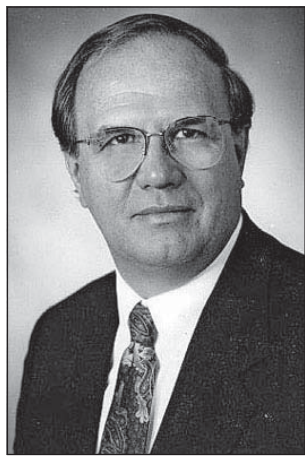


OBITUARIES & OPINION



Donald W. Cook II

Donald W. Cook II, age 70, of Campbell, NY, passed away on Friday, July 29, 2016 at home surrounded by his family.

Don was born on September 30, 1945 in Corning, NY, the son of the late Donald W. and the late Rachel (Whiteman) Cook. He married Maureen M. Young on August 20, 1966 at the Campbell Methodist Church.

He served in the United States Army Reserves from 1966 to 1972 during the Vietnam War. Don began his career at Corning Inc. in 1966 at Fallbrook working his way up as a Plant Manager Process Research Center and then moved on to be the Director of Operations of the Science and Technology at Sullivan Park. He was President of Vieley Technology Inc. for three years. In 2006 he worked for the American Red Cross Service Area as an executive for the Northeast United States and the Caribbean. He was Chair of the NYS Service Council, chair of the New York/Pennsylvania Blood Region Board and chair of the S.A.S Steering Committee for the Red Cross. Don donated his time to the Hurricane Katrina efforts for over 2 years.

He received numerous awards through the years, including: the Corning Chapter American Cross Beth Award, the key to the City of Corning which was presented by the Mayor for many years of dedicated volunteer service. He received an award as the President of the Campbell Lions Club, Campbell Fireman of the year in 1987, American Red Cross special citation for exceptional volunteer service which was presented to him by Red Cross President, Elizabeth Dole in 1993.

Don was an active community member, taking part in numerous organizations. He was a scuba diver instructor, former President on the Board of Directors for the Campbell Lions club, Chief of the Campbell Volunteer Fire Department, founder of the Campbell Medical Rescue Squad, founder of the Sullivan Park Fire Brigade, and a former Treasurer for the Board of Fire Commissioners.

In his free time, Don had many hobbies. He was an avid snow skier, hunter and fisherman, and loved walking, hiking, biking and roller blading. He was an avid corvette enthusiast and loved adrenaline sports such as skydiving, bungee jumping and roller coasters. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife and family, visiting Jamaica, Disney World, Alaska, Hawaii, Cancun, Europe, Russia and many more.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Maureen M. Cook; two children: Donald William (Danielle) Cook, III of Campbell, NY, Destiny (Rex) Taft of Campbell, NY; grandchildren: Dillon, Caine, Catrice, Konnor, Taryn, and Hannah; brothers: Danny Cook of Charleston, SC and Doug (Cindy) Cook of Campbell, NY; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and canine companion, Kodi.

Family and friends are invited to call on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Phillips Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 17 W. Pulteney St., Corning, NY. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at 2:00pm. Rev. Linda Leibhart officiating. A private burial will take place in the family plot at Addison Rural Cemetery, Addison, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sloan Kettering Liposarcoma Research Center, 1275 York Avenue and 67th Street, New York, NY 10065.

Kind words and memories may be shared at: www.PhillipsFuneralHome.com.



Jean Telehany

Corning, NY - Jean Telehany, 88, of Corning, NY, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2016, at home with her family by her side.

She was born December 12, 1927, in Blossburg, PA, the daughter of Arthur and Mary Anna (Robins) Webster. She married Alexander Telehany August 5, 1950 in Corning. Alexander predeceased her.

Jean was a long time employee of Corning Hospital retiring in 1990 after 50 years.

She was such a special Mother to her three sons. She loved seeing and spending time with her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren and always looked forward to her trips to Alabama each winter.

Jean was a life long painter. She recently got back into it on her trips to Alabama and enjoyed spending time with her friends painting in class.

Jean was witty, quick and sharp with her sense of humor up to the end.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Jean's Daughter-in-law, Teresa Telehany for her care, love and time that she spent with Jean during her illness and also Marla Majestic, Carol Killiam and Dodie Clayberger for their special friendship and always being there for her.

She is survived by her Sons, Paul (Carol) Telehany, John (Teresa) Telehany and Thomas (Julie) Telehany; 9 Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Acly-Stover Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, from 4-7 p.m. A Mass of

Christian burial will be held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at 11 a.m.

