



Clifton "Jack" Pratt

June 17, 1944 - March 7, 2014

Hampton - Clifton "Jack" Pratt, 69, loving husband, devoted grandfather and loyal friend passed away peacefully in his sleep at Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover on Friday, March 7, 2014 in the company of his wife, Kate.

Born in Portsmouth, June 17 1944 he was the son of the late Clifton J. and Ruth E. (Moir) Pratt.

Cliff worked many years as a machinist for the Gould Shawmut / Mersen formerly of Newburyport.

Cliff was a member of First Congregational church in Hampton where he had served from time to time as Deacon, Warden, Sunday school superintendent, member of the 350th anniversary committee and Santa. He served the Town on the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. He was "Boss Judge" for the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival and "Pig Master" for the Hampton Historical Society pig roast, every Labor Day weekend.

A lifelong resident of Hampton, Cliff was the 11th generation of his family to reside here. Cliff was easily recognized by his trademark overalls. He ventured through life at his own pace. You know this if you were ever caught in traffic behind him on Route 1. His favorite place in the world was his garden. He enjoyed planting pumpkins every year with his grandkids. He spent many hours just sitting and watching his garden grow, battling

occasionally against a certain woodchuck.

Cliff's forefathers were tasked with caring for the Town Clock, formerly housed at Odd Fellows Hall. He felt a personal commitment to ensure its preservation for future generations and dedicated many hours and efforts to the cause.

He is survived by his wife Kate (Katzenbach) Pratt, son William "Whit" Hansen, daughter-in-law Amy (Griffin) Hansen, grandchildren Jack, Edgar and Abby Hansen all of Hampton and one sister Laura Dunn of Litchfield, Ct. We should all take a lesson from Cliff. Take it slow and take the time watch your garden grow.

A memorial service will be held at 4 P.M. Saturday, April 26th at the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

It is our wish and commitment to follow through with Cliff's effort to ensure the Town Clock's restoration and installation is completed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Town Clock Fund, c/o Hampton Rec. Dept. at 100 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH 03842.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **26**. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church
127 Winnacunnet Road
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ *Clifton "Jack" Pratt*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

LS

“ Dear Kate and Whit,

Ginny Dover just sent me notification of Cliff's recent passing. I was shocked to hear the news. I feel so guilty that I have not visited with you both personally in too many years. This winter I said to Ed that we must make it a priority to see you guys this summer when we are up seeing the kids. That teaches me another lesson; don't wait to do the important things in life.

I will see you this summer. Let's get together for a chat and a meal. I am so sorry for your loss. You and Cliff were such an important part of my support system when I lived in Hampton. I am sorry that you have lost him so soon. There is never enough time to spend with our loved ones.

I love this photo of Cliff. It is so him. I will always remember him in his overalls. I know how much he loved his garden. Did you know that he rototilled my garden plot at my house on Winnacunnet Rd for the first time, and he told me when to plant, etc , according to the moon, etc. He was the reason my garden was so successful.

I really loved him. I loved his warmth and his huge heart. He was generous and caring. Of course, you helped bring out the best in him! He was always so good to me and my boys. I will miss him. Even though it has been years, his memory will remain in my heart. Ed and I actually stopped by your place on Locke Rd several times over the years without calling. The house looked great and I was flooded with wonderful thoughts. You were not at home unfortunately. This year, I will call first and make a date with you. Please know that you and Whit will be in my thoughts and prayers. My heart aches for you Kate. It is so wonderful that you have a grandson named Jack. Hug them all and stay well. May your fond memories sustain you and help you through this very difficult and sad time. I can't imagine my life without Ed. You will be in my prayers.

Thank you for always being there for me through my stressful and also fun times. I wish I could be with you now to help in some way. I am still in FL and will not be back until early June. So, we will miss the services for Cliff. Know that I am there in spirit.

God bless you and keep you.

