



Jon G. "Jack" Lakins

August 12, 1942 - March 17, 2012

Mr. Jon G. "Jack" Lakins, age 69, of Lakeland, Florida and formerly of Utica, passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Lakeland Regional Memorial Hospital.

Jack was born in Potsdam, New York on August 12, 1942, the son of the late Garnet and Lillian (LaRue) Lakins. He graduated from Potsdam Central School in 1961 and attended Canton ATC. On February 8, 1964 he married his high school sweetheart, the former Kathleen Dwyer, with whom he shared 48 loving years.

Jack was employed by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for 31 years. Upon retirement at the age of 52, he worked for the Oneida County Sheriff's Department for 2 years. He and his wife moved to Florida in 1996 where he worked part-time for Publix Security for 2 years. Jack was very active in the Potsdam Junior Hockey Association where he served as President, and the Northern NY Referee Association. He refereed in the ECAC hockey league, was an off-ice official at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics, and coached hockey for many years, touching the lives of many players and families. He was elected to the Potsdam Central School Hall of Fame as a member of the 1959 hockey team. He also coached Little League baseball for years.

Jack enjoyed attending and watching sporting events including countless NHL/NFL/MLB games, and playing potbelly hockey with Old Timers, slow pitch/fast pitch softball, and senior softball in Florida. He was an avid New York Yankees fan. Jack loved spending quality time with his grandchildren and

attending all of their sporting events. He always had a wonderful sense of humor, and his smile lit up every room. He was a true inspiration to many. His civic affiliations included membership in the Potsdam Elks Lodge where he served as the exalted ruler for 2 years, and the Masons/Shriners of Tampa. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Jaycees.

Jack is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his son, Steven Lakins and fiancée Carol Juliano of FL; his daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Scott Carman of NY Mills; his daughter-in-law, Sharon Lakins of FL; and his grandchildren, Steven Lakins Jr., Brandon Lakins, Kaitlyn Carman, and Kaileigh Carman. He also leaves his sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Walter McLennan of Potsdam; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Karen Elizabeth Lakins; his father-in-law, Donald Dwyer; and his sister, Ann Sawyer.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Additional services will be held at the Garner Funeral Home, 10 Lawrence St., in Potsdam, NY with visitation on Sunday from 2:00-5:00. Jack's Funeral Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday at 11:30 at the funeral home with the Rev. Christopher Brown officiating.

Interment will take place in Bayside Cemetery in Potsdam.

Cemetery Details

Bayside Cemetery

Potsdam, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAR 25. 2:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Garner Funeral Service
10 Lawrence Ave
Potsdam, NY 13676

Service

MAR **26**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Garner Funeral Service
10 Lawrence Ave
Potsdam, NY 13676

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ it was national grandparents day yesterday, and all I thought of was you pa I miss you so much and love you



kaitlyn - September 08, 2014 at 01:03 PM

KC

“ I just wanted to say i miss him very much and God bless him :) im always thinking of you pa miss you love you rest easy pal we r always tight <3



Kaitlyn Carman - October 25, 2013 at 12:05 PM

DB

“ Jack was a great person. I remember his as 'coach' mainly, but as I grew up I called him Jack. I had the privilege to be part of his hockey teams, from PeeWee's to Midgets. He worked us hard and we all gave him our best. He was fair, funny, sarcastic and loved life. He gave of himself for others and that is a quality too many do not have. I will miss you, "coach".



DB - July 03, 2012 at 03:01 PM

KC

“ Kaitlyn Leanne Lakins Carman sent a virtual gift in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



kaitlyn leanne lakins carman - April 28, 2012 at 08:11 PM

KC

i love u and miss u but u will always be with me where ever and when ever! rest in peace papa ! god bless u!

kaitlyn leanne lakins carman - April 28, 2012 at 08:12 PM

KC

“ Kaitlyn Leanne Lakins Carman lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



kaitlyn leanne lakins carman - April 28, 2012 at 08:08 PM

KC

u will always be in my heart papa ! i love u sssooo much !

kaitlyn leanne lakins carman - April 28, 2012 at 08:13 PM

SM

“ *Spike And Pat Morgan lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Spike and Pat Morgan - April 14, 2012 at 03:24 PM

CP

“ *Carolanne Pryme lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Carolanne Pryme - April 04, 2012 at 05:49 PM

JW

“ *Kathy, Steve and Jackie I am sorry to hear of Jacks passing as you know he was a great friend and i will hold fond memories. God bless you all. John&Toni Wake*

John Wake - March 31, 2012 at 02:12 PM

KC

“ Kaitlyn's speech that she wrote for her Papa!

My name is Kaitlyn!