Committal prayers and Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Corning.

Memorial donations may be made to Care First, 3805 Meads Creek Rd., Painted Post, NY 14870.



Edward 'Ed' D. Tyler

Edward "Ed" D. Tyler, age 80 of Hammondsport, NY, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Guthrie Corning Hospital in Corning, NY.

Ed was born December 17, 1935 in Pulteney, NY.

He is predeceased by his parents Erwin and Adaline Tyler, and his sister Sandra Tyler Senay.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Janice; daughters Susan (Clifford) Weatherell of Rochester, NY, Rebecca (Lawrence) Marvin of Newark, NY, and Sara (Jeffrey) Hunn of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren Hannah Marvin, Leah Marvin, Jordan Hunn, Ryan Hunn, and Evan Hunn; step-grandchildren Dwane (Michelle) Weatherell and Ray Weatherell, step-great-granddaughter Victoria Weatherell; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A 1954 graduate of Hammondsport Central School, Ed went on to graduate from the Toledo School of Meat Cutting. He served his country in the United States Army, stationed in the Panama Canal Zone.

Ed then worked at the Taylor/Great Western Winery for 35 years as an engineering project manager, retiring in 1995.

He was a gifted craftsman, woodworker, and woodturner who built his own house and crafted parts of the interior of the St. James Episcopal Church

in Hammondsport, NY. He was an avid sportsman proficient in hunting, fishing, trapping, archery, and target, trap, and skeet shooting. He was an active conservationist, and enjoyed ballroom dancing and the New York Yankees.

Ed was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, the Bath Elks Club, and the Finger Lakes Woodturners Association. Additionally, he was a member of the American Association of Woodturners, the Rochester Woodworkers Society, and the Bath Rod and Gun Club.

Ed worshipped at St. James Episcopal Church, where he served on its Vestry, was a member of the Hammondsport Central School Board of Education from 1981-1991 where he held the title of president from 1984-1991, and a member of the Hammondsport Rotary Club and was president from 1983-1984.

Services will be held for Ed at St. James Episcopal Church in Hammondsport, NY on Saturday, August 6 at 11:00am. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by LaMarche Funeral Home, Hammondsport, NY.



Wayne N. Sutton Sr.

CAMERON: Wayne N. Sutton, Sr., 55, of Yost Rd. passed away Friday evening (July 29, 2016) at his home surrounded by the love and care of his family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Wayne was born November 17, 1960 in the town of Urbana, to Donald C. and Shirley M. (Clark) Sutton.

He was employed as

a farm hand for the Leo Dickson & Sons Farm and Dickson's Environmental Services of Bath. He was a life time member of the Savona Rod & Gun Club and was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish with family and friends. He also enjoyed dancing, either square dancing or all other types of dance. If there was a dance to be found, you could always count on Wayne to be on the dance floor.

Farming was his first love though. He enjoyed every aspect of farming whether it be field work, barn chores or general maintenance he enjoyed it all.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Brenda Sutton of Cameron, a son: Wayne N. (Amanda) Sutton, Jr. of Youngsville, N.C. a daughter: Tara Hamilton of Bath. Three wonderful grandchildren: Bryden Wayne Sutton, Aiden Waite and Dylan VanOrder.

He is also survived by five sisters: Barbara Laursen of Penn Yan, Patty Yarka (Don Gardiner) of Hammondsport, Betty Herrera of Corning, Linda (Don) Miller of Hornell and Dawn Hawley of Bath, one brother: Roger (Beverly) Sutton of Corning, his mother-in-law: Joyce Plank of Canisteo, brother-in-law: James T. Plank of Canisteo, three sisters: Charlene Thayer of Canisteo, Diana Plank (Weedy) of Bath and Marcia (Curtis) Rice of Canisteo, several nieces and nephews.

Wayne was predeceased by his parents, a sister Debbie Haley Angus and two brothers, Doug and Ronnie Sutton.

Family and friends are invited for a time of fellowship and celebration of Wayne's life Tuesday from 3 pm - until at the Savona Rod & Gun Club, Bonny Hill Rd. Bath, N.Y.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions in Wayne's name may be made to the American Lung Association, 1595 Elmwood Ave. Rochester, N.Y. 14620

Arrangements are with the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home in Canisteo.

