



Harold R. McGowan

October 23, 1932 - November 11, 2014

Harold R. "Jake" McGowan, 82, of County Highway 110, Broadalbin died Tuesday morning November 11, 2014 at Nathan Littauer Hospital following a brief illness with his loving family by his side.

He was born in Stratford on October 23, 1932 a son of Earl and Gwendolen Pritchard McGowan, and moved to Broadalbin in 1942. Jake was a 1950 graduate of Broadalbin High School and entered the U.S. Navy in 1951. He proudly served on the USS Basilone until being honorably discharged in 1955. In 1955, Jake joined his late brother, Stuart, in the operation of McGowan Brothers Garage in Broadalbin, which he ran until 1988. After selling the family business, he was employed at Taylor Awning, Gloversville.

Mr. McGowan was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed spending time at his hunting camp in Stratford. At home in Broadalbin, he kept a vegetable garden for many years and always looked forward to watching a football or baseball game on TV. However, his greatest enjoyment came from being with family and friends.

He was a member of the Broadalbin United Methodist Church.

Jake was married to Arlene Miller Adamec on August 30, 1957. Sadly, she died on November 9, 2013. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by brothers, Ralph and Stuart, and sister June Delling.

Survivors include a daughter, Sally (Frank) Clemente ; a stepson, Paul (Joyce) Adamec; a stepdaughter, Joan (Skip) Harris , all of Broadalbin; a sister, Doris Persico, of Bethlehem, PA; six grandchildren, Jill Fahmy, Kim

DeLuca, Kelli Garritano, Kyle Harris, and Brian and Meghan Clemente; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. A Memorial service will be held on Monday at 11 am at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown with Rev. Judith Humphrey-Fox, officiating. A calling hour will be held at the funeral home from 10- 11 am on Monday. Final burial will be in Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry, in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I always the McGowan brothers they were always ready to help anyone whenever they could. I have missed them at the garage may they both rest in peace.

Rick Fallis - November 23, 2014 at 07:52 AM



“ My deepest condolences, Uncle Jake will be greatly missed. I have fond memories of him stopping by after work and spending hours with my grandfather (Stuart), in the garage laughing and talking. Uncle Jake stopping by was always the highlight to my grandfather's day. -Erin Baker



Erin Baker - November 14, 2014 at 12:04 PM