

Obituaries

Arlene G. Lee



POUGHKEEPSIE –Arlene G. Lee, a resident of Poughkeepsie and formerly of Beacon, entered into rest on November 23, 2023 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was 72 years old.

Arlene was born on June 18, 1951 in Callicoon, New York the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Sinrod) Brodsky. She married Robert J. Lee, on October 30, 1969, who survives her at home.

Arlene had retired from the local Meat Cutters and Wrappers Union and throughout her career she worked at several local Grand Unions and also owned Butcher Bob's Meat Market. Arlene was a licensed real estate broker. She was a member of the Beacon Elks Club Lodge #1493 and a former member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Hopewell Junction, and she was

also a member of the New Hamburg Yacht Club. Arlene was known as a vacation specialist, who loved traveling the world and taking cruises. She also had a passion for dance, was an avid ballroom dancer and an instructor with the local dance group, Love to Dance.

In addition to her husband, Arlene is survived by her children; her son, Charles Lee, her daughter, Catherine Lee Ramos, and her husband, John, and her son, Michael Lee, and his wife, Maria; her grandchildren, Ashley, Kevin, Michael, Alexander, Andrew, Isabella and Gabrielle; her brothers, Ted and Herbert Brodsky; her sister, Judy Golden; her in-laws, Eva, Roland, Emma, Edward, Richard, Elizabeth, John and Donnah; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Arlene was predeceased by her son, Robert E. Lee.

Family and friends gathered on Sunday, November 26 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Monday, November 27. The burial followed at Fairview Cemetery, Beacon.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Br. Julius Tkaczyk, OFM Cap.

BEACON - Br. Julius Tkaczyk, OFM Cap., was born in Jersey City, NJ on February 16, 1942 the son of the late Nellie Skowronski and John Tkaczyk.

Br. Julius entered the Capuchin Franciscans and made his First Profession on August 19, 1972. He was stationed at St. Francis Seminary in Lafayette, NJ before volunteering for the foreign missions where he served for twelve years in Zambia, Africa. The last twenty-four years of his life were spent at St. Lawrence Friary doing building maintenance and grounds keeping.

After a long illness, Br. Julius was called to eternal life on November 19, 2023 at St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, NY. In addition to his parents, Br. Julius was predeceased by his brother, Bobby. He is survived by his brother, John and sisters, JoAnne and Patricia.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, November 28 with a wake service at St. Lawrence Friary, 180 Sargent Avenue, Beacon, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, November 29, at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of St. Lawrence Friary. Burial will follow at St. Lawrence Friary Cemetery, Beacon, NY.

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Robert (Bob) Shafer

FORMERLY OF POUGHKEEPSIE - It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Shafer at the age of 84, on November 20, 2023.

Bob is survived by his daughters Trina (Tom) Carricart, Sue (Mike) Curley, Kate (Gene) Porto and stepdaughters Sharon (William) Struth and Deborah Johnson, his 11 grandchildren; Mitchel Carricart, Leah Faucher, Jacob Gaona, Calli Gaona, Kelsey Brodbine, Kylee Emery, Nicole Struth, Katie Struth, Mustafa Ghasia, Hana Brogan, and Nadira Ghasia, and five great-grandchildren.

He was married to the late Joyce L. Shafer for 46 years. They shared a home in Poughkeepsie, NY. Bob served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Eglin AFB in Florida. Shortly after leaving the military, he went to work for IBM. He retired after a long career with them. He enjoyed many years as a member of the Whortlekill Rod and Gun club in Hopewell Junction, New York. For many years, Bob was an avid golfer. He belonged to the New Hackensack Reformed Church. In his retirement, he wrote a book about his adventures as a younger man called "Opportunities of a Lifetime," an accomplishment that gave him great pride.

A service will be held for family and close friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Senator Rob Rolison inducts Peter Maraday into Veterans Hall of Fame



Sen. Rob Rolison (39th District) presents Air Force veteran Peter Maraday with an official Hall of Fame plaque.

-Courtesy photo

State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) recently welcomed his first Veterans' Hall of Fame selection to his Town of Poughkeepsie district office and presented him with an official Senate commendation. Master Sergeant Peter "Pete" Maraday is a 24-year Air Force and New York Air National Guard veteran and lifelong Orange County resident who resides in the Town of Montgomery with his wife Barbara, with whom he raised three children.

The Veterans' Hall of Fame is an annual program administered by the New York State Senate "to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life," according to the Senate website. Maraday was selected for his considerable military background and depth of experience as well as his work supporting other veterans and their families as Hudson Valley peer-support manager for Clear Path for Veterans, a statewide nonprofit that provides programs and services to returning service members.

"Pete Maraday served his country with bravery and honor before turning his focus

to serving fellow veterans. Clear Path and its membership understand that the battle is not won just because a war ends: they continue to provide services and programs to transition veterans successfully back into civilian life. Pete has been an integral part of this network as Hudson Valley peer-support manager, helping those who have sacrificed for their country and working closely with our district office team to identify regional veteran needs as a member of my Veterans Advisory Board. I am proud to award him a place in the state's Veterans' Hall of Fame," said Sen. Rolison.

"I am grateful to Senator Rolison for this tremendous honor," said Maraday. "Military service taught me the value of hard work and dedication to the mission. Clear Path for Veterans continues to assist fellow veterans, military members, and their families by connecting them with programs and services that enhance their quality of life and well-being. It's a fundamental belief at Clear Path that when our veterans thrive our communities thrive. It's reassuring to know veterans have allies like Senator Rolison there to support them at the state level."

A special visit to Myers Corners



Myers Corners Elementary School Principal Sydnie Goldstein welcomed a special visitor back to the school last week! Netherlands native Olav van Bommel lived in Wappingers Falls with his family in 1981-83, and had such fond memories of his time as a Myers Corners 7th grader that he visited the school on a recent trip to New York.

Olav walked around the building with Ms. Goldstein, popping into the gym and cafeteria and walking the still-familiar hallways. He then participated in a beloved Myers tradition: each year, 4th graders place their handprints on the school wall, as a reminder that they will always be Tigers. "It's very meaningful to our students," Ms. Goldstein said. "It

shows them that they are part of something bigger, part of our Myers community, and always will be."

Ms. Goldstein stopped by Mr. Wall's 4th grade class to introduce Olav and explain why he came back to Myers. The kids were delighted: their first question was, "Did you put your handprints on the wall?" They also wanted to know if the buses looked the same, and if he still knew any of the teachers; then, they got a chance to see his Myers yearbook.

Ms. Goldstein told the students "This is a great reminder that this time in your life is special, and that you will always be welcomed back to Myers, no matter how far you roam!"

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