an LCS grad, he was welcomed as Bettye's hubby -- and for his own self!); at cemetery board annual meetings; at church functions, and just on the street, or at the post office or the bank. Malcolm was a true gentleman. He had many interesting stories and always had that big smile. It won't seem like LaFayette without Malcolm. My sincere condolences to the Knapp family.*

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“ To Bette, Dave and family. We were shocked and saddened to hear of Malcolm passing. As a Trooper stationed in Lafayette I remember the numerous midday and midnight arraignments that Malcolm graciously presided over. I especially remember one where the Judge was in the field mowing hay and could not be contacted. The prisoner was driven into the hay field, the tractor stopped and the judicial business was taken care of. He was a good man and will be missed. We apologize for not attending calling hours as we were unaware until late today. Tom & Gail Murfitt

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“ I lived for almost 40 years in Lafayette and had the privilege and honor of being around Betty and Malcolm in many situations. They were truly like the \"first family\" of Lafayette. I live in Florida now but wish to send my condolences to Betty and family during this time. He will be remembered in my prayers.....

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“ To the Knapp family; my condolences on your loss. As a State Trooper, stationed at Lafaytte, N.Y. I would see your father usually at 2 or 3 AM when he agreed to handle an arraignment. We would, as we rode a double car at night try to process our prisoner and not call until the last minute knowing he would I be getting up for chores around 4 AM. This did not always work out but he never complained always respected the job we were doing as we respected him for his always pleasant demeanor. He was a bright light and I always left your house with a smile on my face. I hold him in my memories and war stories, with B.A. Garrett T/Fabious and John Long T/Tully. DC Decker NYSP ret.

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“ *The staff of the Town and Village Courts of Red Hook, Dutchess County, extend our sympathies to the Knapp family on the loss of Judge Knapp. His honor was a mentor and example to judges across the state and he will be sorely missed. Sincerely, Jonah Triebwasser, Town and Village Justice Red Hook, New York Director, NYS Magistrates Association*

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“ *To the Knapp family, We are very sorry for your loss. Malcolm married us 29 years ago. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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“ *Bettye and family, What can anyone say!?! Malcolm was such a GREAT person; a friend, someone we could always 'look up to'; a man - respected by so many - for who he was - an honest, caring person, who did love to have fun! I think of all the times we played cards; I think of the time you all stopped in Mt Morris & visited with us - even going to all the Churches with us!! We have some tremendous memories!! We are sorry we will not be at the funeral - I'm preaching that Sunday here in the Grove City area. We all know our strength is in God, and God will see us through! Blessings and prayers, Willard & Carol*

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“ One of the greatest men that I have ever met! A true friend. Malcolm was always there for me through many of the challenges that life throws at you. You could not ask for a better friend. His smile would light up a room. We will miss our traditional pre-christmas dinner at the CRAFTSMAN. Our condolences to the Knapp family. We will miss Malcolm a lot. David & Sally Pawloski

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“ So many memories of the 41 years we spent together working on the Apple Festival. The trials and tribulations of those early years and the hysterical situations we sometimes got into but you pulled us through and we carried on. The Festival that now serves our community is a tribute to your dedication. We will forever miss you.

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“ To Bettye and family: my sincere condolences on the passing of such a great man. He was good friend of our family for all these years; especially my dad who was a judicial comrade and fellow farmer. As the saying goes \" they don't make \\m like that any more! \\\" God will be blessed with this addition to his great home in heaven.

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“ To the Knapp family, all of our prayers and sympathy to you. Your husband, father, and grandfather was a great and honorable man, and I considerate it a privilege to have known him. He will be forever missed.

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“ Judge Knapp was always cheerful, even in the wee hours when we woke him up. He was an honorable and knowledgeable Justice and man. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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“ A Great man that will be missed by many. Rest in peace

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“ We were so sorry to hear about Malcolm's passing. He will truly be missed by all in the Lafayette community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

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“ To a great long time friend, may you truly rest in peace. You have so earned it. You have done so much for all of us who call southern Onondaga County home. A man's man in true sense of the word. To your great family, we express our very sincere condolences. Especially you Bette. The two of you made such a nice couple and left us with some fond memories. Thank you and may God Bless.

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“ Malcolm was a very special man who will be dearly missed. He helped out our family numerous times. He married our son Ben. We will always remember him for all he did for us and others in the community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Rest in peace Malcolm.

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“ Condolences sent to the Knapp family, a great man loss, My marriage was one that Malcolm preformed 24 years ago, and still counting. A great community man ,who always saw people as individuals.... I remember a couple years ago He was at the tree lighting ceremony in town inside the bank entrance adjusting his sheppards out fit I Walked in to use the ATM and he was struggling and said Janice help fix this mess,we ended up laughing really hysterically over his situation straightened him out and he carried on.... To the Knapp family thank you for sharing such a great person with the communityBless you Justice Knappyou will never be forgotten!

October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy to the Knapp family and also for the Town of Lafayette. We have all lost a great man, Judge,friend and smiling face. His smile would brighten anyone\'s bad day. He will be missed very much. I am sad myself as he married me in my parents home and was a great friend. Thoughts and prayers to his wife and family.

October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy and prayers to the family, friends and residents of Lafayette for the passing of Judge Knapp. He was a man of great integrity, dedication and service to his community. He assisted and provided guidance for my family throughout the years along with a smile and a kind word. God bless him and his family during this time.

October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Knapp family so very sorry for your loss . There are no words to tell all of you how lucky we were blessed to have know such a good man he will be missed by all of us.*

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