



Chief Raymond Kenney LaMora

October 2, 1927 - May 21, 2020

Cohoes, NY

Chief Raymond Kenney LaMora, 92, a lifelong resident of the City of Cohoes passed from this life on May 21, 2020. He was born October 2, 1927 to George T. and Alice Kenney LaMora and is the stepson of Leo F. Scott. He married the former Margaret P. Gillon on July 21, 1949 who survives him. They have three children: Margaret A. Pierre and husband Robert of Cohoes, N.Y., Raymond Kenney LaMora, Jr. and wife Susan of Elkins, West Virginia and Theresa (Terri) M. Elliott and husband Thomas of Malta, N.Y. Survived by four grandchildren, Michael R. and James Pierre of N.Y. and Jennifer Morgan and Raymond Kenney LaMora III of West Virginia. Also survived by six great grandchildren, Connor and Mia Pierre, Grant and Emma Morgan, Logan and Felicity LaMora. Also his beloved Grand dogs, Oola (deceased), Posy, Frost and Wrigley Elliott.

Left to cherish his memory are his sisters Marlene Scott Boprey and Sheila Scott Navojosky and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers George and Robert LaMora, and sisters Alice LaMora, Auriel LaMora Baker, Joan LaMora Perry and Sylvia Scott Donnelly.

He was a member of the former St. Agnes Church and Holy Trinity Church of Cohoes.

Chief LaMora served in the US Navy from March 20, 1944 to June 18, 1946 as Petty Officer Second Class. Basic training was at Samson, N.Y. He had additional training as a cook and baker at naval air station in Pensacola, Florida where he would trade baked goods for flights on different aircrafts. Other training in amphibious operations and gunnery training was at Little Creek , Va. During this time he learned to send and receive Morse code. He continued this hobby well into his eighties. He served aboard LSM 112 Panama Canal to Pearl Harbor, served aboard LST 926 in the Western Pacific. He took part in securing and the occupation of the Ryuku Islands. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Medal with Asia Clasp, NYS Medal for Merit with two Silver Shields and the Honorable Discharge Lapel Pin.

Following in the footsteps of his uncle, Raymond Kenney, he became a firefighter in 1952 and eventually Chief of the Cohoes Fire Department from which he retired on April 18, 1991. While serving in the Fire Department he was also tasked with installing, servicing and maintaining the fire alarm system and the traffic signals for the City of Cohoes. In this capacity he brought forth many automations and advancements. Chief LaMora was instrumental in the design and building of the Central Fire Station and the Pleasant St. Fire Station. During his tenure his firefighting force numbered up to sixty two firefighters and he also updated and increased the number of fire apparatus. He was a very dedicated public servant answering calls day or night. At fire scenes Chief LaMora would be working right alongside his men. He also responded to river rescues, ambulance calls, cave ins, water main breaks and any other emergencies in the City. Chief LaMora was always a very giving person and spent many years delivering Christmas presents and food to needy families on Christmas Eve. During his time with the Fire Department he received numerous community service awards. His greatest accolade was the dedication of the Raymond K. LaMora Island Fire Station in June 2009. This was a great honor to a man who loved his Fire Department

and his City.

The family would like to thank the Eddy Village Green at Cohoes for the great care given to their father.

Due to COVID-19, funeral services will be private under the direction of the Marra Funeral Home. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Cheer for Children, c/o Cohoes Fire Department, 25 Central Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes

79 St. Agnes Highway
Cohoes, NY 12047

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Ray, Sorry for the loss of your dad! John Simon*

John Simon - May 27, 2020 at 07:12 AM

TM

“ *He was more than a HERO to our City. He will be missed by all of us. It wont be the same. His loyalty dedication and devotion is beyond any words. When Central ave was built he gave me pictures of my Uncle Al Charboneau, with me in the trucks. Was the best thing ever as a child. I appreciate those pictures even more now in my older years. R.I.P. may the fire alarms ring loud for you there, like in your home.*

Tina moran - May 27, 2020 at 02:05 AM

SA

“ *The best neighbor anyone could ask for. We always enjoyed our "backyard conversations" and sharing memories of life in Cohoes. With deepest sympathy to wife Margaret and children Margaret, Ray and Theresa.*

Sandy and Mike

Sandra Arneault - May 26, 2020 at 11:21 AM

RB

“ *Absolute loyal, honest and professional man. A great family man and we all looked up to him. He deserves the highest level of respect. i loved and will dearly miss my uncle Ray.*

Richard Boprey - May 23, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ *He always was and always will be "Chief" to me.*

AnnMarie Evetts - May 23, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ *Hello ~ so very sorry for your loss. I remember Ray when I was a child. I also knew Sheila, worked with her at Cohoes Hospital.*

Marilyn (Burke) Suthers

Marilyn Suthers - May 23, 2020 at 02:47 PM



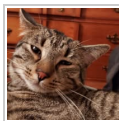
“ *I grew up in cohoes and throughout my life there chief lamora was seen as a larger than life hero to the kids growing up in cohoes. He was extremely helpful to my family a few times when we got burned out of a couple places we lived and he and his men would go out of their way to help us all. He was also a very decorated veteran of the military and as an ex military man I want to thank him for his service to both the country and the citizens of cohoes. Rest In Peace chief Francis Horan*

frank horan - May 23, 2020 at 09:28 AM



He was a true human. COMPASSION like no other and was a hero Role Model and leader.

Tina moran - May 27, 2020 at 02:08 AM



He was also a great neighbor whenever i walked by his home he would tell me stories. Whenever i drive by i think of him. Mary Alice you had a great dad and he will never be forgotten.

Beth Tremblay Flansburg and family Conliss Ave

Beth Flansburg - May 27, 2020 at 08:50 AM