



## Mr. Joseph G. Ducharme

December 19, 1929 - April 11, 2016

Joseph G. Ducharme, 86, of Third St., Lyon Mountain died Monday, April 11, 2016 at CVPH Medical Center, Plattsburgh, NY.

Born in Lyon Mountain, NY on December 19, 1929, he was the son of Ray and Jennie (Ryan) Ducharme.

He was married to Joan Lezak Huggins on June 27, 1997 in Porters Corners NY.

After graduating from Lyon Mountain High School, Mr. Ducharme became employed at Republic Steel at a cindering plant and then the mines in Lyon Mountain. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in 1952 and was honorably discharged in 1954. In 1955, he became employed for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation serving as a forest ranger in the Lyon Mountain area for 36 years, retiring in 1991. From 1980 to 2008, he was a self employed logger. He loved logging and used to say "once you get sawdust in your blood you can't get rid of it."

Joe was active and instrumental in forming the Forest Rangers Color Guard for the state of New York and was a charter member of the Lyon Mountain Fire Department, serving as chief for 12 years. He was a communicant of St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain, former member of Hunters Home Hunting Club and member of the Lyon Mountain American Legion for over 35 years, serving as member of the firing squad and past commander. Joe was an active first aid instructor for the Clinton County and taught many classes to fire departments and community organizations. He was instrumental in organizing

the Lyon Mountain Mining and Railroad Museum, serving as a member of their board.

Over the years, Joe enjoyed the outdoors, trapping, hunting, fishing, planting flowers and tending to his many blueberry bushes. He especially enjoyed working in his gardens as it gave him great pleasure to give away his abundance of vegetables to many people. He had a very caring and giving heart. He was loved by many people. During the last 7 ½ years, after his logging accident, he enjoyed getting outside in his wheelchair and going for walks. He also enjoyed watching his favorite old time westerns and sitting at the table watching the birds and other animals eating the food that was put out for them. He also enjoyed the visits from the few people who came to see him. It made him happy when he was read to from his Country and Reminisce magazines and enjoyed the pictures and memories it brought back to him. Joe is survived by his wife of 19 years; a daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Robert Matthews of Dannemora; a step-son, Thomas Huggins Jr. of Lyon Mountain; a grandson, Logan Matthews; a sister, Theresa Wilson of Lyon Mountain and her son, James Wilson; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers and their wives, Roger and Lillian Ducharme, Kenneth and Marie Ducharme, Bernard and Lorraine Ducharme; sisters, Antoinette and Eva Ducharme, Mildred Petrashune; brothers-in-law, Keith Wilson and John Petrashune.

At Joe's request, there will be no services.

Donations in his memory may be made to a veteran's organization of one's choice, Lyon Mountain EMS or the Lyon Mountain American Legion.

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ I'm very sorry for your loss Joan. If you need anything, please let know. Tom

Thomas Caifa - August 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM

HT

“ Carla and family, So sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I have very fond memories of him in our early adult life. I hope you can keep all those memories of him with you and never let go. Please let us know if you need anything. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now. Love Heather and Bob

Heather Trombley - August 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM

PC

“ Joan,I would like to express my deep & sincere condolences to you and your family for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you.Paul Corrado

Paul Corrado - August 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM

LA

“ Dear Joan and family,I am so sorry to hear that Joe has passed away. He was a great man and I enjoyed seeing him when I worked at DEC. My prayers and thoughts go out to you at this sad time....Hugs,Linda Aubrey (Litwin)

Linda Aubrey - August 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM

LH

“ Carla & Bob. We were sorry to read of your Dad's passing. Please accept our prayers and condolences.

Lynn & Tom Howard - August 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM

KD

“ My prayers and condolences go out to Joe and his family. Joe was an important part of my early life, especially in LMHS. We had great times and created many good memories playing as team mates especially as members of the HS basketball team. Joe will always be remembered by me and all who knew him as an intelligent, caring, good hearted guy!

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**Ken Davies** - August 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM

BH

“ My prayers and condolences to the friends and family of Joe. As a kid growing up in Lyon Mountain I thought Joe had a great job as a Forest Ranger. He always had a smile on his face, and seemed to be a great guy. So sorry to be late in acknowledging his passing.

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**Bonnie Healey** - August 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM