



David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.

July 26, 1940 - December 20, 2014

David W. Harrison, Sr. "Butch" of Ghent, N.Y., 74 died on December 20th, 2014 surrounded by his wife June L. "Judy" Harrison (McComb) of 56 years and family. Butch was born in Philmont, NY on July 26th, 1940 to the late William J Harrison and Jeanette Harrison (Nash). He was a lettered athlete and graduated from Ockawamick High School in 1958. Upon graduating he joined the US Army and served with the Army Security Agency. In 1965 he became a member of the New York State Police serving 24 years until his retirement as an Investigator with the state police Bureau of Criminal Investigation at the Claverack barracks. In 1989 he was hired by then District Attorney Paul Czajka as Chief Investigator with the Columbia County District Attorney's Office. He left the District Attorney's Office after eleven years and in 2002 began his first term as Ghent Town Judge, a position he held until his death. Over his forty plus years of law enforcement service he was involved in many major crime investigations, received several commendations and completed numerous training courses including certification as a Fire Investigator and Instructor.

Butch was a 52 year member of the Spencertown Fire Company, social member of the Ghent and Chatham Fire Departments, member and past Commander of American Legion Post #42 Chatham, member of the Ghent Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ghent Rod & Gun Club, NYS and Columbia County Magistrates Association and Ghent Reformed Church.

He is survived by his sons David Harrison, Jr. (Kelly) and Michael Harrison of

Spencertown, NY and daughters Maria Ostrander (Larry) of Philmont and Suzette Booy (Chris) of Ghent. Also his sister Dianne Cox (David) of Corinth, NY, brother's Donald Harrison (Nancy) of Greenfield Ctr, NY, William Harrison (Janet) of Schenectady, NY, Robert Harrison of Cleveland, Ohio and his Shih Tzu driving companion Maggie. He was also survived by his grandchildren Daniel, Lee and Adam Harrison, Sarah Harrison, Ashley, Brian and Colleen Ostrander and Amanda and Emilee Booy. He had many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Rudy Harrison and sister Geri Clay (Harrison).

Calling hours will be on Friday December 26th from 4PM to 8PM at the Sacco-McDonald -Valenti Funeral Home 700 Town Hall Drive, Hudson, NY. Columbia County Magistrates Assoc. will begin visiting hours at 4:00pm. American Legion Post #42 and VFW Post #5933 will gather at 6:00PM The funeral will be held on Saturday December 27th, 11:00AM at the Ghent Reformed Church 1039 Co Rte 22 West Ghent. Interment will be at the Spencertown Cemetery, Co Rte 7 Spencertown, NY . In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Butch may make contributions to the Spencertown Fire Company PO Box 1 Spencertown, NY 12165 and/or the Ghent Reformed Church 1039 Co Rte 22 Ghent, NY 12075.

Previous Events

Visiting Hours

DEC **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sacco Funeral Home
700 Town Hall Dr
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-5000
smvfh700@gmail.com
<https://www.saccofuneralhome.com/>

Committal Prayers

DEC **27**. 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Spencertown Cemetery
5200 County Rd. 7
Spencertown, NY 12037

Funeral Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ghent Reformed Church
1039 Co. Rte. 22
Ghent, NY 12075
(518) 828-5946

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Butch I will never forget you!!! When I was 12 years old and was in a head on car accident .You were a trooper at the time. You stayed with me the whole time.. rode in elevated until I went I to the operating room. My mom and dad was in the E.R. This was July 13 1968. REST IN PEACE BUTCH, AND THANK YOU!!!*

Marlene Carwile - April 23, 2018 at 09:48 PM

CB

“ *Christopher Booy lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.*



Christopher Booy - December 27, 2014 at 07:10 PM

PL

“ *Pat And George Lucas lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.*



pat and george lucas - December 26, 2014 at 03:04 PM

PL

BUBBA WE ARE SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR DAD.HE WILL BE A GREAT LOSS TO EVERYONE.SORRY COULD NOT MAKE IT BUT WE ARE SAYING OUR PRAYERS FOR YOU

pat and george lucas - December 26, 2014 at 03:07 PM

RS

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Richard A. Nesbitt, Sr. - December 26, 2014 at 02:17 PM

BF

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Butch's Family - December 24, 2014 at 02:42 PM

BF

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Butch's Family - December 24, 2014 at 02:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr..



December 24, 2014 at 01:34 PM

TF

“ *THE SAVOSKY FAMILY purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr..*



THE SAVOSKY FAMILY - December 24, 2014 at 10:54 AM

LG

“ *Laurie Grube lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.*



Laurie Grube - December 23, 2014 at 10:41 PM

RS

“ *Rob & Carrie Sharpe lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.*



Rob & Carrie Sharpe - December 23, 2014 at 09:37 PM

Laura
Marino

“ *Our Family Chain*
We little knew that morning
That God would call your name
In life we loved you dearly;
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one ,
The chain will link again.



