



## Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt

May 22, 2019

WATERVILLE, NY - Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt, formerly of New Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 while traveling with his beloved wife.

Born in Utica, Frederick was the son of the late Frederick C. and Ann (Bullen) Kopyt. He was a graduate of New York Mills High School. A veteran of the Vietnam Era, Fred proudly served his country with honor in the United States Marine Corps as a Sgt. E-5 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Specialist. Fred married Cheryl A. Reesh and their loyalty to one another and their family life was a paramount priority, enriching Fred's life and setting a perfect example for their children.

Fred was employed by the New York State Department of Corrections, retiring as Plant Superintendent at Marcy Correctional Facility. On the job, he was team-oriented with strong leadership and a positive attitude. Throughout his life, he was strong, driven, generous with his time and always had a good rapport with people. He was a constant builder and craftsman, committed to completing his projects with pride and satisfaction. He avidly pursued outdoor activities for decades, including boating, camping, swimming in the summer and skiing in winter, always with his family. He gravitated to the woods and the water to pursue hunting and fishing, and greatly enjoyed bow-hunting white-tail deer with his son, Frank. Regular trips were organized with his wife Cheryl and often shared with their family, many to visit his daughter, Kelly.

Fred's legacy was that he loved life, honored relationships and had a passion

for project lists and fun! An outstanding family man, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Fred will be remembered as the kind of person you gravitated to and inspired to be. He was the ultimate example of living life to the fullest.

Fred was a member of the Marine Corps League, Rome, NY Chapter, and provided assistance to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. He is survived by his cherished wife, Cheryl; his children and their spouses, Frank and Kathleen Kopyt, and Kelly and Louis Caputo; grandchildren, Matthew, Nicholas, and Kara Kopyt; Geena, twins Joseph and Jennifer, and Veronica Caputo; and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Cynthia Back, Donna and John Ata, and Cheri and Randy Brown. He was blessed to have the love of his in-laws, Virginia and Michael Lynch, Deborah and John Foxenberg, JoAnne Godkin, Marcia Reesh, and Carmen Lindfield, Sr. He adored his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Joseph and Rose Reesh, Georgia Lindfield, Dana Back and his nephew and godson, David Godkin.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday from 4:00 – 7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Frederick's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 10:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred by the United States Marine Corps. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to Feed Our Vets online at <https://feedourvets.org> or the Utica Zoo online at <http://uticazoo.org>. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I met Fred through my good friend Carmen Sr and respected him right from the start . Often sharing kielbasa receipes with him and talking military also . Just a great guy and a true American .  
Respectfully, Joe Cotrupe jr.

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**Jr. Cotrupe** - January 01, 2025 at 02:07 PM

RP

“ Just came across this obit , during my search down memory lane . I was in the USMC and was stationed with Fred at Quantico. He invited me and some others home with him , over thanksgiving. Fred had a huge heart; as did his mother . We closed down the brewery in Attica that weekend , ended up in a huge bar room brawl . Five of us marines against the entire group of patrons. No weapons , no serious injuries.... It was a fantastic time . We took our drinking to Fred's home , where his parents joined in . Fred's mother taught us all how to do the polka! One of the best of times of my life. The love felt in that house, that day !! Unmeasurable ❤️ I love you Freddie . From your friend , Lurch.



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**Ray Pealaterre** - February 19, 2023 at 12:54 PM

CB

Ray, what a nice story. Thank you and enjoyed reading it. would love to message you. I'm one of Fred's sisters and would love to reach out. Cherikopytbrown@yahoo.com. I kinda remember him bringing some friends home. Hope to hear from you.

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**cheri Brown** - June 18, 2023 at 03:29 PM

LG

“ Love, Lou & Gloria purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt.



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Love, Lou & Gloria - May 31, 2019 at 10:26 AM

LM

“ Louis M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt.



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Louis M. - May 31, 2019 at 10:26 AM

KF

“ To all the Kopyt family, we are sad to hear about the loss of Fred. He was a kind hearted man and obviously loved his family. We pray for peace for your family in the very tough time. With love, Kenny, Christine and Morgan Koons

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koons family - May 30, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt.



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May 30, 2019 at 02:56 PM

TC

“ *The Cary Crew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt.*



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**The Cary Crew** - May 29, 2019 at 02:00 PM

SS

“ *Sylvia A Schepisi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt.*



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**Sylvia A Schepisi** - May 29, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt.*



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May 28, 2019 at 03:35 PM

DT

“ *Dude Solutions G&A Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt.*



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**Dude Solutions G&A Team** - May 28, 2019 at 03:03 PM

LW

“ Dear Cheryl, Frank & Kelly, and the Lynch family, I am so very sorry for your loss. The love and closeness of your family is truly apparent. It seems the deeper and closer we love, the more painful the departure from this plane affects us, the survivors, the ones left with the memories and love. Thank God love never dies. Believe signs that you receive after a time. I have no doubt that they are real.

*Louise (Wrate) White*

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**Louise White** - May 27, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Frederick J. Kopyt.



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May 26, 2019 at 01:04 PM

BC

“ To Cheryl and your entire family.....so sorry to hear of Fred's sudden death...I had just met him the day before at Convention. Thinking or you all with deepest sympathy and love.

*Barbara Campbell*

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**Barbara Campbell** - May 25, 2019 at 09:27 AM

DL

*Cheryl I can't express how very sorry I am with the news of Fred's passing. You and your family are in my prayers. My deepest sympathy.*  
*Donna Leone*

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**Donna Leone** - May 26, 2019 at 12:45 AM

BC

*So sorry for your loss. It is so sad to hear that Freddie has passed. We share many happy childhood memories. I'm grateful that we had a chance to reconnect in last few years if only briefly. Stay strong Cindy, Donna & Cheri..*

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**Betty Cardamone** - May 26, 2019 at 11:56 PM

LD

*Keeping you all in our prayers at this sad, sad time.  
So very sorry for your loss.  
Linda & John Demmerle*

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**Linda D** - May 29, 2019 at 12:38 PM

DK

*DEAR CHERYL AND FAMILY,  
I was shocked when I learned of the loss of Fred. He certainly was a good family man. Our prayers are with you and your entire family at this most difficult. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL  
With our love, Dan & Cindy Klockowski*

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**Deacon Dan Klockowski** - May 29, 2019 at 12:46 PM