*Love,
Louise*

Louise Depardieu Smith - March 24, 2014 at 01:44 PM

PW

“ *Kate, my thoughts are with you and your family.*

Peg Warner - March 14, 2014 at 04:14 PM

DP

“ *We had the privilege to know Cliff as a close friend for over 30 yrs. He was truly a selfless human being that would do anything he could to help everyone that asked him. His leaving us so soon has left a void that can not easily be filled. We hope he finds heaven has gardens for him to watch over as far as the eye can see and that he knew how much he was loved and appreciated by all of us that he left behind.*

Kathy and family, we are truly sorry for your loss and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you go forward in life.

Donna & Norman Pelletier

Donna P - March 14, 2014 at 06:50 AM

JW

“ Kate and family -

Our entire family is deeply saddened by Cliff's passing. He was a "good egg." That is intended as high praise for a very limited caliber of person.

I initially came to know Cliff from having served with him on both the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen, but grew to know (and appreciate) him in the time since. In his official capacities, he served with distinction and class and was always willing to listen to all sides of any issue, never prejudging anything. Working together with him on the effort to preserve the Hurd Farm was one of my most satisfying accomplishments as a Selectman. When Cliff asked me to run to succeed him as school district moderator I was honored. I only hope that I can meet the standard he set.

It was always so enjoyable to stop and chat with Cliff. In the summer, he'd take you in the garden and send you away with whatever was fresh. He'd always remember that Maureen loved gladiolus and would tell me to take her some.

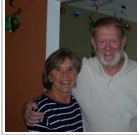
He was always willing to help, never cross and a friend to all. He was just one of those people, you all too rarely come across in life, that you are made better for knowing them. We always said that anything Cliff (or Kate) asked you for anything you always said yes. With his gentle, easy-going manner, you just wanted to help.

He was one of a kind who will be sorely missed.

Now more than ever, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

The Workmans -- Jim, Maureen & Nicole

Jim Workman - March 13, 2014 at 02:39 PM



“ *My condolences to Jack's family. I first met Jack at Plymouth State College when we were both on the soccer team.. Twenty years later when I move to Hampton we renewed our friendship. I did not see him often, but when we did meet we would catch up on the news. When Kate was running for reelection he would always stop by the house and ask to put up a sign for her. He was a gentleman and will be missed by all that knew him.*

*With sympathy,
Paul Snook*

Paul Snook - March 13, 2014 at 08:30 AM

VA

“ *Please accept my sincerest condolences on Cliff's passing. One of the kindest men I ever knew. Kate - I will always treasure and remember the times "parading" through downtown Hampton at Halloween with you, Cliff, mom and John. Such great memories! Please know that I am always here and a phone call away.*

*With my deepest condolences,
Val*

Valerie - March 12, 2014 at 11:33 AM

JD

“ *Cliff was one of a kind.
In my thoughts and prayers.*

John D. - March 11, 2014 at 08:18 PM

JC

“ I started kindergarten with Jack upstairs in the old (now demolished) fire station on Academy Ave. We went through school together and graduated from WHS in 1963. Jack was our class clown. I have fond memories of him.

Like Jack I only left Hampton briefly and returned. He was a good man with a big heart.

With sympathy,

Judy Panaccione Curtis

Judy Curtis - March 11, 2014 at 04:47 PM

TC

“ Kate,

Our sincere condolences from the Town Clerk's Office.

Jane, Shirley, Davina, Edith & Anne

Town Clerk - March 10, 2014 at 02:22 PM

BD

“ "Jackie" wasn't always slow afoot, time was in high school he had the only scooter in town... an old, square, clunky, red thing that he found, fixed up and rode to school & back, & all around town.

Everyone knew him! Actually, we'd all do well to move as slow for so long if a fully loaded garbage truck rolled over our legs the way one did over his as a kid. Helluva summer job, but classic Jack, he was un-phased with it all. Shooting BB's in the barn, plucking chickens on the steps (for Ruth's Sunday dinners), tossing football tires in the dark, he was a great friend, one of a kind, full of life, super guy. God bless, Jackie. Give my best to Bruce when you see him, and go easy on heaven!

