

ALLEN WYCKOFF CASE

Allen Wyckoff Case was born on November 22, 1939, at Marshall Hospital in Oneonta, New York. Allen Wyckoff Case was affectionately called Junior by his family.



Junior's parents were Allen Lewis Case and Beatrice Ellen Wyckoff-Case.



At the time of Junior's birth, Allen Lewis and Beatrice Ellen already had had two other children, Marjorie Celinda and an infant girl that died on May 7, 1937, only a few hours after her birth. Marjorie was 13 years old when Junior was born. Allen Lewis and Beatrice were living on the family farm on the Otsdawa at that time of Junior's birth and had owned the farm since 1925. After Marjorie was born in 1926, Allen and Beatrice in 1928 moved back to their hometown area, Schoharie County, for a short period after having to destroy their herd due to a disease that didn't allow the cows to have calves. Around 1931-32, Allen and Beatrice moved back to the farm and started again.

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(Allen Wyckoff and Marjorie on the family farm,)



(Allen Wyckoff and his mother Beatrice Case on the family farm, 1940)



(Allen Wyckoff Case, 1941)

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Junior said he spent a lot of time with his father as a young man. Allen Lewis Case had only gone to the 8th grade and was a farmer most of his life. Junior described Allen Lewis Case as a harsh man. Junior relayed the story of how he was told not to go to the neighbor's house. However, Junior went to look at some Cowboy pictures at the place Allen Lewis Case told him not to go and his father found him there. Allen Lewis Case carried a rubber milk hose, that was about 8 inches long, in his pants pocket. On the way back from the neighbors, Junior said he got "wooped" almost every step of the way. Allen Lewis Case said to him, "Don't you run ahead of me, I'll catch up with you at the house". Junior relayed the story in a loving way that he learned something that day. Junior said his father would allow him to do many things without stopping him. Allen Lewis Case would see if Junior was seriously hurt, but if Junior wasn't, Allen Lewis Case would always say to Junior if he got hurt, "Did you learn anything?" Allen Lewis Case never told Junior that he loved him, and Junior never heard Allen Lewis Case say he loved Beatrice, his wife. But Junior said he knew he did.



(Allen Lewis Case building a playpen area for Allen Wyckoff Case on the lawn)



(Allen Wyckoff Case and Allen Lewis Case, 1944)

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(George Lewis Case, Allen Lewis Case, and Allen Wyckoff Case, 1948)



(1952...Allen Lewis Case driving tractor, Allen Wyckoff Case on the hay wagon up front)

Junior spoke lovingly of his mother Beatrice. Junior called her Mamma. Junior said she was quiet, soft spoken, and a great cook and baker. Junior relayed that his mother would discipline him up to when he turned 4 years old, it was then his father who was the disciplinarian. Junior further said that his mother would do anything his father told her to do. Junior said his mother was really into the Presbyterian Church and she didn't like people consuming alcohol. Junior

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remembered her house smelling like fresh bread and wonderful meals. Junior relayed during the hot summers Beatrice would bring out food to them, and whoever was working along with them, along with a drink called a Ginger Schwitzel. Beatrice got mad when Allen Lewis Case would give Junior a beer during the summer months when it was very hot, Junior was in his early teens when Allen Lewis Case would let him have a beer. Junior relayed that he was 12 when he went to a restaurant with his mother and Junior during a very hot day, Allen Lewis Case bought a beer and told the waiter "...and get one for my son too." That was Junior's first beer.



(Beatrice with George and Allen, 1952-53)

Junior said that he learned just about everything from his parents; good grades; hard work; church; responsibility; and to pitch in wherever and whenever someone is in need. The happiest times were at Christmas. Getting the Christmas tree and the stockings, the older you were the

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bigger the stockings. In the stockings would be candy, oranges, bananas, and a small gift. Later, when Allen Lewis Case worked at Scintilla, there would be presents.

Junior said that his parents were strict about him drinking, smoking, and doing as he was told. However, Allen Lewis Case was a smoker, he smoked Chesterfields,



and he would occasionally drink beer. Beatrice was not pleased about that. Junior started smoking when he was 14 years old. Junior would never smoke in the barn, but would go on the hill and smoke.

The Case Family in 1953:



(Allen Lewis Case, Beatrice Ellen Wyckoff-Case, Marjorie Celinda Case-Adee, Gerald Adee, Allen Wyckoff Case, and George Lewis Case)

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As a young kid, Junior wanted to be a forest ranger, specifically he wanted to be a “smoke jumper” in a national forest. He wanted to live in the wilderness on horseback and be a forest guard.

Junior grew up in a time where movies and television shows were about War and Westerns, Cowboys and Indians, and the Frontier days. Radio was usually old-style Country music and continuous stories like the “Shadow”, “Captain Midnight”, and “Bob Benson and B bar B boys”. Junior relayed that his bedroom had cowboy wallpaper, a cowboy bedspread, and a lamp that had a cowboy riding on a bucking bronco.



