



## John Hillje

Saugerties ? John S. ?Jack? Hillje, Sr., died July 10, 2007 at home. He was 78 years old. He was born December 31, 1928 in Saugerties, NY, the son of August and Ellen Bauer Hillje. His wife, the former Joan Mae Reynolds, whom he married September 20, 1957 died July 5, 1996. After 32 years, he retired from Ferroxcube where worked as a machinist. He is a life-member of the C.A. Lynch Hose Co, a Charter Member of the South Side Men?s Club, and member of the Lamouree-Hackett Post #72 American Legion. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He was an avid NY Yankee, NY Giants, and NY Rangers Fan. In 2006, he was inducted into the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame. Among his many achievements he lettered in five different sports in High School. He was a championship pitcher for the Saugerties High School, the SAA, the South Side Men?s Club, and the Saugerties Softball League. He was also on 1947 Championship High School Football Team. An avid bowler and dart ball player. In addition to coaching several youth teams he was also an active umpire in Saugerties. He is survived by his daughter, Louann Mann, of Saugerties; five sons, Michael of Sawkill, and John, Eric, Joel, and Gary all of Saugerties; a brother Walter Hillje of Saugerties; two sisters, Madeline Lopez of California and Mary Myers of Saugerties; five grandchildren, Robert Hillje, Gina Hillje, Coree Hillje, Sarah Drumm and Christine Thorne; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was pre-deceased by his son, Timothy in January of 1963 and his brother Edward. A funeral service will be held 10:00 am Saturday, July 14,

2007 at Buono Funeral Service, Inc., Main Street Chapel, Saugerties, NY. Rev. Thomas Goodhart, Pastor of the Plattekill Reformed Church, will officiate. Cremation was held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of Buono Funeral Service, Inc. Friends may call Friday from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice, 34 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401 or the American Cancer Society, 95 Schwenk Dr., Kingston, NY 12401.

# Tribute Wall



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