



## Donald R. Avery

August 11, 1926 - May 10, 2024

Donald R. Avery

Chili: Friday, May 10, 2024, at age 97. Predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Mary Jane. Survived by his sons, Ken (Corinne) and Robert (April); grandchildren, Timothy (Bunny) Avery, Jennica (Tyler) Basler and Matthew Avery; great-grandchildren, Graham, Colson, Beckham, and Molly Jane; nephews Brock Avery, Jeffrey Mowers, Thomas Mowers, and many dear friends.

Donald was born in his parents' home on Buffalo Road, Gates Center, on August 11, 1926. He attended Thomas Edison grade school two doors down the road, graduated from Spencerport High School in June 1944 and enlisted in the Army at the age of 17. His unit boarded the RMS Queen Elizabeth in New York Harbor on Palm Sunday 1945, as WWII was winding down. He served with the 280th Field Artillery Battalion, part of the 9th Army. In December 2022 he recounted his early life and military service in My Formational Journey. After the war, he attended Clarkson University and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. He was employed by the Erie Railroad, Boeing, Rochester Products (a division of General Motors), two consulting firms and Monroe County before starting Avery Engineering and Land Surveying when he was 60 years old, where he worked for 20 years before retiring.

During his military service overseas, he came to a personal faith in Jesus and

lived a devout and humble Christian life. He served in various church leadership roles, taught Sunday School, and visited the sick and elderly. He was a lifelong learner, with many interests including gardening, reading, golf, and travel. He was always more interested in hearing from others - his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends, and colleagues - than speaking about himself. His was a well-lived life, an example to many. Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home on Saturday, May 25th from 10am-12pm. Funeral service to follow calling hours at 12pm at the funeral home. Interment with Military Honors at Grove Place Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Chili American Legion Post 1830, 450 Scottsville-Chili Rd. Scottsville, NY 14546, or the Episcopal Church Home, 505 Mt. Hope Ave. Rochester, NY 14620.

# Cemetery Details

## Grove Place Cemetery

2775 Chili Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14624

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home  
2771 Chili Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14624  
(585) 426-7830  
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com  
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald R. Avery*

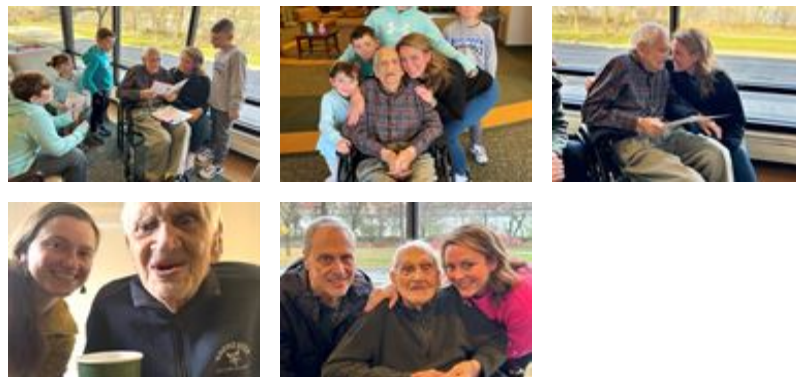


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**Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home** - May 24, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home** - May 24, 2024 at 10:05 AM

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*Dear Family,*

*Tom Rodak and Kim Stettner Rodak here.*

*Our deepest condolences to all of you.*

*Kim's dad, (Rich Stettner) was great friends with your Dad for oh so many many years.*

*When your dad and mom would visit the farm I would sit and listen to their stories and laughter. It was always comforting to see them when they would stop by. They always wanted to know what we were up to in our lives.*

*I know my dad always loved when your dad would visit. I loved seeing the four of them get together and go out to dinner. I know they enjoyed their time playing cards together as well.*

*I liked seeing them stroll down the lane and catch up on each others lives.*

*This video of memories brought back Don and Jane's beautiful faces as I watched and cried. I hope they all have met up again. What a wonderful, caring, successful man and patriot he was.*

*His memory will never be forgotten.*

*God bless you all.*

*God bless your Dad.*

*Love, Kim & Tom Rodak*

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**Kim Rodak** - May 25, 2024 at 04:18 PM

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“ *Ken & Corinne Avery, Bob & April Avery purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Donald R. Avery.*



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**Ken & Corinne Avery, Bob & April Avery** - May 21, 2024 at 07:51 PM

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“ A true Patriot and Hero . Surely R I P ! 🙏🇺🇸🙏

Gerard Leva - May 17, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Donald R. Avery.



May 17, 2024 at 10:04 AM

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“ Commander Collmer & Adjutant Casey purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Donald R. Avery.



Commander Collmer & Adjutant Casey - May 17, 2024 at 10:01 AM