(On the wall in Junior’s bedroom when he was a kid)

Junior said there was a large overhead light, and he had a queen bed. Junior relayed that it was very cold in the winter, at times snow would get through the window and pile up. Junior described that there was a stove pipe in his room and if you stood close enough, you could feel the warmth. Junior said that during the winters, the house would “creak”, and there was also a small door at the end of the hallway, that led to an area over a garage, that would “pop open” for no reason. The door opening on its own scared him.

Junior said that he would go to movies at the theater on an average of one every two weeks, sometimes with Allen Lewis Case and Beatrice, or his grandmother Pagetta Wyckoff-Thorington (Beatrice’s mother). Junior said his favorite movies were “Gone with the Wind” and “Sands of Iwo Jima”, and he said that every Saturday there would be a new Cowboy serial movie. Junior also enjoyed the news reels that played before the movie would come on. Junior’s favorite older actor was Gene Autry, who played in a lot of westerns, and his favorite more recent actor was Sam Elliott. Junior thought that Mel Gibson did a great job with “the Passion of Christ” and “the Patriot.” Junior liked Batman and Superman comics.

Junior was the embodiment of a son who was wanting to achieve the top of everything a young man was expected to be according to the 1940s and 1950s culture.

Junior was a young man who worked hard on the family farm. By the age of 10 years old, Junior was handling a large portion of the chores in the barn and assisting with the planting and harvesting. Later in life, Junior wrote a story about his fondly remembering Corn Harvesting or Silo Filling:

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SILO-FILLING

Allen Case, Unadilla. NY

What a beautiful day. It couldn't have been any more perfect. When Dad and I came in from the barn this morning we saw a huge flock of geese heading south. The sun, climbing into a perfect blue crystal, hadn't burned off the frost yet, but by nine o'clock it had. Everything had gone well in the barn, Dad was happy and we were ready. This was the one day I got to stay home from school without any discussion of any kind. This was the day the silo-fillers came.

Mom's breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, and fresh blueberry muffins was as good as ever; even though she was hurrying us to finish. That was all right because we had things to do and we knew that she was going to be unusually busy right up till noontime. She had already spent two days making pies and baking bread. Dad had worked all day yesterday cutting the outer rows of corn by hand, "opening the field" and I had helped after school.

Filling silo. That had been the only topic of conversation for the past week. Of course no one talked about the war anymore, although Dad sometimes talked about how good it was to be able to buy tires again. And Mom was tickled to no longer have to deal with ration stamps. But silo-filling had taken our attention ever since Dad and the other men had started

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down at Mert Briscoe's. Then they had done Harry Bundy's, Art Foote's, and Reg Reeves'. Now they were doing our place. When they finished here they would still have Glenn Jester's, Frank Lent's, Art Jester's, Lynn Hathaway's, Fred McKee's and probably old man Layman's. It was easiest that way - to start at one end of the valley and work their way to the other.

Frank had dropped the blower off on his way home for chores yesterday afternoon. Just about the time Dad had Lady and Molly harnessed and had given them an extra ration of oats Frank pulled in to start setting the blower up to the silo. We were finished belting Dad's tractor to the blower and were giving it a test run when the others began to arrive... Glenn with his corn binder, two others with a tractor, or a team, and wagon, the rest with their strong backs.

With the help of Mom's coffee under a maple tree the day's plan was put together. Old Art would work in the silo, swinging the distributor pipe and stomping silage. As usual Frank would run the blower because it was his and Glenn would handle the corn binder. The rest would alternate between driving wagons and loading with corn bundles as they dropped from the binder. Except for me - I was seven years old and my first real

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Five loads - a good morning's work - cut, bound, loaded, drawn to the blower, and in the silo. Against the backdrop of the blower's alternate whine and throaty hum, muted by distance, amongst the sharp and friendly banter of neighbors I began my first rite of passage.

At dinner-time Mom beamed in the praise and compliments of twelve work-hardened and sun-browned men with white foreheads. Her table would never set empty during silo-filling while the men went downtown to the diner. Her two and a half days of labor were being rewarded. She was being declared a top contender in an unspoken competition. The rest of the farm wives of the valley might match, but would never beat, her silo-filling dinners. With the serving help of Sis and two or three of the other wives the fruits of Mom's wood range fueled a brotherhood and camaraderie to last lifetimes.

As excellent as Mom's silo-filling meals always were, no meal could ever top this one. I was at the table! I was eating with the men! I had had silo-filling tasks before - carrying iced tea and switzel to the men, running after a wrench, and such. But they were only a kid's errands. Now, with a man's real job of driving a team, I didn't have to wait and eat with the women. I had passed over - I was eating with the men - a passage never to be reversed!

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How long it would take to fill a silo of course depended on how much corn was to be harvested. When it was finished though was determined by the dinners provided for silo-fillers. At those farms which proffered so-so meals the work was always complete late in an afternoon. The best meals always seemed to accompany the most corn; so it required another forenoon to finish, meaning one more dinner. At our place it always took three and one half days.

