



Warren Burton Surdam

July 4, 1921 - March 22, 2017

Guilderland -Warren B.Surdam, 95, entered Eternal Life Wednesday, March 22, 2017 peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Born in Whitman, Massachusetts on July 4, 1921, a graduate of Skaneateles High School and Cortland University.

He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, retired Deputy Superintendent of the New York State Police, Executive Director for MAGLOCLLEN, Vice President of AEGIS, President of the Trooper Foundation and Gaming Commissioner for the Oneida Indian Nation, with over thirty-three years of professional field and administrative experience in all phases of law enforcement.

The "Quiet Giant" leaves a lifelong legacy.

Predeceased by his heart mate of 63 years, Victorine (Rene), and beloved son Michael.

Survived by his loving daughter Maureen (Tom), precious granddaughter Tara, cherished grandson Shaun and treasured Great Grands - Nicholas, Dylan, Aiden, Bridey, Caleb, Faith, Zoey and fur friends Buddy & "Killer".

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Warren's family Wednesday, March 29, 2017 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

His Funeral Service will then follow at 6:00 pm, concluding with Military Honors.

The interment will be at 12:00 pm the following day, Thursday, March 30, 2017 in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Camden, NY.

Those wishing to remember Warren in a special way may send a contribution to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. John's Catholic Cemetery

Camden, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

MAR 29 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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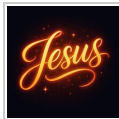
October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ When I started with the NYSP, I was intimidated by "The Colonel", but like everyone who got to know him, I got to love and respect him. He was the Brain of the State Police, and without his efforts we females probably never would have had the opportunity to be Troopers. He was a real "Trooper's Trooper" and a true Friend. RIP my brother; my friend, my Idol.

Claire Mulcahy, Stuart Florida

claire mulcahy - March 31, 2017 at 12:14 PM



Thank you for your kind words Claire. I remember that Academy class and how intimidating he could "appear" and I'm so glad you got a chance to know the real man

Mo Engel - March 31, 2017 at 10:14 PM



“ My sincere condolences. I met Warren in 1953 when I was a young trooper stationed in Saratoga Springs. He was a BCI member at the time working on a "Saratoga Investigation". I never found out exactly what that entailed but he spent some time in the Saratoga Station and I came to admire and respect him. We became friends as the years went by. He was a good "Trooper" and a true gentleman in every respect.

David F. Van Aken

David. F. Van Aken - March 29, 2017 at 02:23 PM



Thank you David, he was a true gentleman and "Quiet Giant" I believe that detail was illegal gambling - ya gotta love the irony 😊

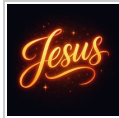
Mo Engel - March 31, 2017 at 10:29 PM

BZ

“ We shared many memories and happy events together as close neighbors for 42 years. Good bye my good friend.

Ben Zodikoff , Sandy and Family

Ben Zodikoff - March 28, 2017 at 05:17 PM



Ben he loved your talks and your walks as much as you loved those Birthday cakes lol - not to mention scratch offs with Owen. Both Greulichs and Dad are gone but not forgotten. Give my best to Marion and the family

Mo Engel - March 31, 2017 at 10:34 PM

LL

“ Warren was my Aunt Evelyn Lessard's boss when she suddenly passed. Warren was so much comfort to our family and Evelyn's husband, Ollie. I will never forget how he was there for us. I worked for NYS Police for many years and had the pleasure of working with Warren during some of those years. Unfortunately, I am out of state and will not be back in time to attend the services. My sincere condolences to the family and he will be missed. Linda Lyons

Linda Lyons - March 28, 2017 at 03:48 PM



Linda, I remember Evelyn and how Dad truly respected and loved to joke with her. Thank you for sharing

Mo Engel - March 31, 2017 at 10:36 PM

RB

“ I worked with Warran while with the New York State Police. I also worked for him a few years after my retirement at the Turning Stone Casino. Warren was responsible for setting up the Security Detail at the casino. Warren was a great leader, and I considered him a good friend. May he rest in peace. My condolences to his family and relatives, Bob Bramhall

Robert E. Bramhall - March 28, 2017 at 02:11 PM



Thank you Robert for sharing. He enjoyed working with the gaming commission and as "Wounded Knee" to the Oneida Nation

Mo Engel - March 31, 2017 at 10:44 PM

TS

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Warren B. Surdam. I am very sorry for your loss. Warren was certainly a "Quiet Giant" and well respected by many in and out of the law enforcement community. A great leader who will be missed by all.

Tony Strollo
Retired New York State Police (1968-1989)
U.S. Army Veteran (1963-1966)

Tony Strollo - March 28, 2017 at 07:48 AM



Thank you Tony for your kindness. His legacy will live on💜

Mo Engel - March 31, 2017 at 10:46 PM

WS

My sincere condolences to the Surdam family. Warren was a terrific guy and as his neighbor for 35 years, we had a lot of good times together. Marilyn St. will not be the same. He will be missed. Wilson

Wilson Sumner - April 06, 2017 at 07:54 AM