



## Mr. Alton "Bud" Durkee

July 19, 1938 - March 20, 2021

Alton L. (Bud) Durkee, 82, of Chazy Lake, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 20th at the home he built surrounded by his family. Born in Churubusco in 1938, he was the son of Alton and Mary (McArdle) Durkee. He was married to Gertrude (Gert) Tebo in September 1960 in Malone. Although health struggles progressively slowed his body down over the last 20 years, he will be remembered for his ability to fix or build almost anything. From carpentry, refrigeration, electrical, engines, welding and more, he had a strong work ethic and skills that he willingly shared with others and passed along to his two daughters. He loved Jeopardy and did the crossword puzzles and jumbles in pen. He was happiest when he was “puttering” in the garage or out in the woods with a chainsaw in his hands. He wouldn’t admit it, but he also loved the family pug, Peanut.

He graduated from Chateaugay Central School in 1955 and went on to serve in the United States Army in 1955 and was honorably discharged in 1958. He started with the NYS Department of Corrections in 1960 and retired as a Lieutenant in 1992.

Bud is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gertrude (Gert); two daughters, Deborah Fletcher and her husband Mark of Cobleskill, NY and Stephanie Patrick and her husband Stephen of West Chazy, NY; four grandsons Matthew Fletcher, Nickolas Fletcher, Andrew (AJ) Fletcher and Paul Sweeney; a great-grandson, William Fletcher; a sister, Mary Ann Pezzulo from York, PA; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Alton and Mary as well as his sister, Patricia Ranck.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Spring burial will be held in Immaculate Heart Cemetery, Churubusco

A celebration of life for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Donations in Bud's memory may be made to the Dannemora Fire Department.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Northern New York (Katie, Shelley,

Becky, Heather) for their support and care over the last month. It was important to Bud to come home and rest peacefully and with their help, we were able to make it possible. We would also like to thank Father Reamer from CVPH for his service.

# Cemetery Details

## Immaculate Heart Cemetery

Churubusco, NY

# Previous Events

## Burial

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Heart Cemetery  
Churubusco, NY

# Tribute Wall

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“ From Irene purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Alton "Bud" Durkee.



From Irene - March 23, 2021 at 09:10 AM

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“ Gert, Steph, and Deborah and their families I offer my condolences. The few times I met Bud he was a Man that was quiet but always willing listen and talk and give advice that was wise and helpful. Bud will be missed by many.

Wayne Roberts II - March 23, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ My husband and I did not know Bud personally, but we heard quite a few stories about him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family at this time heart breaking time.  
Nikki and Mike Poquette

Nikki Duquette - March 23, 2021 at 08:16 AM

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“ Gert & family  
We are very sorry to hear of bud's passing. I have many fond memories of our time spent together at the big horn hunting club.

Jack & sue Kiroy

jack kiroy - March 23, 2021 at 07:42 AM

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“ Our condolences to Mrs. Durkee, Debby, Stephanie and their family on the passing of Mr. Durkee. You were are nice part of our Carter Court, Dannemora/Chazy Lake neighbor community. May Bud's spirit always be with you to keep all the wonderful memories alive.  
Marty Maggy & family

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**Marty Maggy** - March 23, 2021 at 06:02 AM