A final cup of coffee served as a fine oil, lubricating an exchange of news and views. Milk prices, feed prices, someone's new tractor, remedies for cattle bloat, foot rot, teasing about Reg's heifers getting out, plans to try that new seed corn next year, how well the "kid" was handling that team, why that small piece down by the creek isn't giving the corn yield it should, and most serious of all - plans to join with the farmers in the next valley one day next week as they filled Ford Hawver's silo (Ford had fallen into a blower and lost part of his foot). Then it was time to return to the silo and fields - we ought to get in eight or nine loads before chore time.

An early fall darkness had quietly wrapped the valley while we were in the barn, too busy milking to notice. In the finished corn field across the creek a flock of south bound gray, long-necked Canadian gleaners were noisily fueling for tomorrow's flight. The street lamps of heaven declared that God was at

work preparing another day. If only it will be as perfect as this one.

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(a photo of what it would have looked like during Silo Filling Day. Junior said he took on the position as represented by the young boy in the photo)

Junior took on a bigger role when Beatrice would be sick and when Allen Lewis Case would work in other jobs to bring in more money due to Beatrice's afflictions.



OTEGO CATTLE WINNERS — Best in breed championships were awarded yesterday, during the annual Otego Central School Fair, to, left to right, Edward Hume, Guernsey; Robert Holbrook, Brown Swiss; Allen Case, Jersey, and Robert Maltice, Holstein, shown receiving the show's grand championship cup from Smith Bellby, who judged the competition with Dr. John Leany of West Ontario. Ralph Bartholemew was fair chairman. (Star Staff Photo).

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Junior told the story of how his parents tried to raise chickens for added money and food during the Depression Era and during World War II. The price of chicken plummeted to a penny a pound and they had about 1,000 chickens. Allen Lewis Case and Grandma gave chickens to Marjorie, Lena (Beatrice's sister), and any friends who wanted them. Eventually Allen Lewis Case released almost 500 chickens on to the farm grounds to save money on feed. It was one of Junior's jobs to shoot a chicken for a meal whenever Beatrice needed him to. Junior said that eating chicken for almost every meal, for a very long period of time, made him never to want to eat chicken again. However, Junior said that it was this chore of shooting chickens that helped him to become a very good shot.

Junior said that he liked most foods, except liver, cow tongue, and chicken. Junior's favorite meal is beef, mashed potatoes, and butternut squash.

During his early youth, 1947 to about 1953, Junior would rise through the ranks of the Cub Scouts and then Boy Scouts. Though he didn't become an Eagle Scout, he was very close to achieving the status. Junior spoke fondly about being a part of the Scouts.



(Allen Wyckoff Case with a Cub Scout scarf)



(Allen Wyckoff Case, fourth from left)

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Junior was “a book worm”. Beatrice had been a teacher and had a great influence on his desire to exceed in education. Junior said that his father had only finished school to the 8th grade, but he would read everything about farming and had an in-depth knowledge of it. Junior was a part of the Honor Society for numerous years.

3 Otego Central Students Receive Scholastic Honors

OTEGO — James E. Svolos, supervising principal, has announced that three students at Otego Central School competed successfully for awards in New York State Regents Scholarship examinations.

Mary L. Hoyt and Philip F. Daniels both were awarded Regents scholarships of \$1,400 each.

Allen W. Case was named first alternate in Otego County and will receive a similar award if one of the 21 county winners is unable to accept the award.

Miss Hoyt is also the top honor student at Otego and maintained a scholastic average of over 91 for her four high school years.

In addition, she has actively participated in all music activities at the school. She will enter Hartwick College in September as a major in music.

Philip Daniels, a major in mathematics and science plans a career in automotive engineering. Allen Case is president of his graduating class and will enter the College of Forestry at Syracuse University in September.

Junior would be taken to the Presbyterian Church in Otego by Grandma, who was an active member. Junior would attend Vacation Bible School.



(1947 Vacation Bible School at Otego Presbyterian Church. Junior is in the first row, 2nd person in sitting and leaning forward)

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As a young boy Junior was by himself a lot, however he would keep himself busy by playing war outside. Junior would play Cowboys and Indians with the Krause girls who lived one house away. Junior described one of his favorite toys was a triangular piece of metal tubing mounted on silage blower wheels and he used this as his heavy artillery. Junior also had a piece of wood as his rifle, this was before he was given his .22 cal rifle at the age of 12.

Junior spoke about his mother's illnesses as being a hardship on the family. Junior said he was left alone quite a bit while Allen Lewis Case worked another job to pay for the hospital bills and Beatrice would live with her sister, Lena Wyckoff-Root, or be in the hospital.

