



Mr. Philip A. Cinquanti

November 23, 1934 - August 8, 2020

Philip A. Cinquanti, 85, of Cortlandville, passed away Saturday August 8, 2020 at his home. He was born November 23, 1934 in Cortland, the son of Rosini and Olivia (Camillo) Cinquanti. He was a lifelong resident of Cortland.

Philip attended St. Mary's Parochial School and graduated from Cortland High School, class of 1952. He enjoyed sports and lettered in football, wrestling and track and was co-captain of the 1951 football and wrestling teams. He was nominated to the 1951 High School All American Football Team. Philip faithfully served his country during the Korean War in the u.S. Navy. He was honorably discharged in November 1955 with the rank of Petty Officer second class.

In addition to being his seventeenth birthday, November 23, 1951 was one of the two most significant dates in his life. It was his first date with Sharon Sue Hollenbeck who would become the love of his life. They were seniors at CHS and the connection was immediate. It didn't take a second date. They married in 1955 and enjoyed nearly fifty years of loving devotion and friendship until he lost her to ALS in 2004. And now the eternal reunion commences. The second most significant date in his life was August 25, 1956, the birth of his beloved daughter Kim Ann. He loved her dearly and was always proud to be her dad.

Philip was employed as a Journeyman Meat Cutter for Loblaw's and Grand Union grocery stores and as a salesman for Metropolitan Life Insurance until 1966 when he received his appointment as a Trooper in the New York State Police. During one assignment with the state police he served as a counselor and instructor at the NY State Police Academy training new troopers. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1972 and was the Station Commander of the Cortland station for several years until his appointment to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He served in troops K,D,C,F and the academy. In 1978 he was appointed the 17th Chief of Police of the city of Cortland. His career as chief spanned nearly nineteen years, and upon his retirement in 1997 he was the longest serving Chief of Police in the department's 100 year history, a milestone he was very proud of. In 1985 he was the co-recipient of the first SUNY Cortland College Community Service Award for his leadership in forging a close working relationship between the college and the city.

Philip was a retired member of the NY State Association of Chiefs of Police ,the Central NY Association of Chiefs of Police, the Retired Police Association of NY, the NY state Former Trooper's Association and former member of the International Association of Chief's of Police. He was a past member of the Cortland Rotary Club and the Salvation Army Board of Directors, a life member of the Cortland Elk's Lodge and a life member and past commander of the Cortland VFW. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and had served on the parish council and as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector.

He is survived by daughter; Kim(Robin)Hubbard of Cortland, granddaughters; Shannon (Ian) Andreas of Cortland and Jennifer (Nick) Lynch of Cortland, great grandchildren Dylan Benson, Brandon and Tyler Gavitt, Olivia Andreas and Connor and Hayden Lynch, nephew; Steve (Terri) Cinquanti of Homer and niece; Cheryl (Philip) Herman of New Jersey.

Philip was predeceased by his beloved wife; Sharon, His mother and father, step- mother; Marguerite, brother; William and sister in law; Laura Cinquanti and step-brothers; Ray, Rex and Byron Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's cemetery and will be private.

The family will be present to receive friends on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home, 69 N. Main St., Cortland. Those wishing to honor Philip's memory in the form of a contribution are asked to consider St. Mary's Parochial School, 61 N. Main St., Cortland, 13045 or Caring Community Hospice of Cortland, 11 Kennedy Pkwy., Cortland, 13045. Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting, www.riccardifuneralhome.com

We will be following NY State Covid Guidelines at both the funeral home visitation and funeral mass in church. Masks must be worn at all times, social distancing practices will also be in place. During the funeral home visitation only a certain number of visitors will be allowed in the funeral home chapel at a time, so please be prepared to wait outside.

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **14**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
Cortland, NY 13045

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Phil was one of the finest gentleman I ever had the pleasure of working working with. Besides being a great guy , he was a great cop enforcing the law in the spirit of the law.
He will be missed.
John Morlock NYSP Ret,

John Morlock - August 13, 2020 at 11:27 AM

KC

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Phil was a good neighbor. He always had a quick smile and a hearty hello. Are prayers are with you. Ken and Dottie Carlson

Kenneth Carlson - August 13, 2020 at 07:17 AM

AP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Phil - he was a true gentleman - my condolences to the family.
Angie Partigianoni

angie partigianoni - August 12, 2020 at 10:06 PM

WB

“ Sincere sorrow at the loss of a great friend. On 6/29/70, I entered the NYSP Academy, as is the standard, alphabetically the early part of the counselor cadre drew the beginning of the alphabetical recruits, thus Phil was the first to mentor and guide me through my training. His eye contact, and sincere demeanor kept me focused in those early days. He had a greatness about him as revealed by the testimonies I have read. As indicated by others, we had hoped to meet this year for our 50th reunion. That meeting sadly did not occur. The date of that meeting will be determined.....until then thank you, you will not be forgotten.
Tpr. W.H. Bender (NYSP ret.)

