



Mr. Joseph Chast

June 22, 1925 - May 11, 2019

Joseph Chast (22 June 1925 – 11 May 2019)

Born in NYC, Joseph Chast lived in Coxsackie and Athens, NY for most of his 93 years.

Joe worked at many jobs including switch tender on the RR, truck driver building electric lines, taxi driver, and automobile salesman. A graduate of the College of Life Underwriters, he sold life insurance for many years. He worked as a rural letter carrier in Athens and Scotia. On retirement he was flagman for contract utility work.

Joe loved people and was always willing to help. He served as a volunteer fireman in West Athens Limestone Fire Company for more than 50 years, during which time he had terms as treasurer, president and Fire Commissioner. He was building inspector in the Town of Athens for a few years. Joe served a term as PTA president at Coxsackie-Athens Central School, and as a school board member. As a member of the Coxsackie Rotary Club, he served as Student Exchange Chairman.

After retirement he was often seen at gallery openings, and on his front porch chatting with the neighbors.

Survived by his wife Dorothy Anna Berner Chast, his two sons and one daughter, four grandsons, two great granddaughters, two nephews, and their families.

Services will be private with a public memorial and Celebration of Life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to West Athens Limestone Fire Company, 933 Leeds Athens Road, Athens, N.Y. 12015, or to the Special Olympics, Attn: Web Gifts, 1133 19th. St. N.W., 12th.Floor, Washington D.C. 20036-3604 USA or you may email to donorservices@specialolympics.org.

Arrangements have been entrusted by the family to Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley Inc., Athens, NY.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

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“ I know it has been a few years, but I remember Joe waiting on his front porch waiting for me to come by. He would rush out to the car and talk for as long as I would allow. Him and Dot were nice enough to invite me over to talk and to see the beautiful art work. A truely unique man, he and his stories will be missed. My condolences to the family.

Chris - May 17, 2019 at 06:14 AM