Junior said he learned to drive by using the tractors on the farm. He would later take a driver training course. The first car he drove on the road was an old Dodge. Junior's first car that he owned was a Nash, which his father bought for him because of him doing the chores of the barn. Junior then had a 1951 Olds Convertible for a while. Junior always wanted a Ford Thunderbird, blue with a white top. His favorite car he had was his 1949 Ford.



Junior told the story how George was using the tractor and wagon and drove by his vehicle where the wheel axle stuck out enough to go along the entire side of the car. George said he did it by accident, however, Junior did not believe that and felt George did it on purpose due to the problems they had with each other as they grew up. Later in life, George gave Junior a toy 1949 car as a “dig”, according to Junior.

Junior relayed that each year his family would go on vacations to places that had forts, such as Ticonderoga, Henry, Old Stone. They would stay in motels and be gone for several days.



(George and Junior on a trip, 1950s)

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As Junior grew older, he was involved in plays such as “No Boys Allowed” and “It’s Cold in Them Thar Hills”:



(The .22 cal rifle that Junior is holding in the picture is the one that he was given by his parents at the age of 12, purchased from Montgomery Ward in Albany, and Junior’s Jeff now has. It was also the gun used by his older sons to shoot woodchucks on the family farm)

Girls were a pursuit of Juniors. Junior shared that he was interested in several girls at school such as Dorothy J Krause, Valerie Canner, Janet Hotaling, and “others” that he would not identify:



(Dorothy Krause, next door neighbor on the farm)

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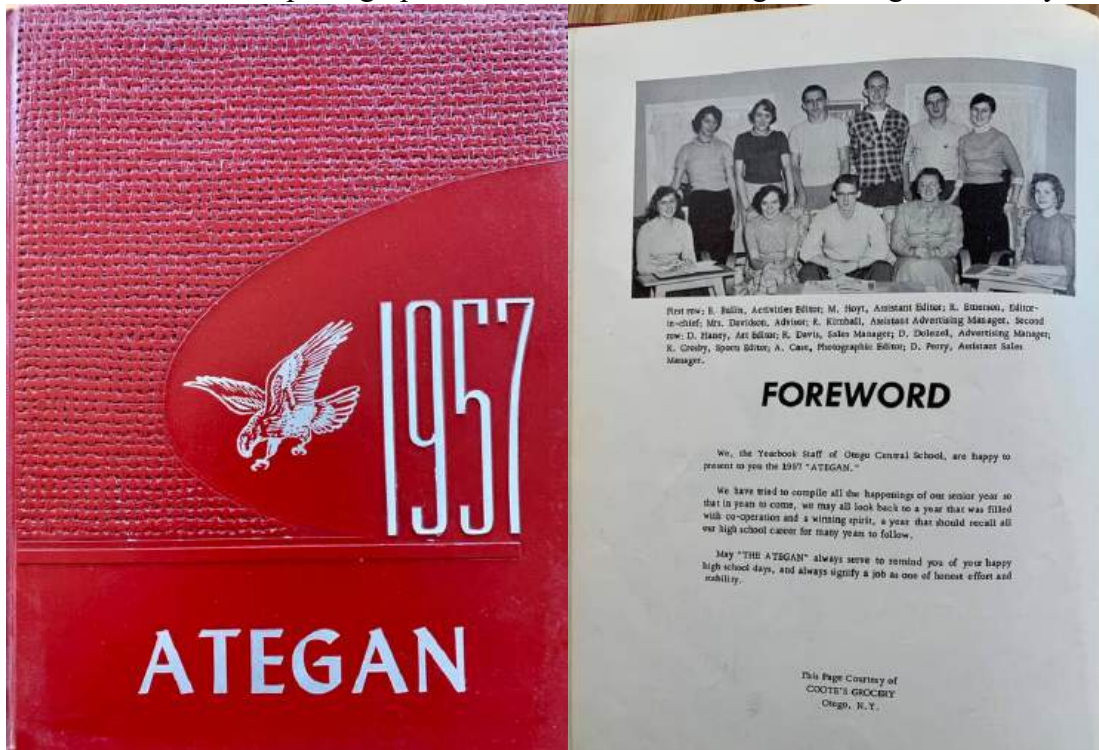
(Valerie Canner, 2nd from left)



(Janet Hotaling)

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Junior was also in the 4-H Club, Model Club, Rifle Club, Art Club, FFA (Future Farmers of America), Hall Monitors, Cafeteria Club, debate teams, College ROTC, and the Photography Club. Junior was the photographer for the Yearbook "Ategan" during his senior year.



One of the biggest achievements for Junior was becoming student class president during his senior year.