I'm Jack's Granddaughter.

Today we are all here because of one man, Jon Garnet Lakins.

Let me tell you what a guy he was. He was a die hard Yankees fan.

When I think of my Grandfather these few words come to mind:

brave, a survivor, a fighter, and a major believer. I know probably all

of you would agree. He has survived and fought so many fights and

has won most of them except for this one. I know every single one

of you loves and misses him. But he's in a beautiful place right now,

that place is heaven. I just know he is safe and is comfortable now

we're glad that he is not suffering anymore. He was so ill and sick

and he will always be in our hearts. He was so strong and tough.

Also a fighter which he'll always be. I've looked up to him for 10

years ever since I was born. I bet all of you do too. But nobody

knows him better than his wonderful wife Kathleen Lakins. She has

been one of the big reasons why he had been with us for all those

years. Jack had three kids; Karen, Steven and Jackie that he loved

and raised with his wife wonderfully. They are just like him. He was

an athlete. All of us want him back but the lord wanted him now.

When I play softball I will play my heart out just for him. Today I'm a

really good softball player because of him. I'm following in his

footsteps. He was and still is the best papa a girl like me could ever

ask for. He has a very unique personality and I still love him the

most. We will always be tight. At least he will now be with his first

daughter Karen. He is a guy who we will never forget. He will

always be my little weasel. God bless him and let him rest in peace.

Kaitlyn Carman - March 27, 2012 at 02:13 PM

TW

“ *Kaileigh's speech that she wrote for her Papa!*

My name is Kaileigh Carman. I am his grandchild. You are the best Papa, you are the last Papa for me and my sister Kaitlyn. He is so funny he makes faces. Jack is a huge Yankee fan. We moved, he never got to live in the new house but he had a cardiac arrest. He is turning 70 in August but we are having a good time that day. Family friends we are loving you. I am his little weasel!, he said. We are not going to forget you never. He loves the color blue. We are here for him, Jack Lakins. When he went to my house in the summer he would swim and play baseball with me and teach me too. Jack likes baseball. Me and my sister have a room, a Yankee room. It reminds us of Jack. I know you are having fun up there.

*Kaitlyn had much to ask you. We miss you
and love you still. Please say a prayer for
him everybody. Jack will still be with us
throughout the years. I love you so much a
lot. Jack died of heart failure. I love my
Papa and I always will.*

tweety26 - March 27, 2012 at 02:09 PM

DT

“ *Kathy, Steve and Jackie,*

Sorry for your loss.

*I remember Jack with his big smile and
smooth shaven face. He was my hockey coach for hundreds of
games and practices over many years. It is a very honorable thing
to give of one's time and to help others as he did. We had many
good times. All those associated with hockey have many memories
- our road trips to Cornwall, Prescott, Maxton, Cardinal, Kingston,
Long Sault, Morrisburg, Spencerville, Smiths Falls, Osgoode,
Kemptville, Massena, Canton and a trip to the "States". Boy did we
joke around in the locker room and off the ice. But when we were on
the ice, it was all business. He touched many.*

Darren Tracy

Darren Tracy - March 26, 2012 at 12:23 PM



SM

“ *Stan & Marilyn McDonald lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Stan & Marilyn McDonald - March 24, 2012 at 07:58 PM

SM

“ *9 files added to the album So many years, so many memories, we will miss you.*



Stan & Marilyn McDonald - March 24, 2012 at 07:54 PM

LR

“ *Lyle & Marsha Rowe lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Lyle & Marsha Rowe - March 24, 2012 at 06:49 AM

ES

“ *To Steve and The Lakins Family.....God Bless you all in your time of need.....look to God and he will be right there for you.....God Bless you all.....From Ed Blackshear Sr.*

Edward Blackshear Sr. - March 23, 2012 at 06:38 PM

ES

“ *Edward Blackshear Sr. lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Edward Blackshear Sr. - March 23, 2012 at 06:33 PM

TS

“ *Jackie, Scott & Family.
No bond is as great as that between a parent and child. Our deepest condolences are with you as you grieve.*



Thomas J Saladino - March 23, 2012 at 05:20 PM

KM

“ *Kelly Morgan sent a virtual gift in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Kelly Morgan - March 23, 2012 at 03:05 PM

DK

“ Dawn Kahler lit a candle in memory of Jon G.
"Jack" Lakins



Dawn Kahler - March 23, 2012 at 01:18 PM

DK

Our hearts are saddened by the loss of Jack. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family. There will always be fond memories of him. He sure was one-of-a-kind.

