



Mr. John "Jack" Swanston

July 28, 1933 - December 24, 2024

John Gray Swanston, "Jack", 91, of Chateaugay died peacefully at his home on December 24, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on July 28, 1933, in Burke, NY, the son of John and Janet (Gray) Swanston.

On May 24, 1965, he wed Shirley Premo and the couple resided in North Burke and Chateaugay, New York until the present day. She predeceased him on October 23, 2022.

Jack graduated from Chateaugay High School with the Class of 1953. He was employed for Niagara Mohawk, retiring in 1996 as sub-station supervisor after 38 years of service. He served on the Chateaugay Central School Board for over 50 years, also serving on the BOCES Board for several years. He was a former member of the Chateaugay Rotary Club. Jack worked at the Franklin County Fair for 40+ years, serving on the Fair Board for many years.

He is survived by his sons, Rick Swanston of Oakland Park, Florida, John K. Swanston and wife Lisa Andresen Swanston, Kyle G. Swanston and wife Karen Burke Swanston, all of Chateaugay, New York as well as five grandchildren, Arianna Swanston and her fiancé William Munn of Saranac Lake, Matthew Swanston and his wife, Morgan Swanston of Chateaugay, Patrick Swanston of Chateaugay, Jedadiah and Gloria Swanston of Chateaugay; two great-grandsons, Tyler Munn of Saranac Lake and Maxwell Swanston of Chateaugay as well as nieces and a nephew.

Besides his wife, he was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Charles

Swanston in infancy and Stewart Swanston; sisters, Genevieve Gero and Caroline Harter; niece, Kelly Swanston.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Thursday, January 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. A prayer service will immediately follow in the funeral home at 4 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at North Burke Church on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Burial will take place at North Burke Cemetery following the service

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of the North Country.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chateaugay Funeral Home
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Chateaugay, NY 12920
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Prayer service

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Memorial service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM.

North Burke Church
Burke, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to the whole Swanston family for the passing of this important generation. As a young child I remember Jack working in the deep freezing night on our power lines. His hands were close to frozen and my father, Bernard, kept lightly thawing with cold water. It was touch-and -go, but something I'll never forget. Years later, I've had fun trading Oliver tractors with him, etc. Also pleased to learn of our connection through the great Premo family. All in all, I know he lived a full and good life, but it is still hard to lose a center-part of the family. (Stephen Fleury, Syracuse)

Stephen Fleury - January 24, 2025 at 09:55 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to Jack's family, friends and acquaintances that were blessed with his outgoing kindness and generosity. Many times in my visits he and Shirley would go out of their way to help a stranger in need. Jack came into the fiber of my life with genuine friendship over a simple shared interest in tractors. We cultivated the passion for 20 plus years with stories and shared experiences that extended to include his family and community. I will hold those memories dear and close to my heart. Tom Rowe-Drake

Tom Rowe-Drake - January 02, 2025 at 06:03 PM

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“ Sending thoughts and prayers to Jack's family. My father, Bill McCabe worked with him on the Franklin County Fairboard, he thought highly of Jack!

Kelly McCabe Tavernia - January 02, 2025 at 12:48 PM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family. He has touched many lives over the years and been a big part of the community. Keep his memories close to your heart and he will live on in each of you. Angela Hunter LaCross

Angela LaCross - December 30, 2024 at 09:36 AM

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“ Kyle, Karen and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your boys at such a difficult time.

I always enjoyed our visits when he and Shirley would pick up the kids after school! Take comfort in knowing he is no longer suffering and re-united with his wonderful wife again!! ❤️❤️

*Love,
Dicky & julie*



Julie - December 28, 2024 at 07:25 PM

MV

“ My condolences goes out to the Swanston Family . I always remember how he would like to visit with me at the Cherry Knoll and at the basketball games. He will be surely missed

mary Vondell - December 27, 2024 at 10:04 PM

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“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Jack's family. Norman & Pearl Fennell

Norman & Pearl Fennell - December 27, 2024 at 08:13 PM