William Bender - August 12, 2020 at 08:02 PM

HB

“ GOD BLESS PHIL...He was a TRUE GENTLEMAN. I have many fine memories as our paths crossed numerous times in the New York State Police. Judge Herb Buckley

Herbert W. Buckley - August 12, 2020 at 02:46 PM

RC

“ Kim, we send our condolences to you and your family. Your Dad was a special person who was thoughtful, caring, and of high integrity with a smile that brightened any room. He was so kind to my Dad, Joe in his final years and visited him often. He had recently been the patriarch of our branch of the Cinquanti family and will certainly be missed. Rest in peace Phil, you were an exceptionally good man.

Ron & Sally Cinquanti

Ronald Cinquanti - August 12, 2020 at 01:12 PM

FC

“ Family of Ronald Cinquanti purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Philip A. Cinquanti.



Family of Ronald Cinquanti - August 12, 2020 at 12:44 PM

DS

“ My most sincere condolences to your family.

Phil and I were state police academy classmates in 1966 and in 1970 were privileged to serve together again as counselors for the 119th and 120th Sessions of the Basic School at the newly opened New York State Police Academy.

Phil was a "Troopers' Trooper" and I recall the loss I felt when he resigned from the state police to become the Cortland Police Chief. Our loss was Cortland's gain.

Earlier this year the 119th and 120th Sessions were attempting to locate classmates and counselors for their 50th reunion. As a result I had the pleasure of having an extended phone conversation with Phil - it was as though we had spoken only yesterday.

Again, my condolences for your loss.

Dan Scribner NYSP (Ret.)

Dan Scribner - August 12, 2020 at 11:49 AM

LS

“ I am sending my condolences to you. I met Phil in the late sixties at the Holiday Inn where I worked. Most of the Troopers stopped in on breaks. He is the Greatest man I have ever met. He seemed to have a great life and dedicated himself to his Family and community. I haven't seen him in years. May he rest in peace and bring Peace to you.



Linda Stockton - August 12, 2020 at 09:58 AM

CM

“ Kim I still remember your Dad coming in to Real Property to get your Unc Bill for coffee at the corner store when I worked for Bill. Your Dad always had a big smile he was the Best!!

Cheryl Michales - August 11, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Philip A. Cinquanti.



August 11, 2020 at 12:03 PM

DB

“ Kim, my deepest condolences to you and your family, very sorry to hear, your dad was a very special person to me. He was a great man, and remarkable chief of police... I always had the utmost respect for him... again, please accept my condolences ... RIP Chief Phillip A Cinquanti, you will be sorely missed !!! 🙏🙏🙏

David P Baldassarre - August 11, 2020 at 07:49 AM

JS

*Kim, Robin, Jen & Shannon,
Sending you hugs, peace and our love at this difficult and sad time in
your lives. Alan & Janet*

Janet Silvers - August 11, 2020 at 09:03 AM

VT

*Kim, I'm so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your
family 🙏*

Vickey Tobin - August 11, 2020 at 11:35 AM

LR

He was a super guy! Class act!

linda ruthig - August 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM

BW

*As a bar owner, city councilor and city clerk I interacted with the Chief
often. Once we were invited to a meeting at the college on town gown
relations. We walked into the room and there were almost thirty college
higher ups. He looked at me and we both realized that nothing was
going to be accomplished that day. He was a great chief, very fair,
prioritized the needs and the safety of the city and its residents. Phil
Cinquanti was a pros pro.*

bill wood - August 12, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JM

*Kim,
Chief Cinquanti was a man we respected and looked up to
professionally and personally. I am sorry for your loss but please take
comfort in knowing what a wonderful, kind, considerate, and fair man
your dad was. Sincerely, Jodi Sangiorgi McLyman.*

Jodi McLyman - August 12, 2020 at 03:39 PM

JM

*Thank God for The Man Phil was. We as members of St. Mary's
Church truly learned from Phil's Example. Always the Catholic
Gentleman and True to His Faith, as a Husband, Father, Police Officer
Phil was Exceptional ! In Uniform He Commanded Respect Rest In
Peace.... Jim&Lucy Murphy*

Jim&Lucy Murphy - August 13, 2020 at 12:48 PM

MB

Kim, Sending you hugs and prayers. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. He was a great guy. I think about your Mom often. We had some great times. Want you to know, I am thinking about you. (I couldn't come today because I am fighting cancer and need to be extra careful) Hugs, Marilyn Barnes

Marilyn Barnes - August 13, 2020 at 06:07 PM