Dawn Kahler - March 23, 2012 at 01:20 PM

JG

“ Dear Kathy, It seems like yesterday that we graduated from high school and went our seperate ways. I'm so sorry to hear about Jack's death, I'm quite sure he will be sadly missed. A friend and classmate forever.
Jimmy Garfield



James Garfield - March 23, 2012 at 12:22 PM

SL

“ My heart hurts so for our loss; YOU ARE MY DAD still!! From day one, you embraced me and loved me. I latched right back on and held on all this time. You were always such a proud man, especially dedicated to your family. Never once missed Stevie's "Bug" football game; every weekend. Brandon took that spotlight as well....talk about dedication. We were blessed to have you for the time we did; I will cherish ALL the laughs we shared forever and a day. God bless.

Your daughter,
All my love Sharon Lakins Jax., FI

Sharon Lakins - March 23, 2012 at 11:33 AM

DD

“ Dear Lakins family,

I want to share your loss with you because Jack was so much fun to have around and anyone privileged enough to be around him always had a great time. I know my father and family loved being around Jack. Thank you for providing us with many fond memories!
Dan, Jonnie and Danner Dorothy

Dan Dorothy - March 23, 2012 at 10:58 AM

KH

“ To my sista'..My lil' sista's...Scotty and family...My heart has ached for all of you...But is celebrating..The suffering is no longer..... The BOND between a father and daughter.....never ends...and Sista' just hold those dear ALWAYS.....XOXO



Kelly Hodkinson-Amado - March 23, 2012 at 09:19 AM

KC

“ Papa,

I love you and you can now see your mom, dad, and daughter. You love the yankees and I think of you a lot! I want you to have a good Easter in heaven. You are with us every single day no matter what. I don't care what you do but have a good time so I can be happy just like you. I have your pins and some of your stuff that you use to wear! We are praying for you every day. I am eating your favorite snack too! I love you the most my BIG Weasel!



Kaileigh Carman - March 22, 2012 at 08:38 PM

SC

“ Steve & Connie Capone lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Steve & Connie Capone - March 22, 2012 at 08:34 PM

MC

“ Roses are red, Violets are blue, I'll never lick someone as sweet as you! I love you and miss you!

*Marley
(Ruff Ruff/Tilted head that you loved Papa)*



Marley Carman - March 22, 2012 at 08:17 PM

KC

“ I love you Papa! You are the best! I'm glad you are safe. I will miss you but I will meet you again some day! You are not suffering anymore and that makes me happy! A few words to describe you are: a fighter, a true survivor, a funny guy, and a believer! You had a unique personality that nobody will ever forget! You are so popular and I hope you are happy in heaven with your parents and your first daughter, Karen. I can't wait to meet you all again one day when I get there! I love you the most and I always will!



Kaitlyn Carman - March 22, 2012 at 08:10 PM

SL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Lakins - March 22, 2012 at 08:06 PM

SL

Our last picture we took together - I Love You!

Steve Lakins - March 22, 2012 at 08:10 PM

KC

“ Kaileigh Carman lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Kaileigh Carman - March 22, 2012 at 08:01 PM

KC

“ Kaitlyn Carman lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Kaitlyn Carman - March 22, 2012 at 07:59 PM

SL

“ Steve Lakins lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Steve Lakins - March 22, 2012 at 07:59 PM

SL

“ Steve Lakins sent a virtual gift in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Steve Lakins - March 22, 2012 at 07:58 PM

MK

“Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.” ~Author Unknown



I Love you Uncle Jack and will miss you always

Melissa Kammerer

Melissa Kammerer - March 22, 2012 at 06:45 PM

MM

“It seems like it's always the little things you remember. I will of course remember all the fun and Jack's deep heartfelt laugh. But a long time ago he told me that if a man had a blue blazer, gray slacks, a white shirt and tie, he could get in anywhere. And that will be my little tribute to a great guy.



Kathy, Steve, and Jackie.....we surely share your loss as you shared Jack with us.

Mike "Mex" Morgan

Mike Morgan - March 22, 2012 at 03:09 PM

SL

“ *Dad -
You were my Best Man, My Best Friend and the Best FATHER
anyone could ever have!
I know you are now resting in peace with the lord and no longer
have to suffer in pain!*

Love Always,

Your Son

Steven Jon

Steven Jon Lakins - March 22, 2012 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ *Tim & Colleen Moylan Family lit a candle in
memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - March 22, 2012 at 11:03 AM

DG

“ *Kathy, Jackie & Steven:*

*No words can express your loss which is our
loss too. We loved Jack and had so many
good times since we were kids together. He is
at peace now.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love, Doris & Neil Goulette