Online condolences and memories may be made through hpsmithandson-funeralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Ira Cole LaFever Jr. (Junior or Ding)

Ira Cole LaFever Jr., 89, of Beaver Dams, died Friday, July 29, 2016 after an extended illness.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Monterey Baptist Church in Monterey.

Arrangements are with Bond-Davis Funeral Home.

Charles M. Beechey

Charles M. Beechey, 87, of Big Flats, died Saturday, July 30, 2016 after a brief illness.

Calling hours are 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at Bethany Lutheran Church, 256 S. Walnut St., Elmira.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 11 a.m. Wednesday, the Rev. Krista Mendosa officiating.

Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Arrangements are with Sullivan's Funeral Home.

Neva K. Wells

Neva K. Wells, 94, of Osceola, Pa., died Friday, July 29, 2016.

Calling hours are 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at Kenyon Funeral Home, Elkland, Pa.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Burial will be in Fairview cemetery, Osceola, Pa.

COMMENTARY

Strengthening regional public health and safety

There were two very positive announcements on regional public health and safety recently that I think are worthwhile to highlight again here. The first one deals directly with what many of us consider the No. 1 public health crisis facing our region, state and nation at the moment: the heroin epidemic. As you've been reading in this column over the past few years the Senate Task Force on Heroin — working in a strong bipartisan fashion with the Cuomo administration and the state Assembly — has been diligently enacting a four-pronged strategy to combat the epidemic of addiction that's destroying individual lives, families and communities.

The strategy focuses on the following: Prevention. Recovery. Treatment. Law enforcement.

So we're encouraged by the recent announcement that Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services in Trumansburg is being awarded \$1 million to construct a new, 25-bed residential facility to treat patients suffering from substance use disorders. We could use many more



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beds, we know that, but this is an important step forward in the Southern Tier. It allows us to keep building on this new foundation.

Treatment and recovery services are cornerstones of the ongoing battle. These new residential treatment beds are critical. I look forward, together with the colleagues I serve with on the Senate's Heroin Task Force, to keep working with the Cuomo administration, our Assembly colleagues, and all of the local leaders, treatment providers, law enforcement agencies and concerned citizens doing our best to strengthen the state-local-federal partnership that we need to most effectively respond to this crisis.

Bill Rusen, CEO of Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services, predicted

that the new residential treatment facility will have a "big impact" in the Southern Tier region for those for whom this type of care has not been an option.

The 2016-17 state budget invests nearly \$200 million to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic — an 82 percent increase in funding since 2011. It invests in new residential treatment beds, including counseling and support services; medication-assisted treatment programs that serve clients in residential or outpatient settings; state-operated Addiction Treatment Centers; outpatient services that provide group and individual counseling; and crisis/detox programs to manage and treat withdrawal from heroin and opioids, among other initiatives.

In addition to these new foundations, we've enacted a comprehensive package of new anti-heroin laws this year including actions to: significantly reform insurance laws and regulations to ensure broader coverage of substance use disorder treatment and

improve access to addiction treatment; place limits on opioid prescriptions; increase, from 48 to 72 hours, evaluation for individuals incapacitated by drugs; require training to improve connections to substance use disorder care upon hospital discharge; require ongoing education about addiction and pain management for physicians and prescribers; and mandate pharmacists to provide information about risks of substance use disorder to clients.

This new facility is extremely positive news.

The second example of positive news deals with a recent meth lab-related bust in the town of Erin that resulted from a public tip to the Chemung County Sheriff's Office. News of this arrest provides an opportunity to make this point: regional police tip lines make a difference in law enforcement's daily fight against meth, heroin and other illegal drug trafficking and criminal activity.

Our local law enforcement agencies are grateful for anything and everything we can do to support their sacrifices

and their incredible service — day after day, night after night — to protect our neighborhoods and communities.

Yates County Sheriff Ronald Spike writes, "Communications with those we serve has always been paramount in law enforcement. We will go forward together into the future facing the public safety challenges as through the Internet you become a partner with us in enhancing the quality of life for all who live in and visit Yates County."

I've recently posted on my state Senate website, www.omara.nysenate.gov, a list of tip lines and other contact information for regional police agencies within the 58th Senate District.

Remember: We can all make a difference in public safety, and we can't thank our law enforcement officers enough for their service and sacrifices on our behalf.

— State Sen. Tom O'Mara represents New York's 58th Senate District, which includes Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates counties, and a portion of Tompkins County.