



Mr. Earl A. Cowan

June 18, 1942 - December 16, 2023

Earl A. Cowan, 81, of Earlville, NY passed away Saturday, December 16, 2023.

Born on June 18, 1942, in Chateaugay, NY he was the son of Alfred and Mildred (Rhinehart) Cowan.

He was married to Virginia Rushford on April 20, 1968 in Churubusco, NY. Earl graduated from Chateaugay Central School. He enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1966. After his military service, he took over the Cowan Family Farm in Chateaugay. He worked various other jobs, including at Chateaugay School bus garage. He was a member of the Chateaugay Central School Board of Education for many years. Earl was an avid hunter and a skilled woodworker. He also enjoyed playing cards.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia; his children and their spouses, Scott and Lynn Cowan, Clint and Brenda Cowan, Marilyn and Todd Leblanc, Kelly and Jennifer Cowan; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Beverly and Marie Cowan and June Farquhar; brothers-in-law Robert Rushford and Ronnie Goodrow; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Earl was predeceased by his parents; siblings, Lawrence and Norma Cowan, Virginia and John VanWormer, Erwin and Myrna Cowan, Wayne Cowan, Vera and Wes Ives, Glen and Alvin Cowan; brothers-in-law Hilton Farquhar, Richard and James Rushford and sister-in-law, Margaret Rushford.

Services will be held in the spring and announced at that time.

Tribute Wall

WD

“ Aunt Virginia, Scott, Clint, Marilyn and Kelly- I was very saddened to hear about Uncle Earl's passing. I remember him fondly as such a kind and gentle man. Please know, the Cowan family is always in heart

Whitney Daigler - January 05, 2024 at 01:39 AM

DA

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Earl's passing. I can still remember him in his preferred seat just inside the kitchen door, with his dog Penny bouncing around in his lap while he puffed on a cigar. He was such a nice guy. Taught me a good bit too when I was over there. He was quiet, but when he spoke it was with purpose. I enjoyed spending time with him and Virginia in that farm house. I remember sometimes I'd drive the tractor up just to hang out. Or him letting me tear up his corn field with a side by side and him just chuckling and shaking his head when I nearly flipped it. Rest In Peace Earl. You will be missed.

Dale - December 26, 2023 at 07:29 PM

DB

“ Dearest Virginia and family

So sorry to hear about Earl's passing. I remember all the fun times and the laughs of the Busco men's softball games. I loved hearing my Dad's stories about him going hunting with Earl. He said there were a lot of good times and laughs! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!!

Debbie (Lagree) Bushey and family

Debbie (Lagree) Bushey - December 23, 2023 at 03:30 PM

HS

“ Sorry to hear of Earl’s death my thoughts and prayers are with his Family at this time - Herb Stickney (classmate 1961)

Herb Stickney - December 22, 2023 at 12:49 PM

PJ

“ dear Virginia and family,

Our symaphies to all. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Will remember the good times we shared with Earl. Take care. Love, Peggy and Gervin Johnston

Peggy and Gervin Johnston - December 20, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Virginia and family, very saddened to learn of Earl's death. I will always remember him standing so proud in his American Legion uniform

at Memorial day, Veteran's Day and the many wakes and funerals and other functions. He was always so kind and soft spoken, a true

gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad and difficult time. Sincerely, Daphne Abbott



Daphne Abbott - December 19, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time. My sincerest condolences.



Joe, Katie, Madison, Mya & Jack McComb - December 19, 2023 at 07:20 AM