



## Richard F. Munchbach

June 16, 1920 - March 11, 2015

Richard F. Munchbach, 94, of Hagedorn Mills, passed away peacefully on Wednesday March 11, 2015 at St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam.

He was born in Boston, MA on June 16, 1920 a son of Frank and Louisa Markward Munchbach and moved to Corinth, NY in 1947 after serving in the U.S. Army.

In 1957, Richard moved to Providence, NY where he worked as a lumberjack for most of his life.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II in various locations and campaigns including Normandy Beach and the Battle of the Bulge.

Richard enjoyed fishing, reading, boating, and music. His greatest delight was traveling the United States with his motorhome and visiting family and friends.

Survivors include his loving wife, Mildred E. Van Guilder Munchbach, whom he married on April 16, 1947; four sons, Carl Munchbach and Paul (Aiza) Munchbach, of the Town of Providence, David (Shirley) Munchbach of Little Falls, and Roger (Debbie) Munchbach of Chandler, AZ; three daughters, Lois (David) Di Romando of Raleigh, NC, Doris (Greg) Dora of Justin, TX, and Ruth (Maurice) Hodges of Port Orchard, WA; sixteen grandchildren; nearly 30 great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Saturday from 11am – 12:30pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown. The American Legion will conduct a ritual at 12:30pm at the funeral home. Spring burial with military honors will be held at the Lynwood Cemetery in Hadley, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## Lynwood Cemetery

Hadley, NY 12835

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
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## American Legion Ritual

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Due to my wife Carols' incapacitation as a result of her knee replacement surgery last Tuesday, March 10, I regret that I will be unable to attend Richard's service on Saturday. Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences at your loss and my apologies for not being able to deliver my following remembrance of Richard in person.

Sincerely,  
Jack Reckner

*Memories of Richard (aka Daddy Munch)*

*As a Galway Central School classmate buddy of Carl's and friend of David, Paul & Roger I had the pleasure of getting acquainted with their father, Richard. I have fond memories of making a little extra money on school vacations by helping Carl harvest pulp wood which his father would transport and sell to the paper mills. I was in awe of Richard, a rugged, muscular Lumberjack who worked hard at a hard job in all kinds of weather to support his large family. I admired his technical ability and determination to keep his equipment functioning and to get the job done, despite whatever adverse weather he had to contend with. He was always kind to me, I enjoyed his sense of humor and the times I was able to work with Carl & his Dad in the woods. I feel fortunate to have had a glimpse of a Lumberjacks' way of life and was able to enjoy the fragrance of the woods, the sounds of the buzzing chainsaws, crash of falling trees, the roar of tractor and truck engines and the simple pleasures of working hard, together.*

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**Jack Reckner** - March 13, 2015 at 08:40 PM

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“ So sorry to see this. Deep sympathy to all the family. I'll always remember our 'good old days"... Sally Reckner

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**Sally Reckner** - March 13, 2015 at 05:24 PM