



Bernie J. Kolacki, Jr.

December 17, 1928 - May 2, 2016

Bernie J. Kolacki, Jr., 87, of Broadalbin died Monday May 2, 2016 at Mountain Valley Hospice House in Gloversville.

He was born in Rochester on December 17, 1928 a son of Bernie J. and Mary S. Zagurski Kolacki and was a 1947 graduate of Franklin High School. Bernie was a graduate of SUNY at Fredonia and earned a Master's in Music Education there. He lived in Rochester until 1963 and moved to Broadalbin where he has resided for the past forty eight years.

Mr. Kolacki was employed as a music educator for the Broadalbin-Perth School District, retiring in 1989. He was a church organist for fifty four years, including St. John's Episcopal Church in Johnstown for fifteen years, and St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Amsterdam for sixteen years.

Bernie was a member of St. Patrick's Masonic Lodge, St. Monica's Order of the Eastern Star, both in Johnstown, and was a life member of the Cyprus Shriners, where he was known as BJ, the Shriners Clown.

Mr. Kolacki was a veteran of the US Navy and served during the Korean War. He was a member of St. Ann's Episcopal Church.

Bernie was a dedicated amateur radio enthusiast.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Victor, who died in 1937, and Richard, who died in 2016.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Nicholas Kolacki, whom he married on December 7, 1996; a son, Michael (Sherri) Kolacki of Groveland, FL; a daughter, Elizabeth Kolacki (Brian Bennett) of Horseheads; two step-

daughters, Rebecca (David) Cordone of Gloversville and Jennifer (Daniel) Wade of Round Lake Village; a brother, Eugene (Lorraine) Kolacki of Chester, VA; two granddaughters, Brittany and Shannon Kolacki; four step-grandchildren, Jenna and Alex Cordone, and Daniel and Morgan Wade; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins in the Rochester area.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Friday from 11 am – 1 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A Celebration of Life service will begin at 1 pm at the funeral home with the Very Rev. Neal Longe, officiating. Final burial with military honors will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Johnstown. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children or to Mountain Valley Hospice, both in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Johnstown, NY 12095

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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