



## Mr. Francis C. Siskavich

October 4, 1926 - February 16, 2021

Francis C. Siskavich, “Frenchie”, 94 of Marvin St., Lyon Mountain died Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family and under the care of Hospice of the North Country.

Born on Oct. 4, 1926 in Lyon Mountain, NY, he was the son of Bernard C. and Eva (Kaska) Siskavich.

He was married to Myrtle Pageau on August 12, 1950 in St. Bernard’s Church, Lyon Mountain. She predeceased him on March 29, 2019.

During World War II, he and other 16-year-old men worked above ground for Republic Steel after school due to all the men who were serving in the military to help the war effort. He was drafted during his senior year of school and served two years in the U.S. Navy. After returning home, he finished school. Frenchie and other returning WW II vets helped build Sorrell-Woodward Post 1623.

He was employed at the Republic Steel Company Store part time as a meat cutter, as a miner for Republic Steel and as a corrections officer for the New York State Dept. of Corrections, retiring in 1988 from Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility.

Frenchie was a communicant of St. Bernard’s Church, Lyon Mountain and was ordained as a deacon on October 5, 1985. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and became a Fourth-Degree member in 1980. He was a true believer and a devout catholic. He was strong in his faith and instilled those beliefs to his family. He actively served in church until the age of 92. He

said the Rosary, the Divine Office and Divine Mercy daily.

He was a charter member of Sorrell-Woodward American Legion Post 1623 and charter member of the Legion's Firing Squad beginning in 1946. He was the last surviving WW II veteran from Lyon Mountain. Frenchie was also a former member of the Lyon Mountain Fire Dept. and original member of the Lyon Mountain Mining and Railroad Museum.

He was a jack of all trades and master of all. We can't believe how much we've learned from being his nippers. We've learned technical terms such as "which a macallits", "thing a ma jigs", "doohickies" and other colorful terms, "ain't that something", "Holy ole mackinac" and "Jezum to Jezum" (before he became a deacon – sorry Bishop LaValley). He was often the go to man when neighbors needed work to be done on their homes.

In his younger years, he was an avid bowler, belonging to leagues in Plattsburgh and Malone. He was an avid outdoorsman and belonged to the Merry Go Round Hunting Club, was "the founder" of Lucky 14 Hunting Club and "hierarchy" of Kerflacken Lodge. He enjoyed trapping, hunting and fishing. At age 73, he went moose hunting in Newfoundland then again at 82 he went elk hunting in Colorado. After his hunting trips to Long Mountain, the kids would look forward to sharing what was left of his giant Hershey candy bar and stick of pepperoni. In recent years though the trips to the woods were less frequent, he made sure the fridge was stocked with peanut butter cups so the grandkids would each get one before they left the house.

Frenchie was an inspiration for Myrt's Maple Products.

When he got in the car to go for a ride, he'd say "Are we going left or are we going right?" Left meant he was going to the casino; right meant he was going shopping.

He is survived by 13 children; Bernard Siskavich and his wife, Blanch "Teko" of Wanakena, NY, Paula Siskavich of Amenia, NY, Kathleen Young of Lyon Mountain, NY, Anna Morey and her husband, Keith of Ancramdale, NY, Francis Siskavich, Jr. and his wife, Donna of Morrisonville, NY, Margaret Pittman and her husband, Moses of Poughkeepsie, NY, Mary Poitras and her

husband, Robert of Ellenburg Center, NY, Rita Benjamin and her husband, Thomas of Mooers, NY, Janet Collins of Plattsburgh, NY, Eva Parsons and her husband, Ronald of Peru, NY, Sandra Derr and her husband, Harold of Altona, NY, Veronica Siskavich-Demers and her husband, Robert of Altona, NY, Peter Siskavich and his wife, Shelby of Cadyville, NY; 30 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; two brothers, William Siskavich and his wife, Patricia of Clayburg, NY, Robert Siskavich of Lyon Mountain, NY; in-laws, Priscilla Siskavich of Lyon Mountain, Leona "Siskavich" Smith and her husband, Warren of Beekmantown, NY, Robert and Mary Pageau of Lyon Mountain, Donald and Jeanette Pageau of Merrill; his lifetime, devoted and faithful friend, Ken Davies of Plattsburgh, NY; several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by his parents; four brothers, Bernard "Subby", Felix, Joseph "Butch" and his wife, Linda and Edward Siskavich; sisters-in-law, Sally Siskavich; son-in-law, Rodney Collins.

