



Floyd "Corky" J. Dufore

August 18, 2021

Floyd J. "Corky" Dufore, 90, of North Syracuse, died on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Born in Ogdensburg, New York, he was a 1949 graduate of Assumption High School, Syracuse, graduated from the Community College of the Air Force, Columbia College and received his masters degree in 1989 from SUNY Oswego.

Mr. Dufore served 35 years with the Air National Guard 174th Tactical Fighter Wing. He graduated from Lowry AFB radar school, was part of the scuba team, the rifle team, the base honor guard and retired in 1986 as Senior Master Sergeant.

In his second career, Mr. Dufore taught at Fowler High School in the Liberty Partnership Program for 13 years. He was a substitute teacher in the Central Square and Phoenix Central Schools until 2015.

Predeceased by his parents, Alfred Joseph and Margaret E. (Williams) Dufore and a son, David, in 1983, he is survived by his wife of 68 years, the former Joan A. Ferguson; three children, Denise Wargo, Douglas (Marie) Dufore and Deborah Ottaviano; three grandchildren, Robert, William and James and nephews.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 4 to 7 pm at Ferguson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, August 25th at 10 am at the Assumption of Mary Church, 812 North Salina Street, Syracuse. Burial with full military honors, rendered by the 174th TFW, will follow in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the food pantry of Assumption Church.

Cemetery Details

North Syracuse Cemetery

555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Assumption Church
812 N. Salina Street
Syracuse, NY 13208

Burial

AUG **25**. 11:15 AM (ET)

North Syracuse Cemetery
555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Tribute Wall



“ *Floyd "Corky" J. Dufore*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *I knew Floyd for many years, especially during our times together at the 174th. Floyd always took care of us airmen at Hancock Field. He did so much to help us in so many ways. Especially treasured are the many dives we took together via the scuba diving team. There were many wonderful and sometimes precarious times in the water. He was always nearby his diving buddies, just in case. I remember when he'd call early on a dive day morning and say "You ready to get wet???" Thanks for letting us have Floyd. He was an exceedingly professional airman who loved his country and the people he served. We miss you Floyd!*

Very Respectfully,

Andy Butler

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Floyd was a mentor to me and so many others; he lived fir the 174th TFW; he had an outstanding training program; both formal and informal.

He was a voracious reader snd learner; always had a positive attitude, his infectious smile warmed a room up immediately!

He was a devoted husband and father. He helped so many students succeed in life. He snd Joan would create a Christmas for a student who didn't have a Christmas; inviting (bringing) students to their home to enjoy Joan's cooking, while providing many gifts to give the students a Christmas they would remember!

He was always in great demand at Central Square snd Phoenix high schools. Floyd was a wonderful photographer; he would take photos of the high school football games, walking along the football field looking for shots that showed the player's abilities; developing tge photos at his own expense to give to the players and coaches!

Floyd was invaluable to the 174th Alumni Association, whdn a member passed, he was at their house tge next dsy to help the widow through the maze of paperwork to straighten out her finances.

Floyd was always looking out for people, helping people, leading people to a better life!

My family and I had wonderful times enjoying cookouts, softball games and swimming parties with Floyd and his family. He always wanted everyone to have a good time; and every time you were with Floyd, it was a good time!

RIP, my friend,

Respectfully,

Jon LeFeber

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