



Douglas Cherkas

March 28, 1932 - April 5, 2016

OBITUARY FOR Douglas Cherkas

Wantage - Douglas Cherkas, age 84, unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at his residence. Born in Passaic to the late Michael and Mary Irena Cherkas, Doug had moved to Sussex County in 1975. He had served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict as a radio operator. Doug was a member and former Past Commander of the American Legion Post 213 in Wantage and also was Past County Commander. He was a member of the Sussex United Methodist Church, served on the Barn Crew and formally served as a Trustee and on the Administrative Board. Doug was a HAM Radio Operator (W2IDO), a member of the Sussex County Amateur Radio, the Wanders Car Club, NUMISMATICS Coin Club, and a former member of the Model A Club. He had been employed at Western Union in Vernon before his employment at the United States Post Office in West Milford. Upon his retirement in 1996 from the Post Office, Doug worked for Napa Auto Parts in Sussex. He was predeceased by his first wife, Hazel in 1982; his second wife, Marilyn in 2000; his son, Christopher Noel Cherkas in 1955; and his sister, Nellie Cherkas in 1979. Doug is survived by his wife, Mary Rome; his two daughters, Lori Hanna and her husband Azem of Andover and Karen Deatherage and her husband Dwight of Rising Sun, Maryland; his step-son, Stephen Rome and his wife Susan M. of Wantage; and his grandchildren, Jared Hanna and his wife Maureen of Franklin, Christopher Hanna of Andover, Sarah and Rachel Rome both of Wantage, and Drew Deatherage of

Rising Sun, Maryland. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Sussex United Methodist Church, 15 Bank Street, Sussex, NJ 07461. Interment to follow at Clove Cemetery, Route 23, Wantage. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex with American Legion services at 7:30 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post 213, Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 447, Sussex, NJ 07461 or to the Sussex United Methodist Church, Memorial Fund, 15 Bank Street, Sussex, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Clove Cemetery

Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
31 Bank Street (Route 23)
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Visitation

APR 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Cherkas.*



April 07, 2016 at 07:21 PM



“ *Suzanne Taylor lit a candle in memory of Douglas Cherkas*



Suzanne Taylor - April 07, 2016 at 08:36 AM



Dear Karen and Family, Our condolences on the passing of your Dad. Take comfort in all the memories you have of him and he will always be with you. Healing and comforting thoughts are with you at this time.

*Love,
Sue, Chris and Caitlin Taylor*

Suzanne Taylor - April 07, 2016 at 08:39 AM



I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Doug's memory will live on in my heart and within the hearts of many! Deb McKay-Kuhl

Deb McKay-Kuhl - April 07, 2016 at 09:40 AM

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“ *My deepest and most sincere condolences to Mary Cherkas and to Mary and Doug's families, extended families, and friends. Doug was such a sweet and good man. He will be truly missed. You are in my prayers. ~Carol Ann, Church Secretary to Sussex UM Church*

Carol Ann - April 07, 2016 at 07:36 AM

DG

“ *My heart goes out to my Uncle Doug's family. I have so many wonderful memories when you and Aunt Hazie lived in West Milford, those will last a life time. RIP my dear Uncle!!!*

Debra Anderson Gruber - April 07, 2016 at 06:56 AM