



Leslie Roy "Lefty" MacMartin



Leslie "Lefty" Roy MacMartin, age 87 of Ogdensburg died early Sunday morning May 3, 2015, at his home. Leslie was born on May 20, 1927, in Ogdensburg NY a son of the late C. Roy & Isabelle (Germon) MacMartin. He graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy and entered the US Army during WWII. He later married Joyce Austin on June 10, 1950. He worked at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center treatment plant during his career. Surviving are his children Clint MacMartin and his wife Chrissy of Ogdensburg, Susan Polniak and her husband Steven of

Ogdensburg and Grace MacMartin of Ogdensburg; a sister Shirley Gorden and her husband Douglas of Hammond and eleven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Joyce, along with two brothers Gerald and Cyril "Dubby" MacMartin.



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I was very sorry to recently hear of the passing of "Lefty". I recall many enjoyable times listening to him playing his banjo down at the state hospital during lunch hour. In recent years I ran into him most often during my visits to Kinney Drugs on Canton Street. When we met, we'd spend a good deal of time talking "Bluegrass Music" and reminiscing about good times we had together at some of the music events which we'd see each other at. I'd no idea that he was as old as he was. He never acted it! I'm gonna miss those chats that we had about town. Peter Zabriskie

Clint, Gracie and Sue. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. In looking back, I can't remember spending even a moment with Uncle Lefty when he didn't bring a smile to my face or a little laughter. He had a very special gift, and he will be missed. Lefty will be missed. He was a member of the Ogd. Rescue Squad with us. When we stayed overnight on duty, Lefty would wake us in the A.M. playing Foggy Mountain Breakdown on his banjo along with WSLB playing it when they signed on. Bob Wells

To the MacMartin Family: I am sorry for your loss. Lefty was "one of a kind" and he was always a welcomed visitor at the Gokey home on state Street. He would come and shoot the breeze with my mom, Bessie and my brother Billy. Lefty was a great human being with a compassionate soul. He is going to be missed. Virginia (Gokey) Ballou

To the MacMartin family: Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the loss of Lefty. His long and storied life allowed much time to touch many lives and share his love for his family. Growing up in the neighborhood I recall Lefty chasing us boys around the Becker Moore Plant of seeing him at the boathouse on the "river". May time ease the loss you now feel and replace it with many happy memories of your loved one. Lefty will be missed. Dave Pearson