



## Mr. George M. Acker Sr.

April 25, 1960 - January 18, 2020

George “Hey Baby Blue Eyes” Acker Sr. of Purling, N.Y. died peacefully surrounded by his loving family after a long illness on January 18, 2020 at the age of 59.

George was born on April 25, 1960, in Catskill, N.Y. and is the son of the late George William and Vivienne Joan (Marcelli) Acker.

George is survived by his wife Irene of Purling, N.Y. his son George Acker, Jr. and his wife Kelly of New Hartford Connecticut, his daughter Diana Losey and her husband Matt of Indianapolis, Indiana, his son Michael Acker and his wife Ashley of South Cairo, N.Y. George was the loving grandfather to Isabella Acker and Clayton Losey. Other surviving children Andrew Beede of Cairo, N.Y., Alan Beede of Purling, N.Y. George is also survived by his brother William Acker and his wife Janine of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, many aunts, uncles, niece, nephews and cousins. George also leaves behind his beloved furry Grandson companion and partner in crime Buddy.

George was reunited with his parents George William Acker and Vivienne Joann Marcelli, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

George is a graduate of Cairo Durham High School. He was a member of the football team in his high school years. Throughout his life he kept involved with sports and coached, assisted coaching to many community teams he was well respected by his community. He always went above and beyond helping a player build their confidence to become a great team player.

After 25 years he retired from the N.Y.S. Department of Corrections as

Sergeant and Community Supervision. George was an assistant baseball coach at BARD College and he also was employed at C.C.S. Hessel Museum at BARD College as a security manager for six years, both of these careers were shortened due to his illness.

George was also the chairman for the Greene County Independence Party. George was a huge fan of The N.Y. Mets and the N.Y. Giants teams he enjoyed watching games, spending quality time with family, bird watching, hiking and playing pool.

He will be missed but never forgotten.

George M. Acker, Sr.'s Celebration of Life that was to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at 2:00 P.M. at The Catskill Elks Lodge # 1341, 45 N. Jefferson Avenue, Catskill, N.Y. 12414, has been postponed due to the Coronavirus situation.

George's Celebration of Life at The Catskill Elks Lodge # 1341 will be rescheduled when the social distancing situation clears, and will be announced with the new date and time.

The family expresses sincere thanks for understanding of the situation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ Stephen George lit a candle in memory of Mr. George M. Acker Sr.



Stephen George - February 27, 2020 at 12:38 PM

HJ

“ Harry Jaycox lit a candle in memory of Mr. George M. Acker Sr.



Harry Jaycox - January 28, 2020 at 08:20 PM



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Irene Beede - January 26, 2020 at 04:32 PM

ML

“ Condolences to his family and friends. I did not know George well on a personal basis, but I had the utmost respect and appreciation of his devotion to his community. He certainly will be missed and remembered.



Michael Lamanec - January 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM

BW

“ *Betty A. (McNulty) White lit a candle in memory of Mr. George M. Acker Sr.*



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**Betty A. (McNulty) White** - January 26, 2020 at 10:31 AM

CP

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Acker family on your loss of George. He was a student in my mathematics classes at Cairo-Durham Junior-Senior High School back in the day. I always found him to be a "good kid" who was respectful of others. May your happy memories bring you peace.*

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**Caroline Benton Pflieger** - January 25, 2020 at 11:28 PM

LL

“ *Linda Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. George M. Acker Sr.*



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**Linda Lawrence** - January 25, 2020 at 09:10 AM

TP

“ *Although I only knew George for a short time, I found him to be a very caring and compassionate man who saw the positive attributes in every one. He will be sadly missed and was a true asset to the Cairo community. Godspeed my friend and may God bless his family. Cairo Councilman Tim Powers*

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**Timothy M Powers** - January 25, 2020 at 07:44 AM

DB

“ So sorry to hear this. Our condolences to his family. George was a great person. Did so much for the community. Rest in Peace



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**Diane Berg** - January 24, 2020 at 10:23 PM

PB

“ So sad to learn of Geoge’s passing. Our deepest condolences to his family. Prayers to you all.  
*Pam Brent and Jessica, TJ & Mitch Dwyer*

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**Pam Brent** - January 24, 2020 at 08:50 PM

LP

“ I met George through the Twin County Vikings, but really got to know him playing flag football with his Green County Giants. He was affable, sincere, caring and always willing to take time to help a player, or a friend. George embodied the team concept, and gave back to his community in so many ways. His spirit will live on in all those that he coached, mentored and helped. Godspeed George, we will miss you.  
*Lou Pierro*

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**Lou Pierro** - January 24, 2020 at 08:30 PM

BS

*He was a great guy*

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**Bishop Shay** - January 24, 2020 at 10:35 PM

JL

*One of a kind. God bless George. I didn't know you well, but admire you greatly. You loved your NY teams (Giants and the Mets), you were a loyal friend. For you to travel to Plattsburgh to visit my father and reminiss about the old days in corrections was a class act. This was because of a post I put up due to my father's poor health. Next thing you know we got to see each other in Albany when you were in the hospital. Some people with all you health issues would be down and out. Yet, when ever we saw you, you were upbeat and willing to talk about other things in order to stay positive. You were loved and respected. RIP George.*

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**Jeff Longtin** - January 25, 2020 at 06:44 AM

AS

*George was a legend and didn't even know it. The children of Greene County were blessed to have a man like him in their community. His life was cut short. But his soul will live forever in those who knew him. He was the father to kids that had know dad. Gave them a place to play football and baseball. The father of Greene County Pop Warner football. For those who thought he was a hard nose. You were right!!! But inside his heart was bigger then ten man. If he said he was going to do something he did it. I worked with George, Coached with George, And I ran football and baseball leagues with George. He never stopped talking about sports and helping kids. There are many thing I could say. But if you knew him you already know them. Heaven got one of the good ones today. George will find his friend Mike Beers up in heaven. And hunt down all those who he lost . And start some kind of football league. There is a old football coach up in heaven that George loved . I'm sure he will find him too and pick his brain. George will live eternity happy and healthy. He will be watching those who he loved. And the ones who loved him will be looking up at the heavens to say hello. God Bless you my friend. Rest in Peace.*

*Anthony M Coons Sr.*

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**Anthony M Coons Sr.** - January 25, 2020 at 12:34 PM

BV

*I knew George for many years and not much could shake him up. My true condolences to the family and the many friends knowing how he will be missed. RIP old friend. Buddy Venuti*

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**Buddy Venuti** - January 25, 2020 at 05:20 PM



*Today, the Independence Party mourns the loss of one of our finest leaders; we remember the life of Greene County Party Chairman George Acker.*

*Our State organization always took pride in Chairman Acker and the talented committee that he headed. George was a true believer in all that the Independence Party stands for and represents. He felt that government should be run by the most qualified and not necessarily the most connected. George was a true independent who lived a meaningful life, albeit one that was cut far too short.*

*Our hearts go out to George's wife Irene and the whole Acker family.*

*With Love, Respect and Sadness,*

*Frank M. MacKay*

*State Chairman*

*Independence Party of NY*

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**Frank MacKay** - January 25, 2020 at 05:33 PM



*Such sad news to hear of George's passing. What a great guy. Our deepest condolences to Irene and family from Nancy and Joe Forgione and Family*

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**Nancy and Joe Forgione** - January 26, 2020 at 02:27 PM