Bob Davis

Bob Davis - March 10, 2014 at 08:33 AM

SB

“ Dear Kate and family, mom and I were so saddened to hear of Cliff's passing. We only learned of it this morning in church. There will certainly be a void in the back of the church on Sunday mornings where Cliffy use to sit in the big chair by the door. I have many fond memories of Cliff but two come to mind: getting together with Cliff, Kate and the Launi's for dinner to celebrate St. Pattys Day and playing hand bells with Cliff in church. I'll never forget one Christmas Eve when we all decided to dress formally in black and white and Cliff wore a tux that night. He really looked handsome and got a lot of attention. But Cliff didn't seek attention. He was a very down to earth gentleman who was most comfortable wearing his bib overalls or suspenders with his jeans. We'll miss you Cliffy. Our hearts are with you Kate.
Sheree and Agnes Brown, Hampton, NH



Sheree Brown - March 09, 2014 at 11:58 PM

KT

“ We are so sorry to hear of Cliff's passing. He was such a nice and kind man. We will always remember how he brought us over his fresh vegetables from his garden many times. We send our sincere condolences. Bill and Kathy Trotman

Kathy Trotman - March 09, 2014 at 11:16 AM

RF

Cliff was a good man, and I will miss talking with him in the future. Politics and hunting were our favorite subjects. Rest in Peace Cliffy.
Ralph G. Fatello

Ralph G. Fatello - March 09, 2014 at 05:10 PM

LE

“Cliffy and I worked together at Gould Shawmut for many years. He did have his own pace at work also. Nothing made him change his pace at work...it was always slow and easy. Cliffy would leave his work bench about five minutes early to head down to the time clock....it took that long to walk 100 yards. Cliffy also liked his chewing tobacco. He would offer me a pinch of tobacco between my cheek and gums(us older people would remember that old commercial) and I would respectfully say no and then he would wipe the drool from his beard or spit into that handy cup he had at his bench. At work...whenever I would mess up a die Cliffy was always there to fix my mistakes and make me look good. And that was more times than I would like to admit to. Cliffy and I spent many an hour battling about how the dies should be run. Especially those "Bump Dies". We would both sit there, trying to get our point of view across to the other person about the right way to run them. Most the time he would win the battle but occasionally he would let me win one. I became a grandfather 19 months ago and Cliffy was always asking about how my grand daughter was doing. Cliffy loved his grandkids and he would share a picture of them with me once in a while. Take care Cliffy and have a pinch of tobacco for me up there in heaven. From your friend Lloyd or as he would call me "Dette"

Lloyd Estabrook - March 09, 2014 at 08:58 AM

KB

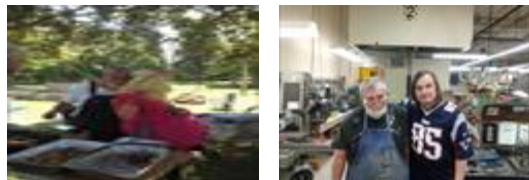
“My condolences to family and friends upon losing a very special unique person.. Cherish the good remembers

Karin Breen

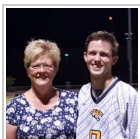
karin breen - March 09, 2014 at 08:52 AM

LK

“ 2 files added to the album Cliff Photos



Larry Kubik - March 09, 2014 at 12:22 AM



“ I had the privilege of meeting Cliff when Amy and Whit got married. He was very kind to me and I remember that he was an amazing cook. I hope your family will be blessed with peace and joy in the memories you have of him. I'm so sorry for your loss! with love,
Ruth Biggs

Ruth Biggs - March 08, 2014 at 11:21 PM

AH

“ 9 files added to the album Cliff Photos



Amy Hansen - March 08, 2014 at 09:08 PM

AH

“ Dear friends...please feel welcome to share a memory you have of Cliff. We would love to be able to share these with his beloved grandchildren.

Amy Hansen - March 08, 2014 at 08:19 PM

RS

Dear kate Witt and Amy and children, We are sorry to hear of Cliff's passing.. He will surely be missed...Our thoughts and prayers are with you..

With our love porter and ramona schoff

ramona schoff - March 09, 2014 at 08:00 PM