



Mr. William J. Durnin, Sr.

January 28, 1934 - November 15, 2015

William J. Durnin Sr., 81, of Phillips Court, Lyon Mountain died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015 at CVPH Medical Center, Plattsburgh, NY.

Born in Standish, NY, on Jan. 28, 1934, he was the son of Frank and Mary (Hamel) Durnin.

He married Shirley Chase on May 3, 1958 in St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain.

Coach Durnin graduated from Lyon Mountain High School and Clinton Community College. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged. He was employed by the New York State Dept. of Corrections at Clinton Correctional Facility, Dannemora for 32 years prior to becoming a captain at Bare Hill Correctional Facility, Malone. He was the pitching coach for Plattsburgh State University. He also coached for Post 20, NAC Varsity baseball, NAC JV baseball, St. John's Varsity and JV baseball, Lyon Mountain Miners, Morrisonville All-Stars, and numerous Lyon Mountain youth baseball teams. He was instrumental in the formation of the Clinton County youth commission baseball and softball program. He also officiated for IAABO (basketball officials association), was an honorary member of the Lyon Mountain Umpire Association and a member of the Clinton County Mariners Hall of Fame. Bill was also a member of the Siberian Rod and Gun Club, VFW, American Legion Post 1623 in Lyon Mountain, a former member of the BPOE and a communicant of St. Bernard's Church. He leaves behind his starting line up his wife of 57 years; four children and

their spouses, Mary and Denis Fortin of Lyon Mountain, Fab and Michaela Durnin of Fruit Cove, FL, Peggy and Michael Tolosky of Plattsburgh, Billy and Eva Durnin of Lyon Mountain; ten grandchildren, Jean Luc Fortin, Francis, Philip, Ainsley and Michael Durnin, Matt and Anne Marie White, Jacob Tolosky, Nicole and Taylor Durnin; a great-granddaughter, Avery White; a sister, Elaine Osher of Plattsburgh; four brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard Chase Jr. of Cadyville, Henry and Judy Chase of Lyon Mountain, Ronald and Cindy Chase of Lyon Mountain, Larry and Sue Chase of Lyon Mountain, Sharon Shantie of Starbuck, WA; many wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; three sisters, Jane Trombley, Virginia Dunn, Mary Bracy, and three brothers-in-law, Allie Chase, Walt Bracy and Maynard Osher.

Calling hours will be held at St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19 in St. Bernard's Church.

Burial will take place at St. Bernard's Cemetery, Lyon Mountain.

Donations in his memory may be made to Lyon Mountain Fire Dept. or Lyon Mountain EMS.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my good friend Bill Durnin Sr. Bill and I grew up together on Standish. My memory is filled with many great times that we shared. He was a loyal friend to me through his life. We shared many mutual traits, amount which was sports and especially baseball. I will always remember Bill's unquestionable loyalty and spirit! Thanks, Bill, for being a great friend of mine and the fond memories. May Heaven receive you with open arms!
Ken Davies

Ken Davies - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM

JK

“ Shirley and family

We are very sorry to hear of bills passing, I still fondly remember bill hitting a grand slam off of me my first year playing town team and after the game he sat me down and lectured me about throwing a strike with an 0 and 2 count. Needless to say I never forgot that and through the years bill would refresh my memory!

Jack & sue kiroy - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM

DV

“ So sorry for your loss, may your sorrow be short lived. Delores

delores varin - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM

DT

“ So sorry Shirley and all of Bill's family and all of his friends for your loss. This is a, great loss to mankind. Bill, will be missed by many but now he is resting in peace. It was my honor to know Bill. Bill call them like you see them and rest in peace. Love Don and Cricket

donald Terry - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM

SS

“ On behalf of the Seton Academy family, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Shirley, Mary, Michaela, Peggy and Billy. It is so hard to lose someone you love. I ask the Lord to give you the strength and comfort you need at this difficult time. May William J. Durnin Sr. be enjoying the happiness of being with God!

Sister Helen Hermann, SSJ - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM

CT

“ We remember all the good times we had with Bill and Shirley during the Post 20 Baseball days with our son. He was a wonder friend and mentor to our son Gus.He always had such good advice to everyone. He will be greatly missed.

Cricket and Don Terry - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM

VM

“ I cannot find the right words to express my deepest sympathy for you, Shirley, and your family. As you know, Dale just thought the world of Bill. He was truly one of the best things that happened in my son's short life. I will always remember him for that, and for how you welcomed him into your family.

With much love and sympathy, Veronica

Veronica Murphy - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM

NB

“ I first met Bill in 1974. I was a young co just transferred to CCF. I was scared to death of him, he appeared like so many Sgts. I had encountered downstate in the time it took me to get to my home facility. As time went on, I came to know the man, not just the Sgt. He was friendly and very like able, but always had that grumpy look about him. One day I asked him why he always looked mad, and that I was terrified of him at one point. It was at this point he broke out in a big smile and told me, "nobody bothers me when I look this way". From that day on, he never could look at me without smiling. I went from being scared to having the greatest respect for that man. I knew it was going to be a busy day when he told me, " norm, got your hard hat and sneakers today?" RIP Sarge, you will be missed.

Normand Blaine - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM

AR

“ Allow me to extend my deepest sympathies to the immediate and extended families of Mr. William J. Durnin, Sr. Coaches and players alike knew they were in good hands when he officiated their games. It was a privilege to have known Bill, and a special pleasure to have officiated with him. R.I.P.

Al Rose - August 09, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ My condolences to the Durnin family. I had the honor of playing for him on some memorable Post 20 teams and he was absolutely wonderful. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Ryan Donahue

November 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM