



Frederick J. Stark Jr.

April 2, 2017

Frederick J. Stark Jr., of Claverack died Sunday April 2, at Columbia Memorial Hospital. A lifelong resident of Claverack, he was the son of Frederick J. and Beulah (Traver) Stark. Fred attended Iowa State University of Science and Technology and Syracuse University. He worked as a structural engineer with the New York State Department of Transportation, especially supervising the design and reconstruction of new bridges in Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, and Orange Counties for many years, retiring in 1996. After retirement, he continued to do professional engineering work under Frederick J. Stark Engineering Services. Mr. Stark was a veteran of the US Navy where he served 3 years in the Pacific Area. He was a life member of the Ghent VFW Post 5933 serving as the official bugler of the post and the Honor a Veteran Committee of Columbia County. Fred was noted for playing trumpet and flugelhorn in small groups and big bands throughout New York and New England, he also joined the Ghent and Coxsackie Bands and several other marching bands in the early 1960's and continued to participate until his death.

Survivors include his wife Joan, sons Frederick of Taghkanic, Phillip of Livingston, William of Copake, daughters Jean Stoddard of Hudson, and Cathy Riegl of Taghkanic, sister Betty Caulfield of Colonie, three grandchildren Marc Riegel, Marie Stark, and Erick Stark, and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services provided by Bates & Anderson Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home are private and at the convenience of the family

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences on the passing of Fred. I live next to Aunt Beulah and Uncle Fred's house and saw Fred there many times. He was so great in the Ghent band. Let us know if you plan a memorial. Sincerely, Nancy Winch*

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