Doris & Neil Goulette - March 22, 2012 at 10:17 AM

DH

“ *Dennis Honeywell sent a virtual gift in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Dennis Honeywell - March 22, 2012 at 08:27 AM

TP

“ *Tom Prosper lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Tom Prosper - March 22, 2012 at 05:26 AM

JA

“ *Dad,
I wanted you to know that I am so glad you are not suffering anymore and that you have moved on to a much better place. I love you so much and I always will! You will be greatly missed by everyone and we can't wait to see you again one day. You have been the most wonderful father over the years and we have had so many great memories! Your grandchildren adore you and they could never have asked for a better "Papa". Love you so much! XXXOOO (3 hand squeezes)!!!!*



Jackie - March 21, 2012 at 09:44 PM

KM

“ Kelly Morgan lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Kelly Morgan - March 21, 2012 at 09:28 PM

DM

“ Debra Morgan lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Debra Morgan - March 21, 2012 at 09:27 PM

RI

“ Rip sent a virtual gift in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Rip - March 21, 2012 at 09:23 PM

JC

“ Jackie "Ripper" Carman lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Jackie "Ripper" Carman - March 21, 2012 at 09:23 PM

MH

“ *Kathy, Steve, and Jackie, I'm so sorry for your loss but trust that you take comfort in the knowledge that Jack's memory lives on through the people he touched.*

Jack, Thank you for your support and belief in me. I am forever grateful!

Mark A. House

Mark A. House - March 21, 2012 at 08:15 PM

TB

“ *I was so sorry to hear that Jack is no longer with us. He and Kathy were a big part of our ESE family when Kathy worked for Polk County School Board. We shared a lot of good times and I have fond memories of Jack. Kathy, my heart goes out to you and if you ever want to come back to work, call me.*

Teri Bronson, Lakeland FL

Teri Bronson - March 21, 2012 at 03:42 PM

TM

“ *Tim Manion lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Tim Manion - March 21, 2012 at 03:29 PM

KH

“ *Kristin Hubley lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Kristin Hubley - March 21, 2012 at 02:27 PM

DJ

“ *DONALD RAYMO JR lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



DONALD RAYMO JR - March 21, 2012 at 01:59 PM

KM

“ *Kay And Walt McLennan lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Kay and Walt McLennan - March 21, 2012 at 01:04 PM

AW

“ *Kathy, Jackie and Steven, I am sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I have alot of memories of Jack and my Dad. Working on our house on Waverly St, hockey, Pine St Arena. He always called us girls "Anniebetsycathy". He said he could not tell us apart.*

Anne Colburn Weaver

Anne Weaver - March 21, 2012 at 10:48 AM

JE

“ Jennifer Ellixson lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Jennifer Ellixson - March 21, 2012 at 10:04 AM

SC

“ Scott Carman sent a virtual gift in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Scott Carman - March 21, 2012 at 08:05 AM

CJ

“ If love could have saved his life he would have lived forever he was like a dad to me and a grandfather to Frankie and Joey he will truly be missed and has touched our lives forever Joey and Jack had a very close bond he was one of his closest friends and gave him a grandpa he never had

Carol Juliano - March 20, 2012 at 07:12 PM

CJ

“ Carol Joey And Frainkie Juliano lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



carol joey and frainkie juliano - March 20, 2012 at 06:59 PM

VI

“ Dear Kathy & Family, very sorry for your loss. jack will be in our thoughts & prayers.
Love Vic & Barbara

Vic & Barbara Ingargiola - March 20, 2012 at 06:55 PM

TE

“ Kathy, Jackie, and Steven...Betsy and I offer our deepest sympathy with the passing of Jack. We have many fond and fun memories both from Potsdam and Glens Falls. We will never forget the Bullfrogs and Butterflies!!!! Love Tom and Betsy Edwards

Tom Edwards - March 20, 2012 at 06:50 PM

SD

“ I'm sorry to hear of Jack's passing. All of you were there for us when we needed you most. We have a lot of good memories. He is no longer in pain...
The LaShombe's, The Crawford's, and the DeCarr's.

Shelly DeCarr - March 20, 2012 at 07:57 AM

KC

“ Kristie Cieslak lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins



Kristie Cieslak - March 20, 2012 at 07:29 AM

JS

“ *Jo Simao lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Jo Simao - March 20, 2012 at 04:48 AM

JV

“ *Julie VanDyke lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Julie VanDyke - March 19, 2012 at 11:07 PM

SS

“ *Sarah Stoquert lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Sarah Stoquert - March 19, 2012 at 08:30 PM

LA

“ *Lisa Addison-Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jon G. "Jack" Lakins*



Lisa Addison-Wilson - March 19, 2012 at 06:55 PM