Calling hours will be held at St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain on Sunday, February 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. In accordance with current health restrictions, those in attendance are asked to observe the use of face coverings and social distancing.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held privately for the family.

A public service will take place in the spring at the time of the burial at St. Bernard's Cemetery, Lyon Mountain.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of the North Country or St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB **21**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Bernard's Church  
10 Church Pond Road  
Lyon Mountain, NY

## Burial

MAY **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Bernard's Cemetery  
Lyon Mountain, NY

# Tribute Wall

HW

“Pete and family, My heart goes out to you Pete and your family. I pray God will wrap his loving arms around you all, and give you peace, comfort and hope during this time and always. The hope we have in scripture is our Savior Jesus Christ. Paul describes death of a believer as, "absent from the body, present with the Lord". What a beautiful promise! I know you were close to your dad Pete, you were blessed with 94 years of precious memories which death cannot take from you. Treasure them and share them with future generations. Thinking about your all, your friend Herb.

Herbert Winzer - March 05, 2021 at 08:48 AM

JR

“Jeannie Jettie Robart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis C. Siskavich



Jeannie Jettie Robart - February 23, 2021 at 10:59 PM

JR

“Thoughts and prayers to the family. Your Dad was an amazing man and will be missed by everyone who knew him. RIP Frenchie.

Jeannie Jettie Robary - February 23, 2021 at 10:57 PM

DG

“ Hi to everyone;  
Sorry can't be there with all of you but know all are in my prayers and thoughts!  
So sorry for your loss, knew your father threw the deacon ate as your father ordained with my dad who is hugging your dad in heaven yes my dad too is saying Frenchie it's been a long time since we've seen each other and how are you?  
Thinking of the loss of your dad the rock of the homestead and the many visits with your Mom and Dad breaks my heart because they were special friends and will always be even tho we mourn for your dad today! Love and my sincere consoles and miles distant hugs to each of all of you! May Jesus hug each of you and your dad hugs each of you today in his own loving and special! Frenchie go rest high on that mountain with beautiful Myrt your bride to be and dance joyous songs together today and always! Be your families strength today and they loss a wonderful man! My heart and spirit and a river of tears are with all of you as you say goodbye to your father today and know he is safely in heaven with your Mom and they are dancing to their wedding song today! So sorry for the loss of Frenchie, may god continue to watch over all of you in this difficult time! He was a very special friend and I loved both your parents tons! Love all of you and social distancing hugs your way to all!  
Love and prayers for all of you today and on Monday!  
Love and prayers, DeeDee Gaebel

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Deanna Gaebel - February 21, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis C. Siskavich.



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February 20, 2021 at 09:44 AM

HG

“ To all my cousins & their families, we are very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time, you should keep in mind that he is not suffering and he is reunited and dancing with your mom again in Heaven. He was an awesome Godfather and I will miss him dearly.  
Love Heather, Rich, Andrew & Amanda



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**heather Gaebel** - February 19, 2021 at 03:58 PM

DP

“ So very for the loss of your Dad , we had such good talks with him and will treasure many Memories. I know you are all suffering from your loss but you will always keep him in your heart and I know you all treasure the many memories. We love you and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love Uncle Donald and Jeanie

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**Donald Pageau** - February 19, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BD

“ Sending our prayers and condolences to the family. One great deacon!

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**Bruce W Daugherty** - February 18, 2021 at 03:24 PM

LS

“ Condolences to the family, I didn't know him well, but he was a very nice man, and a wealth of knowledge. He will be missed.

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**Lynne Simmons** - February 18, 2021 at 12:16 PM

DV

“ My condolences to the family of "Frenchie". I did not know him but did know a few of the children and some other family members. May your sorrows be short-lived. He lived a good life. Delores

delores varin - February 18, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis C. Siskavich.



February 17, 2021 at 05:55 PM



Christine Cayea

“ Eva and the entire Siskavich family. I did not know Frenchie well, but my husband Floyd spoke very highly of him. It was apparent he was a good man and loved by everyone. I was surprised to see him at Floyds wake, knowing he wasn't feeling well then. He certainly was a true gentleman and hard worker. I hope your faith gives all of you guidance and strength to get through this difficult time. RIP Frenchie  
----Christine Andrews Cayea

Christine Cayea - February 17, 2021 at 05:05 PM

MK

Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mary Krakowski - February 17, 2021 at 07:47 PM

PL

From Holden's Team ZHIC in Hickory, NC, our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Patrick Longpre - February 18, 2021 at 07:46 AM