



## James J. Palen

August 15, 1946 - September 23, 2013

James J. Palen, Sr. 67, of Claverack, died Monday Sept. 23, 2013 at his home. He was born in Hudson, NY on August 15, 1946 to the late James P. and Angelina (DeLuke) Palen. He was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Hudson and Albany Business College. James was employed with the Dept. of Motor Vehicles in Albany, Paul Montana Co. of Hudson, he also worked for Real Property Tax Dept. for Columbia County and was the Town of Claverack Assessor for 12 years. He was a life member of the Greenport Rescue Squad, Philmont Rescue Squad, and both the Mellenville and Philmont Fire Companies.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Patricia A. Butler-Byles Palen, one son James J. Palen, Jr., granddaughters: Cheyenne and Tracey Palen, grandson Justin Palen as well as many cousins.

Calling hours will be on Thursday Sept. 26, from 12 noon until 2pm at the Sacco-McDonald-Valenti Funeral Home 700 Town Hall Drive Hudson. Funeral services will begin at 2pm at the home with Fr. Winston Bath officiating. Burial follows at Mellenville Union Cemetery.