



## Jan Reid Park

December 1, 1949 - April 13, 2024

Jan Reid Park, 74, former Rome Fire Chief and well-known resident of 1171 Taylor Hill Road, Rome, PA passed away Saturday, April 13, 2024, at his home. Jan was born in Sayre, PA on December 1, 1949, the son of LaVerne R. Park and Eugenia “Jean” Regn Park. He was a graduate of Northeast Bradford High School with the class of 1968 and continued his education at the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology in Williamsport where he received his certification as an electrician. In 1970, Jan enlisted with the U.S. Army where he was certified as a Medical Corpsman and was later transferred to the Army National Guard of Pennsylvania where he served until 1976. On May 21, 1977, Jan married the former Gloria Reynolds at the Rome Presbyterian Church. Following completion of his military service, Jan was employed by Ward LaFrance in Elmira, NY and subsequently by Hilfiger Electric for a number of years later assuming operation of the business which he continued until his retirement. Jan and his wife Gloria enjoyed spending their winter months in Oak Hill, Florida and faithfully attended the Daytona 500 Races annually for 34 years in succession. Jan was an avid hunter who loved the outdoors, going to the Adirondacks and Colorado. Jan was a gifted mechanic who loved building and reconstructing cars from start to finish and possessed the ability to fix almost anything. He loved racing, drove Dirt Modified race car from 1976 to 1982, and served as crew chief for his son, Jake. Jan was a member of the Southern Tier Microd Club and the NRA. Jan was a life member of Vigilante Engine Company No. 11 Rome, PA where he served as

fire chief for 11 years and later as assistant chief. He was always willing to help others. Surviving are his wife, Gloria Park, their son and daughter-in-law, Jake and Raquel Park, brother and sister-in-law, John and Donna Park and his niece, Shelby Park, numerous family and extended family and above all many good friends. The family will receive friends in celebration of Jan's life, Sunday, April 21, 2024, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Wysox Fire Hall, Wysox, PA. In remembrance of Jan, his family will be providing tree saplings to be planted in his honor. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **21**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wysox Volunteer Fire Hall  
111 Lake Rd  
Wysox, PA 18854  
(570) 265-8466

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Sorry to hear of Jan's passing. Jan was our neighbor for many years just down the hill from him. I visited him many times and remember fondly of him helping me to change an engine in my van back in the mid seventies. Jan was a great guy! Again my sincere condolences.

Alan Secor - May 05, 2024 at 11:22 AM

RM

“ Jan was a wonderful person. I know that he is in heaven with God now. God bless you Jan.

Rick Moore - April 22, 2024 at 10:55 AM

RR

“ My sincere sympathy Gloria. I remember well the first time I went deer hunting with all of you when I was 12 years old. Fond memories with a great bunch of people. My Dad and I always had great times with you, Jan and Jon during hunting season.

Robert Repasky - April 21, 2024 at 03:47 PM

M&

“ Michael &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Reid Park.

Michael &. - April 20, 2024 at 01:13 PM

SR

“ Jan was one of a kind... one of the good ones. He was a great friend to my brothers Larry and Lincoln. His stories could have filled a very funny book! My heart goes out to Gloria, Jake and family. "Jan-and-Gloria" is one word in these parts... can't say one without the other. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sheila Russell - April 18, 2024 at 03:09 AM

RY

“ To the Park Family: Gloria & Jake, My condolences relayed to you all. I respect Jan to the utmost. He always was there to help me in times of need. He was a true leader as we all know. My memories of him will always be positive indeed. My prayers are with you all in this sad time. Sincerely; Robert A. YOUNG, Naples, Fla. formerly of Milehigh Meadows Farm Taylor Hill Road, Rome, PA.

Robert Young - April 18, 2024 at 01:37 AM

FF

“ From the May family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jan Reid Park.



From the May family - April 17, 2024 at 01:08 AM

JB

“ Gloria, Jake, n family.....Sorry to hear of Jan's passing. He was a good man, learned alot in the fire company over the years from him. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.....  
Jim Bullock

Jim Bullock - April 16, 2024 at 07:52 PM

LH

“ Jake , Rachel and Gloria, I am so sorry to hear about Jan’s passing. Based on testimony, both living through example with you Jake and others. I know he left a tremendous footprint on this earth filled with Love and vitality. Sending up prayers and much Love as you begin to navigate into this next chapter without his physical presence. Know that he is with you through your daily triumphs and challenges. Leslie Harmon and family

Leslie A. Harmon - April 16, 2024 at 04:47 PM

CC

“ Gloria, Jake, and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Jan was the most generous and humorous person we have known. All the crazy fun times at the firehall and pond. We will cherish his memory forever.

Chris and Michele Cowles - April 16, 2024 at 11:26 AM

BR

“ Gloria and family...I’m so sorry to learn of Jan’s passing. He was such a great guy and so friendly and caring for everyone around him. You’ve lead a great time and I’m sure you have all great memories to help you thru this time of sorrow. God Bless you and yours. May he rest in peace. An old friend, Bernita Rice



bernita rice - April 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM

RR

“ Gloria and the entire Park family so sorry for your loss. As a neighbor and fellow Rome fire fighter , Jan was really good to work with. He was always ready to help the community and donated much of his time. Jan was loved and respected by those who knew him best, he will be missed.

*Randy, Connie and the Rosenberger Family Rome, PA*

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**Randy Rosenberger** - April 16, 2024 at 09:44 AM

BE

“ Our sincerest condolences to Jan's family. We are so sorry for your loss.

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**Bruce and Patricia Evans** - April 16, 2024 at 09:04 AM

DP

“ Wishing sincere condolences to Jan's family. Although it's been many years, he is remembered with a quick smile, a happy spirit, and love of family and friends.

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**Donna Phelps** - April 16, 2024 at 08:29 AM

BV

“ Deepest sympathy to the family



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**Bob & Lorinda Vanderpool** - April 16, 2024 at 07:34 AM

RC

*So sorry to hear of Jan's passing. I look fondly on our years of friendship with Gloria and Jan. He was one of the most ambitious and clever guys I've known. Whatever he put his had to it was done with a passion but he always seemed to do it in a laid back manner! Our sincerest condolences to Gloria, Jake, and the rest of the family. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and community. Rest in peace my friend...*

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**Ron Chase** - April 16, 2024 at 10:24 AM

 Carol  
Dutton

“ *Gloria and Jake and family, Jay and I are so sorry to learn of Jan's passing. He will be missed by so many of us.*

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**Carol Dutton** - April 16, 2024 at 07:09 AM