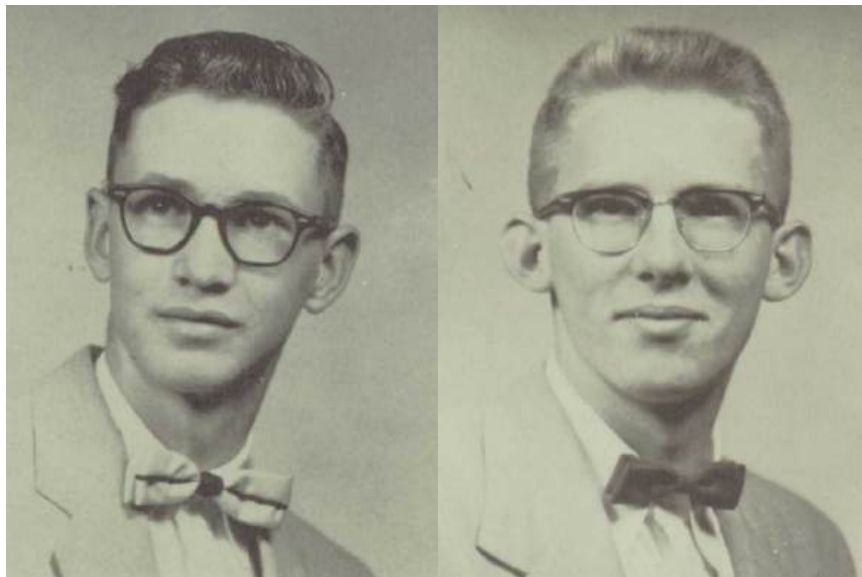


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Junior graduated in June 1957 from Otego High School, known as the “Blackhawks”:



In school, Junior’s best friends were Phillip Daniels and Russ Emerson.



(Phillip Daniels)

(Russel Emerson)

Junior’s goal was to become a pilot in the United States Air Force. Junior had gone to see a recruiter and took various medical tests. One of the tests was for his eyesight, he was told he would not be able to fly due to his poor sight. Junior relayed the recruiter told him he could still sign up and there may be a slight chance he could still end up flying, but this was too risky with no guarantees.

Junior regrouped and decided his second choice was to work in Forestry. Junior applied to the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. During the time

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of his junior year and the time he would go to college, Junior worked a couple of jobs off of the farm to make money to help pay for school. His first job off the farm was at a gas station in the village of Otego.



(Wayne's Mobil Station at the Otsdawa and Rt 7 where Junior had his first job outside of the farm in 1956)

Junior worked at a Sawmill in Franklin in 1957. Junior relayed a story while working at the Sawmill that he was driving a logging truck down a steep hill, and it jumped out of gear. The truck ran into a ditch with a full load of wood, and it tore the door and fender off. Junior was able to put the truck back into drive and drove the truck back to the sawmill.

In the summer of 1957, Junior began a relationship with a girl from Franklin Central High School, her name was Cynthia Ann Maurer. Franklin was a neighboring village, and it was where Junior was working in a sawmill that is only about 7 miles from Otego. Junior relayed that during the summer, while working in the sawmill, he needed a haircut and he stopped into a barbershop for a cut. The owner was a guy named Paul Maurer. When Junior sat in the barber chair, he saw a photograph of a young girl on the mirror and asked who it was. Paul Maurer said it was his daughter and Junior asked if he thought she would go out with him. Junior was told that Cynthia didn't go out much, but he could ask her. Junior went to the Maurer home and met Cynthia and she agreed to go out with him. They went out the following Friday and that was the beginning of their relationship. Cynthia appeared to have the same interests as Junior such as involvement in plays and scholastic achievements. She was described as a "prize student". Cynthia was scheduled to graduate in June 1959. Junior said, "I thought quite a bit about her."



Junior started College in September of 1957, which Junior said was a big mistake and that he should have gone to Forestry School. He had sold some heifers to have money to help pay for

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school and for living expenses. While attending college, Junior would come home on weekends by mostly getting rides with other students.



In February of 1958, Junior came down with the flu and hitchhiked home during a snowstorm. Junior said he was sick for a month. Staying home during that time put him behind in core courses and he flunked out. Junior also said he had run out of money from the sale of the heifers and didn't have enough to continue with college. Junior went back to Syracuse and started working with the State Forestry Department and would continue to get rides back home with fellow workers stopping at several bars on the way to Oneonta. In the Forestry Department, Junior was part of a "blister rust" crew where his job was pulling gooseberry bushes, which was done to hamper the spreading of wildfires.

Junior had a long-distance relationship with Cynthia for over a year and a half. Junior was home in the latter part of October and had taken Cynthia to the "White Rose Ball" in his 1949 Ford. They had made a plan; when Junior would return home for his birthday, they would tell their families that they were engaged, and Junior was going to give her a ring on Thanksgiving Day. Junior returned to Syracuse to continue working for the Forestry Department. Communication was slow or difficult during that time, most communication was by mail. Junior said that he was coming home for his birthday and Thanksgiving and was excited about the announcement to be made, however, when he arrived home, he was told that Cynthia had died in a car accident on November 8, 1958.

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Junior was devastated and he said, “her death turned everything upside down and I made many big mistakes after that happened.”