With love an sympathy The Marino Family

Laura Marino - December 23, 2014 at 08:23 PM

BF

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Butch's Family - December 23, 2014 at 04:52 PM

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Butch's Family - December 23, 2014 at 04:35 PM

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Butch's Family - December 23, 2014 at 04:23 PM

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Butch's Family - December 23, 2014 at 04:22 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Julie Klein - December 23, 2014 at 03:48 PM

DC

“ Dianne G. Cox purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr..



Dianne G. Cox - December 23, 2014 at 11:07 AM

RW

“ We are so very sorry , our thoughts and prayers are with all the family

Richard & Dorothy Wilber



Richard & Dorothy Wilber - December 23, 2014 at 05:44 AM

BH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Harrison - December 22, 2014 at 07:58 PM

NB

“ Nora And Larry Van Brunt lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.



Nora and Larry Van Brunt - December 22, 2014 at 06:34 PM

TM

“ Tammi Menegio lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.



Tammi Menegio - December 22, 2014 at 05:23 PM

TM

Butch was a great man. He will truly be missed by many.

Tammi Menegio - December 22, 2014 at 05:24 PM

TP

“ Terry & Dave Aughenbaugh, Lynne Pinto lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.



Terry & Dave Aughenbaugh, Lynne Pinto - December 22, 2014 at 05:13 PM

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Butch's Family - December 22, 2014 at 05:09 PM

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Butch's Family - December 22, 2014 at 05:05 PM

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Butch's Family - December 22, 2014 at 05:00 PM

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Butch's Family - December 22, 2014 at 04:47 PM

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Butch's Family - December 22, 2014 at 04:45 PM

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Butch's Family - December 22, 2014 at 04:34 PM

MB

“ Marshall And Phyllis Bratton lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.



Marshall and Phyllis Bratton - December 22, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MB

A huge presence, dearly missed in our lives. Be at Peace.

Marshall and Phyllis Bratton - December 22, 2014 at 04:22 PM

RL

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Richard E. Lindmark - December 22, 2014 at 12:09 PM

JN

“ JoAnn Northup lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.



JoAnn Northup - December 22, 2014 at 09:19 AM

JJ

“ Jodi And George Lagonia Jr. lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.



Jodi and George Lagonia Jr. - December 22, 2014 at 08:51 AM

DG

“ I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS I HAVE MANY FOND MERORIES OF BUTCH FROM THE FIRE COMPANY DAVE GROVER



DAVE GROVER - December 22, 2014 at 07:34 AM

JH

“ *John Hawks lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.*



john hawks - December 22, 2014 at 06:32 AM

JH

Sorry for your lose, I worked many cases with Butch over my career, he taught me a lot, we were friends, he would call Bucky, had a great sense of humor, he will be mssed.

john hawks - December 22, 2014 at 06:38 AM

CR

“ *Butch was a great guy our family loved him very much he will be greatly missed! So many fun memories we shall cherish. Say hi to mom for us! Love always, The GROVIES as he put it! The Grovers, David, Debby, Joanie and Christy*

Christy Grover Ransford - December 22, 2014 at 06:08 AM

CR

“ *Christy Grover Ransford lit a candle in memory of David W. "Butch" Harrison Sr.*



Christy Grover Ransford - December 22, 2014 at 05:59 AM

KC

“ Kelly C lit a candle in memory of David W.
"Butch" Harrison Sr.



Kelly C - December 22, 2014 at 04:59 AM

SU

“ Suzette lit a candle in memory of David W.
"Butch" Harrison Sr.



Suzette - December 22, 2014 at 04:10 AM

SB

We love you dad/Bepa!

suzette booy - December 22, 2014 at 10:32 PM

JB

“ So sorry for you loss! I really liked and respected Butch. He and I started on the bench at the same time and we attended and had some fun discussions at Judge school. He always called me "Judgie". I will miss him very much.

Joe Bruno - December 21, 2014 at 10:13 PM

KA

“ Karolyn lit a candle in memory of David W.
"Butch" Harrison Sr.



karolyn - December 21, 2014 at 04:22 PM

YF

“ Dad, you were with those you respect and love as friends and brothers ...who made sure your last minutes were with your family. They are the best and we are grateful.

We all have our faults; but devotion to family, friends, community, country and just trying to do what's right is someone who left this world a better place than when he came into it. This is you and we will miss you!

Your Family - December 20, 2014 at 10:13 PM

LL

he will be missed by every one loved you butch you ment so much to my daughter and my family

lorraine losaw - December 22, 2014 at 06:46 AM

MW

A one of a kind, gentle caring, honorable man, we were all so lucky to have him in our lives, he will be missed by many!

Mark and Suzanne Williams - December 22, 2014 at 09:23 AM