



Robert "Rabbit" Owens

August 27, 1933 - March 14, 2015

Palenville - Robert "Rabbit" Owens died Saturday, March 14, 2015 at home. He was 81 years old.

Born August 27, 1933 in Saugerties, he was the son of Charles and Edna Mack Owens. He married Barbara Flicker on May 23, 1958, she pre-deceased him on March 22, 2014.

He was a fuel oil delivery man first for Cody and then Amos Post. During the Korean War he served in the US Army, he was a 58 year member of the American Legion. A life member, past chief and exempt member of Palenville Fire Company, he was also a member of GCVFA, HVVFA and FASNY. He was a long time SAA baseball and softball player and was inducted into the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame. Along with his wife he also bowled for many years. He was also an avid Hunter, a fisherman, and life member of the NRA.

Survivors include his sister Beverly Brandow; sisters-in-law Frances Owens, Gertrude Strbich, Patricia Ricks, Shirley Brown and Dorothy Tienken; Nieces and Nephews Darrell, Dawn, Russell, and Donald Converse, Kimberly Brandow, Denise Brandow, Darlene Lee, Charles Owens, Debbie McGraf, Kenny Strbich, Kevin Strbich, Laurie Diec, Peggy VanWagenen, Richard Ricks, Karen Brodhead, Donna Miller, Jeanie Hillje, Walter Hillje, Wendy Brown, Cliff Tienken Jr, and Kelly Umana; his god daughter Belinda Converse;

and his dear friend Hans Schumacher. In addition to his wife he was pre-deceased by his sister Lorraine Converse and his brother Carl Owens.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM Friday March 20, 2015 at Buono Funeral Service, Inc., Saugerties, NY. Interment will be in Katsbaan Cemetery in the Spring. Friends may call Wednesday 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Thursday 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 suggests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Center, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105

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Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Rabbit" Owens

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ Mark A. Niemi lit a candle in memory of Robert "Rabbit" Owens



Mark A. Niemi - March 19, 2015 at 09:31 AM



“ Uncle Bobby was more than an Uncle. He was a caring and Loving "Dad" to all us kids growing up & as we became Adults. Always asking how you were. Kids at his house were always Welcome. Picnic's at North Lake , Rain or Shine. Cook outs at his and Aunt Barbara's house , family gatherings, Birthday Parties. Sitting up the swimming pools. Parties at his & Aunt Barbara's as Adults. You can go on and on. So many Memoirs. His laugh and smile will be missed. His calling me Da Da Dawn just to get a laugh. Always making sure at Holidays to ask me if I was making his favorite "Tapioca Pudding". Of course and some to take Home. He loved being a Fireman and was dedicated . Judging a Parade in Pawling one Year Mark & I helped . Boy he made sure we Checked everything very well. His passion was a Fire Fighter. His Love of His Life was Aunt Barbara and they are together again & Always. Say Hi & Give Everyone In Heaven a Hug & Kiss for me. Love You Uncle Bobby & Miss You.

Dawn C. Converse

Niece: Dawn C. Converse - March 19, 2015 at 09:28 AM

AS

“ *I was very sorry to hear of Robert's passing. He was a wonderful, warm-hearted man and will surely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Tony Scarselli

Anthony Scarselli - March 18, 2015 at 06:58 PM

PP

“ *pamela passaretti purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Robert "Rabbit" Owens.*



pamela passaretti - March 18, 2015 at 09:32 AM

PP

“ *Uncle Bob was always so much fun to be around. When we were little kids growing up him and Aunt Barbara were my Mom and Dads best friends and we were their adopted children. They treated us like we were their own flesh and blood. Uncle Bob use to fly kites with us, take us to pick wild berries, told us numerous jokes, always made us feel good about ourselves. He told us to never smoke because cigarettes were bad for you and he also told us to never drink coffee because it would stunt our growth. Well, those two things to this day I do not do.....No cigarettes and no caffeine in my diet. I will never forget my many conversations with him over the years. As I got older and moved away I only had a chance to see him and Aunt Barbara on my once a year visits, but I always made time to stop over and chit chat with them for a while and talk about old times. I will miss those talks Uncle Bob and I especially will miss your great laugh and huge smile. You are loved so very much. Thank you for the memories that I will cherish forever. Love You.....*



Pamela White Passaretti - March 18, 2015 at 09:24 AM

PS

“ Sorry to hear about Mr. Owens.
Living down the road past him my entire childhood, (we all called it the dirt road) I saw him quite often. Rabbit was always the nicest man. He would see me on my way home from school, or where ever I might be coming from, and strike up a conversation with me. Ask about my day, how I was doing, what was going on, that sort of thing. I always admired him for taking the time out to talk to a young kid like me. For a while he had a pet monkey. As kids, we thought that was the coolest thing ever. I also remember when the Converse boys stayed with the Owens for a while. I wonder if they remember playing in the "Gravel Pit" behind the Owens house. RIP Mr. Owens, you are one of a kind and will never be forgotten.
Pete Sanson

Pete Sanson - March 18, 2015 at 07:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Rabbit" Owens.*



March 18, 2015 at 07:21 AM

VW

“ Rabbit is someone who I will always remember by his love of laughter, his smile, just like in the picture portrayed here. He looked the same since I was a kid. He loved to help people, hence his service in the Fire Department. He and Barbara loved family and were like an aunt and uncle to me when I was a young girl. Rabbit's energy for life will be sorely missed. There are many stories, I am sure. I remember going "chuck" hunting as a girl, so that the men in the car could help the farmers' so the cows wouldn't break their legs!!!!!!!!! Rabbit, you will be missed, but we can all drive down your road and always remember you!!! Give Barbara a hug up there. Love, Viv



Vivian White-Sharkey - March 18, 2015 at 06:41 AM

WS

“ Wesley And Bernice Sparling lit a candle in memory of Robert "Rabbit" Owens



wesley and bernice sparling - March 17, 2015 at 10:41 PM

SK

“ Worked with rabbit at Amos post , his smile was contagious, just a all around great guy, don't make them like that him anymore.

Steve Kralovich - March 17, 2015 at 05:47 PM

JP

“ You don't get many heroes to look up to or imitate in life but this guy certain was one of mine. He was a fellow firefighter, friend and co-worker and my life was only better because I knew him. Rest in peace Bob, your job here is done, you will be sorely missed.

Jeffrey Smith/Amos Post - March 17, 2015 at 05:21 PM

TD

“ RIP BOB..as you join Barb. Thanks for the laughs and many memories..as members of our family! We will always keep you and Barb in our hearts. Teri and Jim Drumgold 🍀🍀



teri drumgold - March 17, 2015 at 11:47 AM

NC

“ Niece: Dawn C Converse lit a candle in memory of Robert "Rabbit" Owens



Niece: Dawn C Converse - March 16, 2015 at 08:16 PM

WS

i grew up on ulster avenue with bob, karl and beverly played ball with him and knew him for years he was a great sportsmen ,as well as a great person, our prayers go out to beverly and the family RIP my friend

wesley and bernice sparling - March 17, 2015 at 10:46 PM