After Cindy’s death, the Forestry Job was over, and Junior began working in Scintilla in Sidney, New York as a dispatcher of small parts. Junior felt he was “screwed” on that job. Junior said he was falling behind and the boss had a guy named “Otto” he wanted to take care of. “Otto” showed up for work only 3 days and Junior was bumped out of the job. Junior said the boss knew he was going to do that and never told Junior. Junior felt stupid that he believed the boss was supportive of him. Junior went back to Syracuse where he found work at the Carrier Corporation in Syracuse and would return to Otego periodically.



During the time at Carrier Corporation, there was a strike, so the company had a welding school. Junior would work nights and then have 4 hours of classes to be certified in Navy Code welding. Junior said he became disenchanted with that job because he had a chance to go to Japan, which would have given him tax free income, to help the Japanese build factories. Once complete, he would then be able to go to India for work. Junior said that one of the supervisor’s son got the job instead, and Junior left.

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There is incomplete information on how or when Ruth Anna Howe-Lawyer and Junior actually met. Junior relayed that they probably met on or about Valentine's Day, February 14, 1959. What was knitted together from the times he mentioned the beginning was that they met in a bar. Junior first took a liking to Ruth's sister, Helen Mae Howe-King, but shortly turned his attention to Ruth. It was a quick relationship.



Afterwards, it appears that Ruth and Junior lived together for a period of time in Syracuse. In the early part of 1960, Ruth decided to go back to her husband. The time that she was gone from Junior she was at the beginning of her pregnancy with Junior's son, but did not know she was pregnant until a short time later. This was most likely around March or April 1960. Junior did not know Ruth was pregnant nor did he believe they would be back together. After being gone for several months, according to Junior, Ruth reconnected with Junior and told him that she was pregnant with his child. They were back living together in Syracuse, NY, shortly afterwards. The relationship started with two people who had traumatic experiences; Ruth was married to another, had a 3-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl, and left because of infidelity of her then husband and Junior had recently lost his first love.

Junior and Ruth's first son together was born in November 1960.



(Junior with Mark around December 1960)

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Ruth said that there was no doubt that Mark was Junior's child, she said she knew but didn't explain any further. Junior said he didn't believe Mark was his son until he was about 2 years old when Mark started looking more like him.



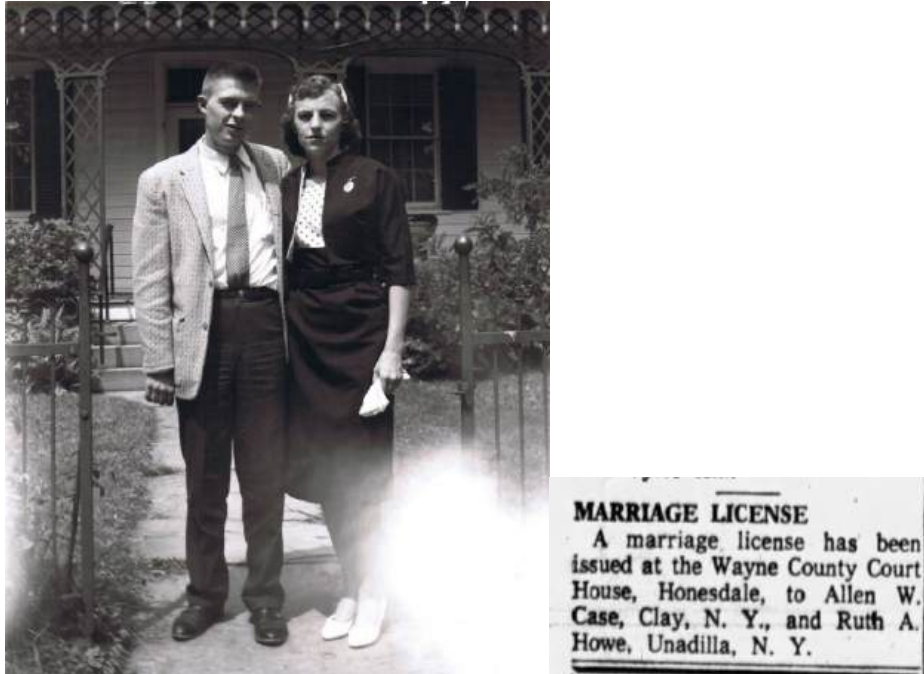
(2nd birthday celebration for Mark at Case Family Farm in the kitchen)

In describing Mark, Junior said: he felt I he was really a homely kid at birth, due to a facial birth. Mark's face was swollen, and his head came to a point. Junior said that at only a half an hour old, he didn't expect Mark to live, but the doctors did a great job over the following three days to form his face and head; as a child, he was a little charmer; and in his teens his focus was "basketball, basketball, basketball".

