



Harlan J. "Duff" Handy Sr.

April 11, 1951 - March 9, 2026

Harlan J. "Duff" Handy, Sr., 74, of County Highway 125, Gloversville, passed away Monday morning, March 9, 2026, at Nathan Littauer Hospital.

He was born in Gloversville on April 11, 1951, a son of Harlan and Betty VanNostrand Handy and attended school in Mayfield. Duff was a lifelong area resident and lived in Bleecker since 1993.

Mr. Handy worked as a sheet rocker for many years and later worked at Commonwealth Labs in Gloversville. His last employment was as a truck driver at Shepard Oil Co. in Johnstown, where he worked for 10 years. Duff eventually retired due to disability.

He enjoyed quilting and showing horses at local fairs. Duff also enjoyed his goat farm that he operated for 15 years. Duff loved his family and friends and was always there for them in every way. Once you were a friend of Duff's you soon became family. He loved picnics and summertime barbecues and spending time with his grandchildren. He loved their visits and hearing about anything, whether it was a school project or working on a snowmobile, he was always interested in what they had to say. Some of his favorite times were when one of his grandchildren would stop in to visit. Whether it was Noah to tell him how his day went or Maddy bringing him cookies or cake. He loved them all and showed each one how much when they were near. He talked about his grandchildren and great-grandchildren endlessly and with such love. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Louis and William "Billy" Handy.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie K. Horning Handy, whom he married on October 13, 1990; two children, Michelle “Lacy” Halliday of Ballston Spa and Harlan “Jay” (Angela) Handy, Jr. of Bleecker; four brothers, Timothy Handy of St. Johnsville, Donald Handy, David Handy, and Aaron (Debbie) Handy, all of Mayfield; five grandchildren, Cynthia, Cristen (Denzel), Caitlin, Jason, and Noah; two great-granddaughters, Violet and Maddy; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 16, 2025, from 3 – 5pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A memorial service will follow at 5 pm at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc., in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR **16**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ My dear Bonnie I am just reading Duff's obituary now and I am so very sorry for your loss it was always so good to see you and Duff together - grocery shopping was the last time I saw you guys time really does fly by....you are in my thoughts and prayers Cathy Gabeler

Cathy Gabeler - March 31 at 09:58 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Harlan J. "Duff" Handy Sr..



March 15 at 09:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harlan J. "Duff" Handy Sr..

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“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Harlan J. "Duff" Handy Sr..



March 13 at 10:27 AM



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“ Bonnie, sorry for your loss, sending prayers and a hug, sincerely
Darlene Kinney-Vogt

Darlene Vogt - March 11 at 02:02 PM



“ Thou I was a little girl when I last him I have fond memories of Duff everyone is in my prayers.- Nevada Handy Sallee

Nevada Handy Sallee - March 11 at 12:41 PM



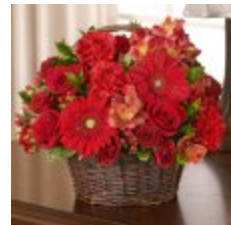
“ Sue Ann Rouse lit a candle in memory of Harlan J. "Duff" Handy Sr.



Sue Ann Rouse - March 11 at 08:33 AM



“ Sandy & Larry Horning & Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Harlan J. "Duff" Handy Sr..



Sandy & Larry Horning & Family - March 10 at 03:34 PM

DK

“ Condolences to your family and friends.
Jerry & Deb Krizan

Deb Krizan - March 10 at 12:18 PM

SV

“ *Sheila VanNostrand lit a candle in memory of Harlan J. "Duff" Handy Sr.*



Sheila VanNostrand - March 10 at 11:11 AM

MH

“ *May you rest in heaven Duffer. We had alot of good times.*

Maynard Handy - March 10 at 11:10 AM



“ *I And My Wife Tammy Handy Are Sorry For The Familys Loss Sending Love And Prayers To All ..*
Brion & Tammy Handy



Tammy Handy - March 10 at 10:37 AM

LU

“ *Lucy lit a candle in memory of Harlan J. "Duff" Handy Sr.*



Lucy - March 09 at 11:16 PM

LH

“ Duff was my favorite brother in law in New York and a great friend. I remember their wedding and the way he held my sister Bonnie, at the wedding, so touching. He loved her, his children, brothers, grandchildren and great grandchildren. There are very few people on the "Mountain" that didn't know and love the "DUFFER. " He will be missed by so many people and loved by them as well. I wish you well on your next journey, God Bless you "Duff"

Larry Horning - March 09 at 10:13 PM