



Russell L. Hinkle

August 16, 1943 - December 30, 2024

Russell L. Hinkle, 81, of Ridge Road, Broadalbin, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 30, 2024, with his loving wife at his side.

He was born in Washington, D.C. on August 16, 1943, a son of Russell and Ann Majewski Hinkle and was a lifelong Broadalbin resident.

Russ was a 1960 graduate of Broadalbin Central School and earned an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts in 1962 from Hudson Valley Community College. He graduated from SUNY at Oswego in 1966 with a Bachelor's degree in Education. Russ completed his Master's degree in Education in 1973 from Russell Sage College.

Mr. Hinkle was a beloved elementary school teacher at the South Colonie School District for 31 years, retiring in 1997. He was awarded the Outstanding Young Educator Award from the Albany Jay Cees in 1971.

Russ served as a councilman for the Town of Broadalbin from 1982-83 and in 1984 became a Town Justice in Broadalbin, retiring in 2006. He was the first recipient of the Town Justice of the Year Award in 1988-89.

Russ, along with his wife, owned the former Rustiques at the Station in Broadalbin. He had a lifelong love of antiquing and also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. Russ also loved spending time with his family at the family camp on Mountain Lake.

In addition to his parents, Russ was predeceased by his first wife, Elizabeth, and her parents, John and Elizabeth Turowski, a sister, Patricia Schoonmaker, his in-laws, Charles and Philomena Westfall, and his beloved son-in-law,

Albert J. "Kiddo" Zierak IV.

Survivors include his wife, Candace Westfall Hinkle, whom he married on August 20, 1975; two children, Megan RE Zierak of Perth and Justin (Jaime) Hinkle of Norfolk, VA; a brother, Richard Hinkle of Valatie; two sisters, Marilyn (George) Negrich of Townsend, MA and Barbara (Stephan) Dennie of Peru, NY; a brother-in-law, (Ret) Lt. Col. Charles (Bonita) Westfall of Pinckney, MI; a sister-in-law, Denise (Richard) Anderson of Queensbury; two adored grandsons, Albert J. Zierak V and Anthony J. Zierak; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Private services will be held for his family and the burial will be held in the spring at the Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or to the Wounded Warrior Project, both in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

SERVICE INFORMATION UPDATE:

Final burial will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery, North Main St. Broadalbin.

Cemetery Details

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery

North Main Street
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Previous Events

Final Burial

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Broadalbin, NY 12025

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Candace, just heard of Russ’ passing. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.*

Janet Becker

Janet Becker - February 03, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JS

“ *Candice, we just this morning learned of Russell’s passing. So many memories over 30+ years of friendship and teaching careers. May his memory be eternal in the hearts and minds of all those he touched during his lifetime. God bless you and the family.*

Jim and Frosine Stolis

Jim Stolis - January 07, 2025 at 09:39 AM

CW

“ *Only good childhood memories of Russell and the whole Hinkle family on Bridge Street. Condolences...Christine Breen Ward*

Christine Ward - January 04, 2025 at 09:04 PM

DK

“ *Donald Loveless and kids purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Russell L. Hinkle.*



Donald Loveless and kids - January 02, 2025 at 07:57 AM

DK

“ Donald Loveless and kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell L. Hinkle.

Donald Loveless and kids - January 02, 2025 at 07:57 AM