According to several family members, there was a lot of turmoil. Allen Lewis Case and Beatrice Case were not happy that their son was in a relationship with a woman who was married and already had two children. Ruth had insinuated several times that she was treated poorly by Junior's family in the beginning. Ruth said she was made to feel as if she wasn't good enough for Junior. Because Otego is a small town, it could be easily surmised that Allen Lewis Case and Grandma Case were aware of Allen Lewis Case and Grandma Howe when the Howe's lived in the town. Junior insinuated that his family felt the Howe's were a "little different" than they (meaning Junior's family) were. There was a persona given by Junior that he and his family felt that the Case Family was better or of a higher status than the Howe family. Ruth was aware of his feelings regarding her family.

Ruth and Junior were married on August 19, 1961, in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

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(Junior and Ruth on the day of their wedding, August 19, 1961)

Mark was 9 months old at the time of their wedding. Junior said in later years that he got married because it was the right thing to do because there was a child to take care of. Junior said he felt it was something he had to do because of his upbringing. Ruth was never asked, but knowing her, it is highly doubtful that she would have married because “it was the right thing to do”. It would have been because she loved Junior and thought there was going to be a future together.

Allen Lewis Case and Beatrice Case (Junior’s parents) were at their wedding:



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The photo below looks to have been taken in the spring of 1962, probably April 22, 1962, which was Easter. It is one of the first color photos of them. The photo was taken at Allen Lewis Case and Beatrice's family farm in Otego:



Junior and Ruth were both unemployed at the time of Mark's birth. Shortly afterwards, Junior was doing different jobs in order to have an income. Part of the reason they moved back to Otego was because Allen Lewis Case at times needed help with the farm due to his not feeling well for several years. Junior said, "he was always tired." Junior said he would often have to go to the farm and do the chores and milking because Allen Lewis Case needed help. Grandma Case was not in good health for many years.

It appears by photos and some stories, that Junior would attend various gatherings with Ruth's family in the beginning of their relationship. But as time went on it became less and less. Ruth would always spend time with her sister Helen. Junior became good friends with Dick Bristol, who was married to Helen Mae Howe (sister of Ruth), for a period of time in the 60s and 70s. This was mostly because Dick was farming on one of Junior's high school friend's farm, Bob Lent, that Dick had taken over and was running for a period of time. Because of their common interest in farming, Junior and Dick helped each other with farming or discussed it up to the time our farm was sold. In fact Junior purchased the first few calves, "Henrietta" and "Barney" from Dick in 1973.

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After 1967, it was a rarity that Junior would attend any events with the Howe family. Part of the reason was that Junior was working on the PD and some was because of the farming.



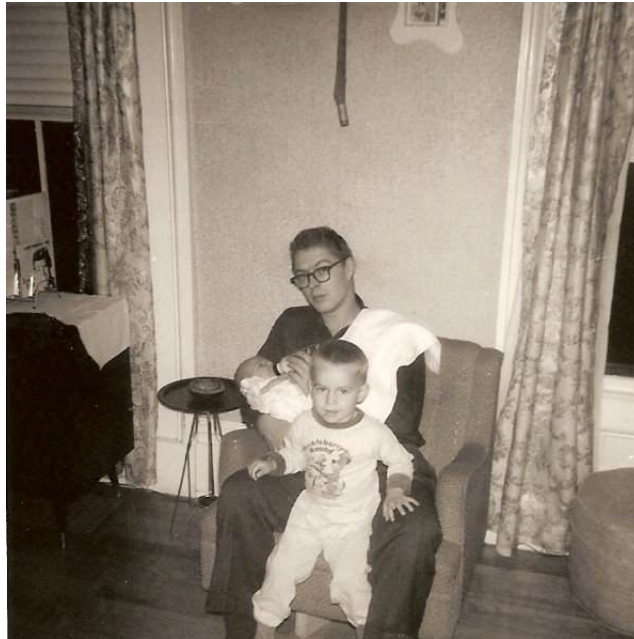
(December 1962. Left to Right – Raymond Howe, Junior, Pat Cawley with Mark on her lap, Janice Howe, David Howe, Alrayna Howe, Elmer Adelbert Howe (father of Ruth), and Ernie Cawley)



(In front Billy Cawley, sitting left to right: Elmer Adelbert Howe, Ernie Cawley, Ken Howe, Raymond Howe, standing left to right: Junior, Oscar Howe, unk, Gene Cawley)

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In September 1963, Junior and Ruth had another son, Erin Lewis Case.



(Junior holding Erin with Mark in front, circa September 1963 while living on River St)



(Erin Lewis Case 1964, and with Junior on Trixie around 1966 on the Family Farm)

In describing Erin, Junior said that: he was a good-looking kid; had an operation at his stomach shortly after birth due to hypertrophic pyloric stenosis, which causes projectile vomiting in

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infants; as a preteen he was destructive, knocked out windows with Karen in the barn and threw marbles through upstairs windows; loved driving things, more than working, and sometimes was too harsh on the machines. Junior remembered telling Erin when he was using machinery on the farm, “don’t ram and jamb.” Junior chortled about one occasion where Mark got the tractor and manure spreader stuck in the field on the hill, but Erin got it out, spread the manure, and brought it home. Junior said when Erin got older, he saw that Erin had a knack for fixing stuff and tearing things apart and putting them back together again.

