

RICHARD CLENDENING

1937- 2016



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Photos provided

FIVE MILE POINT FIREFIGHTER RICHARD D. CLENDENING LAID TO REST

On Friday January 15th, 2016 friends and family gathered in Broome County to pay final respects and celebrate the life of Richard D. Clending. Richard passed passed away unexpectedly during the early morning hours of Tuesday, January 12, after being taken to the hospital earlier the night before.

Richard, or Dick as most people knew him, was born April 5, 1937, making him now 78. He spent 54 years married to his loving wife, Mary Lou. Dick spent years working for Binghamton Tractor and Supply and the International Paper Company. His hobbies included working on his tractor, bowling with friends, and watching old western movies.

Notably he spent 40 years as an active and proud member, right up until the day he passed away, of the Five Mile Point Fire Department. Dick was also an active member of the Broome County Firefighters Association, New York State Fire Chiefs Association, FASNY, and the Volunteer Fire P o l i c e Association of the state of New York. Through the years he spent time in various positions for each of these organizations often rallying for various causes.



A group of brothers from Five Mile Point Fire Department escort Dick Clending to his final resting place.

Weather held out as a small procession including two fire trucks made its way from the church to the cemetery. Temperatures remained above freezing and the sun even poked through the clouds several times as Dick made his last trip with the Five Mile Point Fire Department.



Although sometimes stubborn in his ways he will never be forgotten for his readiness to respond and willingness to help anyone in need. Dick, thank you for your many years of service.



The vault lid to Dick's final resting place.