

Obituaries

Edward J. Counsell

Canaan – Edward J. Counsell, 86, passed away peacefully Friday evening, April 9, 2021 at the Williamstown Commons in Williamstown, MA.

He was born in New Bedford, MA on June 16, 1934, the son of the late Charles H. Counsell and Alice A. Neville Counsell. Ed was raised in New Bedford, MA and was a graduate of New Bedford High School. He operated a Service Station in New Bedford for many years.

In 1972, he moved to New Lebanon, NY and operated, with his wife Therese, the Valley Rest Motel for over 20 years before retiring. He then moved to Canaan, NY where he had lived for the past 20 years.

Ed was a member of the Lion’s Club and the New Lebanon and Canaan Senior Citizens and was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church in New Lebanon. He enjoyed stamp collecting, gardening and loved to travel with his wife.

He was the beloved husband of the late Therese J. Berard Counsell who passed away in 2015; loving father of Edward M. (Nancy) Counsell of Pittsfield, MA, James A. (Yingyu) Counsell of Renton, WA and Dave E. (Mary) Counsell of Niskayuna, NY; proud grandfather of Justin (Kelly), Melanie, James, Lucas, Alison and Anthony Counsell; great-grandfather of Sophia and Arya Counsell; brother of the late Charles Counsell.

Due to Covid-19, funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family on Friday, April 16 (the service may be viewed on the Parker Bros. Memorial Facebook page beginning at 1 pm). He will be buried in the Cemetery of the Evergreens in New Lebanon next to his wife and mother.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to HospiceCare of the Berkshires, 877 South Street, Suite 1W, Pittsfield, MA 01201 or to the Hospice of your local area. Arrangements are by the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, 457 NY 43, Stephentown, NY. A condolence book is available at [ParkerBrosMemorial.com](https://www.parkerbrosmemorial.com).



Irving Cross

Hoosick Falls – A wonderful man who always loved a “family gathering” would have been happy as he passed into the arms of our Lord, because his family was with him. Irving “Milton” Cross, 92, passed away on Wednesday April 7, 2021 at his residence on Bovie Hill Road. He resided there with his wife Dorothy “Dottie” (Spier) Cross.

Milton was born on June 23, 1928, in Troy, NY, son of Irving and Mary (Dickson) Cross. He graduated from Hoosick Falls High School. Milton grew up on the family farm on the Pine Valley Road and later worked the farm for many years.

He eventually left the farm life and became owner of Cross Dairy Equipment, servicing farms in a very wide area with their milking parlors, bulk tanks, silo unloaders and more!

Milt was a long-time member of the West Hoosick Baptist Church, serving as a Trustee for many years; he also served on the West Hoosick Cemetery Association Board of Directors. He was a Charter Member of Rensselaer County Farm Bureau and also served on its Board of Directors.

Survivors other than his wife Dottie include their children Irving Cross, Virginia Ruble (Michael), Ronald Colvin (Julie), Craig Colvin (Pollyanna) and Kimberlee Colvin, his sisters Gertrude Carpenter and Eleanor Dreskin. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Milton was predeceased by a grandson Stephen Colvin.

A Celebration of Milton’s Life will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 3 pm, from the West Hoosick Baptist Church on the Buskirk West Hoosick Road (County Rt 103). Burial will follow the service at the West Hoosick Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call at the church on Saturday from 2 pm, until the start of the service. Arrangements are under the care of the Mahar Funeral Home, 43 Main Street in Hoosick Falls, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Stephen Colvin Memorial Fund or the West Hoosick Baptist Church through the funeral home.



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