



Robert "Doc" Donahue Sr.

October 20, 1937 - March 19, 2019

It is with great sadness, that surrounded by his loving family, they announce the passing of Robert J. Donahue Sr. on Tuesday March 19, 2019.

Born on October 20, 1937 in Albany, NY, he is the son of Joseph and Isabelle (Saltis) Donahue.

Robert, affectionately known as "Bob", or "Doc", was a 1955 graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Hudson. After graduation, he and three of his fellow classmates joined the United States Navy. After earning an Honorable Discharge from the Navy, Doc was employed as a mail carrier for the US Postal Service for 25 years, where he was known for his speed walking and prompt delivery. After retirement, Bob drove for The Office of the Aging, where he took residents to their various doctor's appointments. Doc's commitment to his community and the City of Hudson was unsurpassed. He served as 5th Ward Alderman for 24 years, was a Life Member of Hudson Elk's Lodge #787, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and was an Umpire for the Columbia-Greene Umpire Association for over 20 years. Doc was a devoted, lifelong communicant of Holy Trinity St. Mary's Parish in Hudson.

Bob married the love of his life Marilyn (Magee) Donahue in 1959, she predeceased him 4 months ago in November. Together, they raised 5 children, Laura, Robert Jr. (Debbie), and Daniel Donahue, Carolanne (Robert) McComb, and Paul Donahue, who predeceased December 2017. Also left to cherish his memory are 9 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren who brought immense joy to his life. In addition to Doc's wife, son and parents, he

was predeceased by a brother Joseph Donahue.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday March 25, at 10:00am from Holy Trinity St. Mary's Parish in Hudson. Visitation hours at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home are Sunday from 4:00-7:00pm. Interment will be in Cedar Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Doc's name may be made to Bethany Ministries P.O. Box 432 Middleburgh, NY 12122-0432 or Community Hospice of Columbia-Greene 47 Liberty St. Catskill, NY 12414.

Previous Events

Visiting Hours

MAR **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Mass

MAR **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity St. Mary's Parish Hudson

Tribute Wall

DT

“ I am going to miss you dearly, Always came for Mass cards always there for others. Your heart is gold .Rest In Peace. Deb Teegarden

Deborah Teegarden - March 24, 2019 at 06:11 PM

DT

“ Deborah Teegarden lit a candle in memory of Robert "Doc" Donahue Sr.



Deborah Teegarden - March 24, 2019 at 06:05 PM

PM

“ During the time I was the Executive Director of HDC and the HCDPA Doc Donahue played an important role in the agencies progress. He was always a strong supporter and asked all the right questions. I appreciated all his support and his advice. This was a man who loved his City and did everything he could to make it better place to live and work. Rest in peace Doc. Job well done..

*Peter Markou
Greene County Treasurer*

Peter J. Markou - March 22, 2019 at 03:40 PM

RS

“ Doc and I had sort of ,*"a one way conversation,"* in the summer of 1993 about my decision to run for Mayor and how much I needed him to run with me as our 5th Ward Alderman. Needless to say he said....yes...and went on to serve 24 consecutive years in that position. Doc loved Hudson and make no mistake, he being the Alderman of the largest ward, he was very instrumental in the many positive changes that took place in our community over those years. Personally he was a great family friend, a true supporter and a pillar of this community beloved by so many.....RIP my good friend!

Rick Scalera

rick scalera - March 21, 2019 at 10:29 AM

SZ

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Donahue. He was a very kind and caring individual, always helping everyone in every way. He will always be remembered by the Zempko boys for all the baseball games he umpired. They thought highly of him. He has touched so many lives. May you rest in peace Mr. Donahue. Sharon Zempko*

Sharon Zempko - March 21, 2019 at 10:19 AM

CK

“ *Carole Keil lit a candle in memory of Robert "Doc" Donahue Sr.*



Carole Keil - March 21, 2019 at 08:57 AM

PM

“ *Dear Doc, May you rest in peace.*

Peter B Meyer - March 20, 2019 at 05:35 PM

HK

“ *I will cherish the memories of Mr. Donahue pitching batting practice to me and Paul at the Middle School, and of Friday night pizza at the house on Glenwood. Years later, I came to respect him even more when he offered the elderly rides around town, and when always came to pay his respects when a member of my family passed. Rest In Peace, Mr. Donahue. To the Donahue family, you have my deepest sympathy. John Kelley*

Hon. John J. Kelley - March 20, 2019 at 04:35 PM