



Maurice C. "Mo" Mans

April 13, 1927 - February 20, 2015

MAURICE CHARLES MANS

1927-2015

Maurice C. "Mo" Mans of Churchtown died Friday , February 20, 2015 in Ghent, NY. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Janice of Churchtown, his daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Joe Castle of Cairo NY, his son, Brian and partner, Christine Dylong of Hagaman NY, his grandchildren Kathryn Schuck and partner Jeff Fabian of Cairo NY, Jimmy Schuck of Marco Island Fla., Joseph Jr. and Emily Castle of Catskill and several nieces and nephews. Mo was born April 13, 1927 in Great Barrington Mass. to Mildred and Charles Mans. He was predeceased by a sister Nancy Mans Chicorelli of Oneonta, NY.

A loving husband and caring father Mo was always there to help those in need. A mechanic by trade he was the one who could get a motor running when no one else could. After graduating from Roeliff Jansen High School in 1945 he worked for a number of garages in his early years until he and his partner, Rodney Rushmore opened M&R Motors in Ghent NY and ran that business until they both went to work for the Columbia County Highway Department. Mo worked for the highway department for 16 years retiring as shop foreman in 1989.

Upon retirement Mo and Jan joined the Claverack Senior Citizens group and made many lifelong friends. They took trips all over the country especially wintering in Myrtle Beach for the last ten years, with the exception of this year,

and when that wasn't enough Mo and Jan went to Europe twice and Alaska once. He truly enjoyed traveling and was not afraid to leave his comfort zone. The only travel regret they had was not making it to Hawaii due to health issues.

Always one to give back to the community, he served on the Taconic Hills Board of Education, was a councilman on the Claverack Town Board , delivered meals through the meals on wheels program, was a past president and chief of the Churchtown Fire Company, past master of Widow's Sons Lodge #335 F&AM, Livingston NY, member of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Churchtown, coached in the Ockawamic Little League and Columbia County Babe Ruth League was a member of the OxBow Club in Hillsdale and was active in the Roe-Jan alumni club.

Besides his family Mo had many passions in life but none were more enjoyable to him than spending time hunting in Maine with his son and good friends Rolf Schmalzer Sr., Rolf Jr. and Steven Miller. From May through November you would typically find him on his lawn tractor mowing his property so he could watch the wildlife.

A special thank you to the staff at Columbia Green Dialysis Center who were there for Mo during the last three years of his life.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours at the Sacco-McDonald-Valenti Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Hudson NY on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 10:00 am at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Churchtown, NY.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Churchtown Fire Company 2219 Route 27 Hudson, NY 12534

Previous Events

Visiting Hours

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Luntheran Church
County Route 27
Churchtown, NY 12521
(518) 828-5000
smvfh700@gmail.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Maurice C. "Mo" Mans.*



February 26, 2015 at 06:10 AM



“ *To the Mans family, Janice no one needs to tell you what a great man you chose to share your life with. He was truly one of the "Good Guys" Mo was a wonderful role model for all the young boys that grew up on our road. He served as an inspiration to me as a Father. I often shared with my boys as they were growing up that there was this guy on our road who built a backstop for us, set up a small ball field in his yard, kept a pool up in the summer for us, taught us how to work on engines and bikes and was always around to give you an answer you could count on. He touched the lives of many of us and showed me things I've carried through my life as a father and an elder. I think of him as being gentle but when he said "no" you knew it was no... He was a fine man, father, neighbor and human being. I wish I could be with you all in this time of sorrow but I'm sure the Lord is there with you. May God bless you and your family. Mo will be missed by many. Laurie and Brian, you are truly blessed to have had such a caring father to support you and shape you in your lives. If there is anything at all that I can do, please reach out to me. With a heavy heart and my sincere condolences, Peter*

Peter Tranchita - February 24, 2015 at 08:44 AM

AF

“ I am sure glad I got to see you and Mo last year. That was a nice obituary that was written, things I never knew. Deb and I will be praying and thinking of the Family. Love you Janice.
Butch Fenn

Arthur B. Fenn - February 23, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Maurice C. "Mo" Mans.



February 23, 2015 at 12:56 PM

BS

“ As the years have passed, and life has run its course, I have fallen out of touch with my friends and neighbors whom were an integral part of my childhood upbringing in Churchtown. That upbringing shaped who I am today and I am forever grateful for those friends and neighbors. Nothing can ever take that away. Mo was one of the great ones. His influence on me as I was growing up has certainly enriched my life.

*The Mans' will always be my neighbors, my friends, my home.
My heart goes out to all of you.*

Bill Sticker

Bill Sticker - February 23, 2015 at 09:51 AM

PT

My thoughts as well... May the Lord comfort all those who will be grieving him during this difficult time. Wish I could be there to share in it...

Peter Tranchita - February 24, 2015 at 01:49 PM

WS

“ *Dear family of Mo Mans,
Our sincere sympathy to Jan and family at the passing of you husband and father.
Walt is not well enough to attend Mo's services, God go with you at this time of sorrow. Our prayers are with you.
God bless and keep you.
Sincerely Walt and Helen Sticker*

Walter Sticker - February 22, 2015 at 06:41 PM

MD

“ *Mo was a good friend to my parents and they shared many moments. We enjoyed visiting with them when we went to South Carolina's on vacation during the month of February. Mo, Jan and his family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
George and Mary Tkacy Duntz*

Mary Duntz - February 21, 2015 at 04:37 PM