



Mr. Oakley Bathrick Jr.

April 11, 1932 - May 4, 2017

Oakley Bathrick Jr., age 85, of Athens, NY, passed away peacefully on May 4th, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

Oakley was born on April 11, 1932, in the Village of Athens, to the late Oakley (Sr.) and Dorothy (Proper) Bathrick.

On September 12, 1951, Oakley and the love of his life, Sarah Sauerzopf were wed. They made their home, and raised their 5 children in Athens.

Oakley was drafted and inducted into the US Army at the US Post Office in Albany, NY on September 5, 1952. Following quick stops at Ft. Devins, MA and Ft. Dix, NJ, Oakley took basic training at Ft. Knox, KY. Upon graduation, he stopped briefly at Camp Stoneman in the bay area of California. Next, he was transported by troop ship to Osaka, Japan in preparation for his deployment to Korea. Oakley landed at Inchon, Korea and was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division, 17th Infantry, 2nd Battalion, Fox Company. After approximately 16 to 18 months in Korea, Oakley returned to the states and was honorably discharged at Ft. Dix, NJ on September 4, 1954.

A hard working provider, Oakley had several occupations during his lifetime. Most recently he was employed at the E. J. Arthur Elementary School, for 25+ years as a custodian until his retirement in 1995.

Oakley had several hobbies which included raising and racing pigeons, attending bird shows, tinkering in "Pop's Garage" as it was fondly known, building bird houses and wooden holiday figures. He also spent much of his time at Dutchman's Landing in Catskill, watching boats, feeding the birds and

squirrels and enjoying nature.

Oakley is survived by his 5 children: Patricia (Henry) Helmedach of Catskill, Joyce (Michael) Vascellaro of Winterhaven, FL, Brenda LaMora of Guilderland, Oakley (Linda) Bathrick III of Athens and Dorothy Miller of Catskill, his 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren: Heather Buffa and her children Sarah and Joshua of Catskill, Kristi (Ivan) Morales and their children Demetrio and Civana of Cairo, Kayla LaMora and her son Wolfgang Hart of Rotterdam, Kimberley LaMora of Jacksonville, FL, Ashleigh Bathrick of Athens and Martin "Tyler" Miller of Coxackie. Oakley is also survived by his long time friend Eileen Glass and his special friends at Burger King.

In addition to his parents, Oakley was predeceased by his brother Donald Bathrick, and his beloved wife Sarah.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the Critical Care Unit at Columbia Memorial Hospital for their care and compassion during the final days of Oakley's life.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend calling hours on Monday, May 8th, 2017 from 6-8pm and Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 from 11am-12pm at Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc., 28 N. Vernon St., Athens, NY 12015.

A Funeral Service will take place at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 12pm.

Interment in the family plot of the Athens Rural Cemetery with full military honors will immediately follow the service.

To honor his love of animals, in lieu of flowers donation may be made in Oakley's memory to the Columbia-Greene Humane Society, 125 Humane Society Rd., Hudson, NY 12534.

Cemetery Details

Athens Rural Cemetery

6 Olivett Lane
Athens, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens
28 North Vernon Street
Athens, NY 12015
(518) 945-1065
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Visitation

MAY 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Athens
28 North Vernon Street
Athens, NY 12015
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Funeral

MAY 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Honor Guard Services

MAY 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

Athens Rural Cemetery
6 Olivett Lane
Athens, NY

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Bathrick family....so very sorry for your loss.*



Joseph & Mary Ann Pulice Jr. - May 11, 2017 at 08:01 AM

EJ

“ *Rest in Peace Uncle Oak as I know that Aunt Sarah will be waiting for you with open arms. Ed Rogers Jr*

Ed Rogers Jr - May 08, 2017 at 02:41 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Struss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oakley Bathrick Jr.*



Barbara Struss - May 08, 2017 at 09:44 AM

GP

“ *Oakley was a good neighbor, always ready to lend a hand. He was Always doing something interesting. He began hosting " Mornings at Oakley's Garage", where all the men met for laughs and complaints. We are all saddened at his loss. Gethen Proper*

Gethen Proper - May 07, 2017 at 04:01 PM

DP

“ Sorry for your loss! He was a wonderful person. Sue & Dennis

dennis proper - May 07, 2017 at 11:22 AM

MB

“ Pat and Henry and family, very sorry for the loss of your father (Pops). Our thoughts are with all of you. Tim and Mary Anne Barror.



Mary Anne Barror - May 07, 2017 at 09:15 AM

DD

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time changes nothing...I still miss the sound of your voice, the wisdom in your advice, the stories of your life and just being in your presence. So No, time changes nothing, I miss you as much today as I did the day you died. Love ever yours

Dorothy Bathrick daughter - May 07, 2017 at 06:16 AM

DD

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Dorothy Bathrick daughter - May 07, 2017 at 05:57 AM

TP

“ Terry And Maria Proper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oakley Bathrick Jr.



Terry and Maria Proper - May 06, 2017 at 06:59 PM

SM

“ Steven Mann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oakley Bathrick Jr.



Steven Mann - May 06, 2017 at 04:20 PM

Daniel
Graham

“ Still can't believe he's gone. Mornings at BK will never be the same. No matter how a morning was going he always made it better. Always smiling. He sure loved his cookies and everyone who met him sure will never forget him. Gonna miss him rolling into the parking lot during the Holidays with his Grinch plush in the passanger seat of his car. And as long as I live I'll never forget; bacon and egg no cheese on a crossaint, small hashbrown, and coffee 3 splenda, 3 cream. Lunch his 4 piece nuggets, value fries and drink, ordered with a smile from him and he always made all us laugh. James Eilenberger, Samantha Eilenberger, Richard Scott, Jennifer Lehmann, Chantel Evans, Jack Cion, Les Zaborski, Shelby Preston, Silas Miner, Heather Marie, Richie Pero, Pete McArdle Jr., Jamel Wright, Cheyenne Ferriolo, Trudy Weaver, Daniel Ward, Shannon Fantabulous, Glennis Haye, Chloe O'Donnell, and everyone else that has ever met him through BK we are all very thankful to have known such a great person and we will never forget you! Love ya Oak! R.I.P.!

Daniel Graham - May 06, 2017 at 12:40 PM

RS

“ Richard And Laura Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oakley Bathrick Jr.



richard and laura scott - May 06, 2017 at 07:52 AM

RS

Oakley was a great guy and will be missed. you could always have a laugh and joke and talk serious at the same time. I will miss you my friend.

richard and laura scott - May 06, 2017 at 07:55 AM

DD

“ Dorothy Bathrick Daughter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Oakley Bathrick Jr.



Dorothy Bathrick daughter - May 06, 2017 at 06:16 AM

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“ Dorothy Bathrick Daughter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oakley Bathrick Jr.



Dorothy Bathrick daughter - May 06, 2017 at 05:50 AM

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Dorothy Bathrick daughter - May 05, 2017 at 09:43 PM

DD

“ I truly had the best father ever. Someone I could go to. Saddens my heart he left to soon. But I will always remember every morning before work I meet him for breakfast at burger king. We would hv wonderful conversation s. I go out to visit him after work and he would always surprise me with a fabulous dinner. Then we sit and look out his window and see the squirrel s and birds and he feed them. Boy will I miss those moments .
But I will always hv wonderful memories and he will be forever in my heart. I love you daddy and I know your at peace and with mom. Always be in my heart. Will see u in my dreams. For I know you would never leave me and your spirit will always be with me. Hugs and kisses to u above .

Dorothy Bathrick daughter - May 05, 2017 at 09:31 PM

GB

Dorothy-
The Favicchio family has many fond memories of your father from Brick Row. He and Sarah were great neighbors to our Nonnie and Pa.
❤️ Gina Berry

gina berry - May 06, 2017 at 02:56 PM

PM

We were true friends as only two people can be...we shared Korea and we shared happy and sad times. Monday morning I will order your breakfast and place it at your seat in your honor. Every time I stop in Burger King I will salute the table we shared.
Pete Manfredi

Peter Manfredi - May 07, 2017 at 10:59 AM