



## Mr. James G. Johnston

May 1, 1926 - September 18, 2012

James G. Johnston, 86, of State Rt. 11, Burke died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012 at his home under the care of his loving family and Hospice of the North Country.

He was born in May 1, 1926 in Malone, NY. He was the son of William T. and Thelma O. Gillette Johnston. He graduated from Franklin Academy in 1943 and entered the National Guard. On June 26, 1946, he married the former Gertrude M. McCabe at St. Joseph's Church in Malone.

Jim wore many hats during his lifetime. He was a dairy farmer all of his life. He was a truck driver, salesman for Dari-Kool bulk tanks and Lamco Wagons.

Also he was a rural mail carrier for many years, retiring in Aug. 1995, due to ill health. In September 1979, he along with his wife and family co-founded the Cherry Knoll Restaurant and Garage which they operated until Oct. 1999.

He was a member of the Burke Grange and served as Councilman and former assessor for the town of Burke. He also was on the Board of Directors for the Franklin County Agriculture Society for many years.

Jim is survived by five daughters and four sons-in-law, Ann and Don Patnode, Bonnie Safford, Jane and Dale Parmeter, all of Burke, Kelly and Bruce Tavernier of Malone and Gloria and Brian Beach of Chtaeaugay; seven sons and their spouses, James and Kathy Johnston, Robert and Joan Johnston, Daniel Johnston and his companion, Val Sherwin, David and Karen Johnston, William Johnston, Dale Johnston and his companion, Michelle Currier, all of Burke, Donald and Bonnie Tracy of Canton. He is also survived by 31

grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 2 cousins and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife on March 6, 2002; his father on May 10, 1995; his mother on Jan. 23, 1973; brother, William A. Johnston in July 1980; two sons-in-law, Robert Schack on Feb. 13, 1984 and Norman Safford on Dec. 24, 2010.

Calling hours will be held at St. George's Church, Burke on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 am to 12 pm.

Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 12 pm in the church with Rev. John Looby officiating.

Burial will take place at Burke Center Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

VA

“ I remember when Danny and I got our first puppy. We took her down to the farm with us one of the nights we stayed with Jim and he told me that he thought Red should leave that dog at the farm with him. Red is never home and the dog would be better off with him. The dog and Jim hit it off. Made me smile every time I think about it.

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**Valerie** - March 26, 2013 at 09:26 AM

GP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Keep those memories close to your heart. Your Dad is in a better place now and feeling great. Love to all.

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**Garry and Barb Patnode** - March 26, 2013 at 09:26 AM

PV

“ My condolences to Danny and his family. I find it very admirable how the whole family came together in caring for their Dad for so many years. It shows as a tribute to both their Dad and Mom in the way they were brought up.

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**Patti Vincent** - March 26, 2013 at 09:26 AM

TC

“ Dearest Johnston Family,  
We were unable to attend the wake for your dad b/c we had a family wedding that day, w/ a couple of family members staying at our house.  
We certainly did think of you w/ fondness, however, for the loving & tireless way you cared for father, especially his last years. We believe you'll find comfort in knowing that he is now at rest & w/ your mom.  
Sincerely, Tom & Betty Cook

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**Tom & Betty Cook** - March 26, 2013 at 09:26 AM

JJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We had Michelle's wedding so were unable to go to the funeral, but we were there in spirit. What a wonderful family,  
Love,  
Dick & Julie

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**Julie Jarvis** - March 26, 2013 at 09:26 AM