



Robert I. "Bob" Everingham

April 7, 1920 - July 27, 2005

Robert I. Everingham, Sr., 85 of 2020 Clark Hollow Road, LaFayette, New York died suddenly Wednesday, July 27, 2005 following a heart attack.

Robert was born April 7, 1920, the son of William French and Edna (Irwin) Everingham. He was a seventh generation life resident of LaFayette. He attended Collingwood Elementary School, and graduated Valedictorian from LaFayette High School Class of 1937. In 1941, he graduated from Cornell with a BS in Agriculture. He was the 1940 Noble Ruler of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and in 2003 was honored in Columbus, Ohio as one of the Brothers of the Century. In 2002 Mr. Everingham received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Cornell School of Agriculture & Life Sciences.

Mr. Everingham has been a local and state leader in agriculture and education for more than 60 years. For half a century, he co-owned and operated the family's Cascadale Farm, first with his father William then with son Bob, Jr. In addition to farming, he worked full-time as Business Manager of the LaFayette Central School system, then Onondaga-Madison BOCES. His leadership includes serving for nearly 30 years (10 as president) for the Council on Rural Education, and co-founder of the NY Rural Schools Program, and later recipient of its Distinguished Service Award.

In agriculture, he served as Chair for the Onondaga County Dairy Herd

Improvement Association, President of Onondaga County Farm Bureau, and Director and executive committee member of the New York State Farm Bureau.

He has served on the Boards of LaFayette Central Schools, OM BOCES, Onondaga County Board of Health, Morrisville College Council, American Agriculturist Foundation and Chenango Mutual Insurance Company . He also served as Chairman for Blue Cross of Central NY, the NYS Milk Promotion Board, NY Farm Bureau Dairy Committee and the DEC Agricultural Advisory Council.

He was a life member of LaFayette Columbian Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder and Clerk of Session, a member and Past Master (1953) of the Tully Lodge #896 F&AM serving as assistant grand lecturer of Onondaga Masonic District. He was active in the LaFayette Historical Society and was presently serving as its President.

He was U.S. Army veteran of WWII and received the distinguished Purple Heart Award.

An active supporter of Cornell and the Agriculture College, he served on the Class of 1941 50th reunion committee, and most recently he was instrumental in the rebuilding campaign for the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity house.

He is pre-deceased by his sister Doris Williams; and by son Bob, Jr. who died tragically in 1986 in a farm accident; in 1988 Bob, Sr. and wife Blanche, established the Robert I. Everingham, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund at Cornell to sponsor Animal Science undergrad and graduate students.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years the former Blanche Bacorn; daughter, Carol J. Everingham of LaFayette; daughter-in-law; Pamela J. Everingham of

LaFayette; AFS exchange "son" Paco Marco of Valencia, Spain; nephew; Richard Williams of Aptos, CA; cousins; Jean Everingham Palmer Williams of Clinton, Alice Marion Sliker Denneville of Conesus; William Palmer of Florida, and Bruce MacQueen of Diest, Belgium, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling Hours: Saturday, July 30, 2005, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Masonic Service: Saturday, July 30, 2005, 4:00 p.m. at the funeral Home.

Memorial Service: Saturday, August 6, 2005, 2:00 p.m. in LaFayette Columbian Presbyterian Church, with the Reverend Deane F. Lavender officiating.

Burial: LaFayette Rural Cemetery, Route 11, LaFayette, New York with Military Honors.

Contributions: LaFayette Fire & Rescue Squad, Route 11, LaFayette, New York 13084; Columbian Presbyterian Church, PO Box 270, LaFayette New York 13084; or to Robert I. Everingham Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, 274 Roberts Hall, Cornell Univ. Ithaca, New York 14853

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert I. "Bob" Everingh*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - July 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *to my wonderful, perfect husband, i would love to wrap us up in a cozy quilt*

October 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear uncle Bob you a great man and a wonderful father, husband, friend and family, rest in peace. We lost a great man but the heavens gain a magestic soul. We love you and I am sure you are in a better place than us. Te queremos Connie, Ana and Daniel*

August 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carol, Your father sounds wonderful. He had a fine life and I am thinking of you, particularly this week. Much Love. Ann in Houston.*

August 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest condolence and loving prayers to the Everingham family.*

August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob is one of the most broad-minded, accepting spirits of my experience. These qualities gave both him and his family the elemental fortitude necessary to survive such blows as the loss of Bob Jr. 2 decades ago. I tally with those who note that the two Bobs are now planning the great world farm, the great universal garden of liberating human ideas.*

July 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Bob in 1965 when I travelled to the farm with Carol, from Buffalo State. It was my first experience on any kind of farm. Robert Everingham was a Large man in a not so large frame. Everything he touched was an important difference to whomever his gesture of outreach was directed toward. A man of this caliber never really leaves. He may be gone from sight, but he lives in us all.*

July 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob, what a charming, distinguished gentleman -(and handsome too!) I cherish many memories of you with Blanche and Carol -your sense of humor - your knowledge of so many subjects - your wonderful hospitality - I bid you ""adieu"" with hugs and love.*

July 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ He was always a gentleman and a wonderful neighbor. He was caring and thoughtful. I last saw him and Blanche was at my mother's calling hours.

July 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob Everingham was a great gentleman who loved his family, his home, his friends, his school and university (Cornell). He made many positive contributions to all. He was a loyal and wonderful friend and companion and we will miss him and remember him forever.

July 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Both Bob Sr. and Jr. were and always will be greatly missed. I remember one time when Bob Sr. Tought me how to register cows. I think that was one of the best things I've ever learned. Bob was a kind and loving person and my thoughts and prayer's are with the family. You will be missed very much. Love and peace Brent

July 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob, will always be remembered by us as one who made us welcome when I came back to my home area. We always looked forward to seeing a special couple at AGR, Ag Collage and other events. You are a special memory. You truly made a difference to many of us and especially too agriculture and your community. Blanche and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. May his memory comfort you in these dificult days ahead.

July 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM