



Walter "Buddy" V. Proper Jr.

September 2, 1957 - November 9, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a beloved man — a son, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend — Walter Vincent Proper Jr. (Buddy), who peacefully passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on November 9, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was 68 years old.

Buddy, a lifelong outdoorsman, was born on September 2, 1957, in Catskill, NY, to Walter Proper Sr. and Rose (Taranto) Proper. He was raised in Athens, NY, and attended Coxsackie-Athens High School. Shortly after graduation, Buddy proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, later receiving an honorable discharge.

He went on to marry the love of his life, Hazel (Gauthier) Proper, and together they shared a beautiful family of seven children, cherishing every moment despite the heartbreak of losing two of their own.

Buddy was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who loved nothing more than family gatherings — especially those famous BBQs, where no dessert was safe in his presence. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his brother Anthony and nephews Jason and Anthony Jr., and loved watching hunting shows while singing like “Kenny Chesney,” as one of his patients fondly remarked. Whether at work in the healthcare field or spending time with loved ones, Buddy’s joy came from making others smile — and people truly

adored him for it.

Buddy was predeceased by his parents Walter and Rose Proper; sister and brother-in-law Toni and Michael Maurer; brother-in-law Bill Waldron; nephew Anthony Proper; two children Kaylin and Kyle Proper; and granddaughter Aubrey Laurange.

He is survived by his beloved wife Hazel Proper; his children Mike Jennings, Melinda Jennings, Mark (Jessica) Laurange, John Laurange, Tonya (Frank) Davis, Walter Proper III, and Melissa Proper; and his cherished grandchildren Nicholas, Sierra, Dekota, EJ, Amber, Taylor, Amya, Breanne, Brenden, Isaiah, Alexis, Alivia, Frankie, Harper, and Grayson.

He is also survived by his siblings Brenda (Sonny) Maurer, Corky Waldron, Lucy Proper, Anthony (Tammy) Proper, and Joe Proper; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will forever remember his kindness and humor.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with the family on Saturday, November 15th from 11:00 A.M.- 12:30 pm at the W.C. Brady's Funeral Home, 97 Mansion St. in Coxsackie. Funeral Services for Buddy will be conducted at 12:30 pm at the funeral home after which a Celebration of Buddy's Life will follow at the Medway-Grapeville Fire Company, located at 1351 County Road 51, Hannacroix, NY.

Buddy will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, but his laughter, generosity, and spirit will live on forever in our hearts.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

W.C. Brady's Sons. Inc.

97 Mansion Street

Coxsackie, NY 12051

(518) 731-8000

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aaron, Jasmine, and Madi purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Walter "Buddy" V. Proper Jr..



Aaron, Jasmine, and Madi - November 13, 2025 at 10:20 PM

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“ The Waldron Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter "Buddy" V. Proper Jr..

The Waldron Family - November 12, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter "Buddy" V. Proper Jr..



November 12, 2025 at 06:54 PM

JD

“ I will miss seeing and talking with you, my condolences to Hazel and your family you will be missed ❤️🙏

Jerry decker - November 12, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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Grandma was such a wonderful man, really gonna miss his presents

nick dugan - November 15, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ R.I.P. buddy. Taken way to soon.
 Condolences to Hazel and the children.
 You are all in our hearts.
 Jeff and Kim



Kim Jackson Walz - November 11, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ Tina Bordeaux lit a candle in memory of
 Walter "Buddy" V. Proper Jr.



Tina Bordeaux - November 11, 2025 at 04:39 PM



RIP Buddy.. So sad

Tina Bordeaux - November 11, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Walter was a beautiful person he was always willing to help and
 never complained about anything ❤️ I really enjoyed working with
 him ❤️ my prayers 🙏 are with the family 🙏🙏

Alicia Scott - November 11, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ W.C. Bradys lit a candle in memory of Walter
 "Buddy" V. Proper Jr.



W.C. Bradys - November 11, 2025 at 09:53 AM