



## Mr. Reginald David Owen

July 14, 1948 - July 27, 2024

“The legacy of a man with a big heart is not measured in wealth or worldly achievements, but in the lives he has touched and the love he leaves behind.  
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Reginald David Owen, born July 14th, 1948 passed away at his home on July 27th, 2024.

Reg was not a man easily forgotten by those who had the privilege to meet him. His gruff exterior belied a kind, generous, and gentle heart, and a quirky sense of humor. He was a man not afraid to speak his mind. A man who loved his family, loved children and animals, and loved nature. He passed on his love of the outdoors to his own children, and it is through this love, that his memories will live on.

He loved his country, and was a voice to anyone who would listen regarding changes to bring America back to the land he was proud of.

His favorite place was his camp on the Chateaugay river, where years were spent with his family - fishing, building campfires, listening to music, and relaxing to the sound of the endless river flowing.

He enjoyed countless hours over the years in the forest- hunting, teaching his son to hunt, and spending time at Little Camp and Cobble Hill Hunting Camp. In the winter months he could be found ice fishing on Chazy or Chateaugay Lake.

He loved motorcycle riding, and in later years driving his side by side around town to visit his friends and spend time in his workshop.

Reg enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from December 7, 1967 to December 1, 1971.

He joined NYS Corrections on November 16, 1972 starting his career in Attica, then Clinton Correctional, until he retired from Lyon Mountain Correctional on February 8, 2001. After retiring from corrections, he worked at the Lyon Mountain Water Treatment Plant for 2 years, then joined the Clinton County Sherrifs Department as a corrections officer and worked there for 4 years before finally retiring completely. Reg was an active member of the Council 82 Union at Lyon Mountain Correctional and served as President for 5 years, and was a member of the Lyon Mountain Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

Reg is survived by his wife of 51 years Kathleen (Cook) Owen; his son, Eric Owen and his wife April; daughter, Carrie Owen-Lavigne and her husband, John; grandchildren, Gwen, Ethan, Allie, Leigha and Jacob; his sister, Kathy Dawn; nieces, Michele McGuire, Melissa Gebhart, Elizabeth Waugh, and Alexandra Waugh; nephews, Kenneth Ashline and Thad Cook; mother-in-law, Mary Cook; sisters-in-law, Christine Waugh(husband Jeffrey) and Cynthia Cook; brother-in-law, Keith Cook; several great nieces and nephews; and his dog, Chloe.

He is predeceased by his father, Rodney Owen; his mother, Marilyn Owen; sister, Brenda Owen; father-in-law, Keith Cook; brother-in-law, Timothy Cook; his dogs, Cleo, Bridget, the three boxers, Penny, Molly and Dusty, sweet Bandit the "big dog trapped in a little dog body"; his grand dog, Bella; and his cats, Bozo, Grady, and Sabrina.

Reg was an inspiration to those who knew him, and in his final years despite significant chronic disability and pain, he fought for his independence, continuing to make his trips around town to visit with old friends, check behind the ball diamond for deer, and water the flowers on his sister's grave. His presence made an impact on all who knew and loved him, and he will be greatly missed, leaving uncountable memories and stories to share among us all.

Calling hours will be held at St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain on Friday, August 2, 2024 from 10 a.m. to noon. A Mass of Christian Burial will immediately follow at noon.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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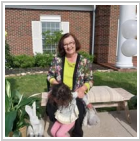
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“ I just heard of Reggie’s passing. In looking at his obituary, I found that Brenda passed also, last year. I am so sorry for your family. Since I lost my sister, I no longer get the news about everyone. When we were kids, I used to play with Reggie and Brenda. I am so sorry for your loss and I know how much they meant to all of you. My sincere condolences to everyone.

*Bonnie Blaise Hilbert*

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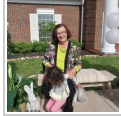
**Bonnie Blaise Hilbert** - October 21, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ My sister, Bonnie, just told me Reggie passed. May ALL of his loved ones accept my deepest sympathies. Know that I always thought of Reggie as a special and caring friend, next-door neighbor, and LMHS classmate. I remember Reggie's 13th birthday being the only girl invited (other than Brenda and Kathy) up in Phillips Court. Marilyn probably insisted since we lived next door. The nicest surprise I remember involving Reggie is when he and the King boy (then man) showed up at Albany Family Court where I worked as a Family Court Liaison and they came to visit me back around 1995 or so. It was such a sweet and caring gesture that they stopped by. I only saw Reggie once more at our last class reunion. He was quiet around me. I drove up from Albany and was surprised that Reggie was in a wheelchair, but remember friends saying he insisted on "driving" himself from his house to the Legion. Bless his wife, Cathy, his children and their families, his sister, Kathy, and all the other loved ones, here and in heaven, that he cared about and shared his life and gifts. May Reggie RIP, free of pain and with God as he certainly deserves it. Know that you, Reggie, will always hold a special place in my and many people's hearts. Sue Healey

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**Susan Healey** - August 10, 2024 at 08:13 PM



*Sorry, auto correct uncorrected some names.*

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**Susan Healey** - August 10, 2024 at 08:22 PM

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“ *Dear Kathy & Family,*

*We are thinking of you at this time of loss.  
.Reggie was a lucky man to have such a  
wonderful family! May he rest in peace and  
take comfort that he is no longer suffering*❤️❤�

*Dicky & Julie Jarvis*



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**Julie** - August 04, 2024 at 11:41 AM