

JOSEPH J. CULLEN

1918–2015

FAMILY HISTORY:

Joseph J. Cullen was born in Hoosick Falls, New York on December 31, 1918 to parents Thomas and Anne (Evers) Cullen. He four sisters; Mary, Anna, Katherine and Margaret and three brothers; John, Thomas and Louis.

EDUCATION:

Joe attended St. Mary's Academy and Hoosick Falls High School.

HISTORY:

Joe enlisted in the United States Army at Camp Upton, New York on May 15, 1942. Private Cullen worked as an airplane and engine mechanic. He was assigned to the 5th Combat Cargo Squadron. He participated in a number of battles and campaigns, including Luzon, New Guinea, South Philippines and the Western Pacific. He rose through the ranks and became a Technical Sergeant. He was honorable discharged December 15, 1945. For his brave and honorable service to his country, Technical Sergeant Joseph J. Cullen was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon.

PERSONAL:

Joe married Delight (Hogan) Cullen on July 2, 1950 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Hoosick Falls. They were the proud parents of one son, Kevin and two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Patrice. They were blessed with 5 grandchildren; Caleb, Kady, Kallyn, Connor and Payton.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

He was employed with the former Wood Flong Corporation in Hoosick Falls and retired in 1982. Through the years, he continued to work part-time jobs at the Hoosick Falls Community Center for 35 years, the Village Liquor Store and the OTB Parlor for 20 years.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Joe was active in his community serving as president of St. Mary's Academy

Booster Club and Hoosick Falls Little League. He was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church. Joe was a member of the Elks, Derby Club, St. Mary's Alumni and United Paperworkers International Union Local #1392. He enjoyed horse racing, Notre Dame Football, Hoosick Falls Little League and St. Mary's Academy Booster Club.

Sadly, Joseph J. Cullen passed away on January 23, 2015 and was buried at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.