



Lewis Hallenbeck

November 25, 1919 - December 4, 2012

Slingerlands- Lewis W. Hallenbeck was born in Albany but spent much of his childhood in a farmhouse on the banks of the Mohawk River at Hoffman's Ferry with his parents, Margaret (Lewis) and Johnson Potter Hallenbeck, and brother, Robert and sister, Mary. As a child he developed a strong interest in baseball, playing in the local church leagues (Emmanuel Presbyterians) while in high school (Amsterdam High) and college, and pitching for Headquarters against the Cooks and Bakers while stationed on South Pacific Islands during World War II. He was an ardent Yankees fan his whole life. Lewis graduated from Union College with a BSCE in 1940 and then went on to work with the Army Corps of Engineers, assisting in the design of fortifications to protect New York harbor and Long Island while earning his Masters in Civil Engineering, studying at night at New York University . As World War II escalated he joined the United States Navy in 1942 and served in the South Pacific with the storied Naval Construction Battalion (Sea Bees), the 18th Special, until after the end of the war. Upon being discharged as a Lieutenant Commander he returned to civilian life, working again with the Army Corps of Engineers on large flood control projects in Pennsylvania and New York.

Lewis married his wife of sixty-five years, Coreen Pryor on July 4, 1947 in Hornell, New York and began a long and significant career (32 ½ years) with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) where he was instrumental in the development of the Interstate Highway System in western

New York as Director of Region 6. Promoted to Chief Engineer in 1977, Mr. Hallenbeck oversaw the growth of the NYSDOT into a multimodal transportation provider, integrating waterways, railroads and transit systems into the department's mission. He also led the Department of Transportation's transition into the modern technological era with the incorporation of computers and new innovative communication devices into the workplace. He retired in December 1981 and he and Coreen began their second careers as genealogists.

Lew Hallenbeck was always a force in any community in which he lived, participating in the American Legion (a 63 year member of Post 440), Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge, Little League Baseball, Boys Scouts of America, member of the Hornell Planning Commission, St. James Mercy Hospital Board, the Southern Tier Library Board, Hornell Public Library Board, etc. He was a Life member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. In retirement he continued to contribute to his community by his participation in the Albany Institute, University Club and Dutch Settlers Association. He and his wife Coreen raised a family of six children, and he had a lifetime of close involvement with his children and grandchildren, ever the devoted and loving father.

Lewis W. Hallenbeck is survived by his wife, Coreen, six children, Julie (Mohammed) of Skillman New Jersey, Patrick (Carole) of Montreal Quebec, Margaret of Philadelphia, John (Mary Ann) of Rochester New York, Brenda (Gerard) of Framingham Massachusetts and Tom (Kelly) of Bishop California, his sister Mary, 11 grandchildren (Rebecca, Charles, Jennifer, Jessica, Gregory, Gaelen, Timothy, Christopher, Allison, Andrew, and Jacob) and 6 greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services Friday, December 7, 2012 at 3:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Relatives and friends are invited, and may call Friday after 1:00 pm in the funeral home.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hallenbeck Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at Union College, or the Hornell Public Library.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lewis Hallenbeck*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Patrick,
De la part du Département de microbiologie et immunologie, nos
plus sincères condoléances.
Un don sera envoyé.##imported-begin##Lucie
Lévesque##imported-end##*

December 17, 2012 at 03:11 PM



“ *We cherish, love and hold fast the memory of our parents in our
hearts. May God be with you and your family during your time of
sorrow.*

*From The Heath Family##imported-begin##Catherine and Terence
Heath##imported-end##*

December 14, 2012 at 07:02 AM



“ *Cher Patrick,
Les mots nous manquent toujours en de telles circonstances.
Sache toutefois que, malgré la distance, je compatiss de tout cœur
avec toi et ta famille. Sincères condoléances et bon courage. Jean-
Pierre##imported-begin##Jean-Pierre##imported-end##*

December 09, 2012 at 10:47 AM



“ Hi Peg,

So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I read his obit and he sure had a very interesting life. I know you're proud of him and will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowful time.

Robin (Dee's sister)##imported-begin##Robin Klink##imported-end##

December 07, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ Coreen - *I am so sorry to read of Lewis' death. I didn't know about all of his career activities and his love of baseball. He certainly had a full and active life and will be missed by many. I will always remember him doing research with you at the State Library. Peace and best wishes,*
Rebecca Rector, genealogist##imported-begin##Rebecca Rector##imported-end##

December 07, 2012 at 11:51 AM



“ Coreen & family,
It is a time of sadness for all of us. May you see God in the faces of friends and relatives, hear God in their voices, feel God in the touch of their hands. May the fact that so many care and sympathize be a reflection of God's love and mercy at this time when you need God most.
In Sympathy,
Nancy##imported-begin##Rev. Nancy A. McClure-Long [formerly Zeller]##imported-end##

December 06, 2012 at 11:02 PM



“ So sorry to read about Lew's passing. I worked for Lew for a few years in Hornell about 40 years ago. It was a great time in my life. I never worked for anyone I admired more than Lew and have thought of him often over the years. He was the kindest, smartest and most easygoing boss I have ever had. Sentiments I know were shared by everyone in that office.
My deepest condolences.##imported-begin##John Manning##imported-end##

December 06, 2012 at 05:36 PM



“ Sounds like a great guy. Think of all the great memories. A life well lived. My sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Jerry Leva Sr.##imported-end##

December 06, 2012 at 02:55 PM



“ Patrick, I am sorry for your loss.
My deepest condolences to you and your family.

France##imported-begin##France Daigle##imported-end##

December 06, 2012 at 02:17 PM



“ My sincere condolences to you and your family.

George##imported-begin##George Szatmari##imported-end##

December 06, 2012 at 01:26 PM



“ *Sincères sympathies à toi et à toute ta famille.
Amitiés,
D###imported-begin###Daniel Morency###imported-end###*

December 06, 2012 at 12:39 PM



“ *Cher Patrick Je suis de tout coeur par la pensée avec vous et avec vos proches en ce moment. Je sais à quel point c'est difficile de vivre des moments comme ceux-là. Je sais que la famille est quelque chose de très précieux pour vous et en lisant la biographie de votre père je suis certaine qu'il a laissé une marque importante dans votre vie et qu'il va laisser un grand vide. Toutes mes sympathies. Pauline Phoenix###imported-begin###Pauline Phoenix###imported-end###*

December 06, 2012 at 12:15 PM



“ *Dear Patrick
All our thoughts are with you and your family.
Bon courage
Jacques and the lab members###imported-begin###Jacques Thibodeau###imported-end###*

December 06, 2012 at 11:50 AM



“ *Mes sincères condoléances Patrick, ainsi qu'aux membres de ta famille, pour ce triste évènement.###imported-begin###Jean Lauzer###imported-end###*

December 06, 2012 at 09:42 AM