



Donald "Dinge" Tkacy

April 7, 1922 - March 18, 2020

Donald "Dinge" Tkacy, 97, of Hudson, passed away Wednesday March 18, 2020 under Hospice care at the NYS Firemen's Home. Born April 7, 1922 in Hudson, NY, he is the son of Stanislaw and Mary (Skalaczka) Tkazch. A lifelong Hudson resident, Don was a 1939 graduate of Hudson High School, serving as class president. Don was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy as an Aviation Ordinance Man having served tours in Africa and Okinawa. Earlier careers included working at Universal Match Corp., Pulver Gas and Oil, and Swiss Farms. Dinge was best known for his careers in local politics, from which he retired on December 31, 1995. Offices held by Dinge included Columbia County Coroner, Treasurer, Clerk, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Jurors, and 5th Ward Supervisor. Throughout his career in local politics, Don received many awards and accolades. He was a Communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of its Men's Club, Communicant of Holy Trinity Church St. Mary's Parish, a member of CH Evans Hook & Ladder, Hudson Elks #787, The Federation of Polish Sportsmen, Kalicoonte Rod & Gun Club, American Legion, and Knights of Columbus. He was also an Honorary member of The Watertown Fire Department.

Dinge was an avid NY Yankee and Duke basketball fan, an avid trout fisherman (fishing every day of the season if possible), he was an excellent dancer and enjoyed polka hops, listening to and singing to polka music, walks with his signature hat and lapel flower, playing euchre and penny ante poker,

casinos and slot machines, horse racing at Saratoga, and in his younger years, small game hunting and ice fishing.

Left to cherish Donald's memory include his beloved wife Beatrice (Cripps) Tkacy, son Philip M. (Sherry) Tkacy, daughter Mary Tkacy (George) Duntz, grandchildren, Philip Tkacy Jr., Heidi Tkacy Gaschel (J. Thomas), Pamela Tkacy Jantz, Erik Tkacy, Karri Tkacy Nichols (Jason), Julianne Duntz, George Duntz Jr. (Kate), Katrina Duntz Sullivan (Austin), Christopher Duntz (Tiffany), and Gregory Duntz, along with 14 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Don was predeceased by his siblings Anthony, Walter, Frank, Joseph, Philip, Brun and Bronka (Betty).

Private funeral services with burial in Cedar Park Cemetery were Monday March 23, 2020. A celebration of Don's life will be held, with a date to be determined. Memorial contributions in Don's name are encouraged to be made to the Firemen's Home Activities Fund, as Don enjoyed Bingo and horse racing.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler, Funeral Services, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Dinge" Tkacy*



Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler - March 23, 2020 at 10:33 AM

SD

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Don and Bea from the Firemen's Home. He was still a gentleman even though his memory was fading, he still was kind, loving, and a great smile. He really was a classy gentleman. Part of my family knew him from Hudson. It was a pleasure to be an RN caring for him.*

Susan Darnell - April 22, 2020 at 01:08 AM

MC

“ *Mary Coons lit a candle in memory of Donald "Dinge" Tkacy*



Mary Coons - April 10, 2020 at 01:56 PM

NG

“ So very sorry to hear of Mr. Tkacy's passing. Another of the greatest generation and we thank him for his service to country and county. I had the privilege of being one of his employees at the county. He was a great boss and I am sure my co workers would agree. He was a true gentlemen and always had a kind word for everyone and willing to help with any problem. On a lighter side it was a fun workplace, if you can say that about DMV, and we would dress up for Halloween INCLUDING Mr. Tkacy and Tony (Nabozny) Mr. Tkacy always found a flower for his jacket no matter the season. Thank you to the family for sharing the wonderful video. Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Tkacy and all his family. Rest in peace and enjoy the fishing in heaven. Nancy & Art Griffith (Taghkanic)



Nancy Griffith - March 24, 2020 at 11:22 AM

ST

“ Steve Tell lit a candle in memory of Donald "Dinge" Tkacy



Steve tell - March 24, 2020 at 06:32 AM

JM

“ Mr. Tracy was the epitome of a gentleman. It was always a pleasure to pass him by and to be greeted with his smile and a tip of his hat. We thank him for his service to our county and our country. I am a very proud owner of one of his DT plates! We would like to send our condolences to Mrs. Tkacy, Marie, Erik and the whole Tkacy family. Jane and Dan Mack

Jane and Dan Mack - March 23, 2020 at 07:16 PM

MB

“ Truly a gentleman, always, no matter the situation. Who didn't love Don Tkacy? What a wonderful life he lived; always caring about the well-being of his friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. I will think of him fondly for the rest of my days. The examples he set for all, especially politicians, deserve to be emulated. Rest in Peace, Don.

Mary G Bartolotta - March 23, 2020 at 01:16 PM

DB

“ Donald hired me back in April of 1985 as a temporary employee. After three months he made me permanent. He was a good boss and a great county clerk. Also a snappy dresser. Rest in peace Mr. Tkacy.

Dawn Barone - March 23, 2020 at 10:13 AM

EH

“ our sincerely condolence to the Tracy family.
One of the nicest gentleman That Ever
Walked the face of this Earth always tip his
hat to say hello



Ethel Hoyt - March 23, 2020 at 12:11 AM

JH

“ I have many fond memories of Don, who took me under his wing and showed me how to be a true public servant. He was a true friend and mentor, and I will always be grateful for his sage wisdom and support over the years.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to the Tkacy and Duntz families and friends for their loss.

Sincerely,

Amy and John Hilliard

John Hilliard - March 21, 2020 at 09:41 PM

BS

“ I have known the Tkacy's since I was 14 when they were on State St. Truly a gentleman, a tip of the hat to say hi there (call me by name) even after his retirement when i would see him on Warren St. Love to all of his family..whose friendship has been for 4 generations..from children to great grandchildren. Rest in peace. Fondly, Becky (Meicht) Siegel

Becky Siegel - March 19, 2020 at 08:06 PM

DD

“ I can still see Mr Tkacy walking in a store holding his wife's hand and then holding the door for her. One of the last true gentleman. He was an inspiration to all. He will be sorely missed by all.

David Van Leuven & Rita D'Onofrio - March 19, 2020 at 04:41 PM