At the time, Junior and Ruth’s small and young family was living on River Street in Otego. Junior was still doing odd jobs and trying to make an income in any way he could. Ruth was home with two young children.

In March of 1963, Allen Lewis Case’s doctor told him that he already had two heart attacks and recommended Allen Lewis Case quit working, Allen Lewis Case had refused to do so. Junior said that he believed that Allen Lewis Case had trouble with his heart for the previous five years which drained his energy and weakened him. On March 21, 1964, Allen Lewis Case passed away unexpectedly at the age of 62.

Beatrice Case moved to the village of Otego in 1965, after Allen Lewis Case died:



(Beatrice in her trailer on River St, Otego, NY)

On October 29, 1965, Beatrice passed away also being at the age of 62. It was Junior who found Beatrice in her trailer after she passed away.

Junior had three people, who were very important in his life and what he thought was going to be his future, die before he was 26 years old. Ruth had traumatic experiences from the time her mother passed to finding out she was pregnant with Junior while still being married to another and knowing Junior’s family was not happy with the relationship, all happening by the time she was 30 years old. Ruth’s primary reaction was withdrawal and flight, Junior’s reaction was to withdraw. It created a very tumultuous situation between them.

Junior would continue to work different jobs:

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(Junior is in the center, circa 1962)

Junior said he also worked at helping on the roads in the Town; Junior attended an International Correspondence Classes which is a Salesman School, like a Trade School; he had a route for home delivery service of things like ice cream in a red and white truck that had a freezer in the back; he worked at a sign company in Oneonta, "B and N" where he was injured when an angle iron struck his side and tore into his ribs, he said he was hurting for 3 years; he built fences and calf pens for other people; he drove a school bus for a year, in place of Helen Sheldon while she was out due to illness; and he worked as a salesman for Iroquois Ford Tractor in Oneonta. Junior was also a professional welder and would complete welding jobs when found or asked.

Junior started working for the Oneonta Police Department in June of 1967.



ONEONTA POLICE—Undergoing orientation at City Hall yesterday are three of four new patrolmen added to the Police Department in Oneonta. The other, John E. Snyder, 25, of Sidney, was unable to report, but will begin his training tomorrow. From left, are, Robert D. Russo, 27, Oneonta; Thomas E. Mills, 21, Franklin RD; Allen W. Case, 27, Otego RD 2, and Chief of Police Robert J. Simmons.

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Junior said his primary reason from joining the Police Department was because it offered descent pay and steady work. As he started to work in the department, Junior liked the work because he said he was pretty much alone in what he did and in what his decisions were made, and people had to go along with whatever was decided. Junior further relayed that he liked the times of doing nothing then “bang” there was something going on that got you moving in a dangerous and heightened state.

Junior and Ruth’s third son, Jeffrey Lynn Case was born in September 1967:



In describing Jeff, Junior said that: when very young he was a “little pisspot”; he was another good-looking boy; when young he was a troublemaker, he kicked holes in the wall upstairs; he was a pleaser; Junior said as Jeff got a little older, he saw that Jeff had a knack for mechanical

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metal shop, he had a talent for making stuff. Junior enjoyed playing video games with Jeff; and as Jeff became a self-made businessman, he became a good example of a task master.

Junior worked overnights (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.) in the Police Department for numerous years. When he was awake, he was tired, gruff, and curt. There were very few times in which it would be described as a joyful atmosphere in the house. Ruth got quieter and the frequency of her leaving home, taking their sons with her, occurred more often as time went on. It was never clear how long Ruth would be gone or where Ruth had gone to.

Junior was successful in his Police career. However, the pay for an officer at that time was \$5,750 a year or about \$360 per month after taxes, which was not a lot of money. Junior wanted to find other ways to bring in more income and would try to do so by raising chickens for eggs, raising veal calves, and even sell a couple of small lots of land from the farm. The pay was so low that his family was eligible for the government surplus food program which included National School Lunch Program. The government surplus food program would provide government cheese, powdered milk, Vitamin C tablets, etc. It was the precursor to the WIC program. The National School Lunch Program provided free lunches and the boys would be given orange tickets that would be “punched” each day by the cafeteria ladies. Kids at school would know who was poor because of the use of the orange lunch tickets and they would make the boys know it.

Junior continued to accept different positions in the Police Department, in 1968 he became a member of the PBA (Police Benevolent Association) which is a part of the Union. In December of 1969, Junior became the vice-president of the PBA. In November 1971, Junior became the President. Junior said that he wanted to be a part of the Union partly because of the influence of his father, Allen Lewis Case, who was a Grievance Chair for the workers at Scintilla when he worked there in the 50’s.



New PBA officers

Newly elected officers of the Onondaga Policemen's Benevolent Association discuss plans for the upcoming year last night at the Eagles Club. Seated, left to right — Allen Case, vice president and Eugene Holbrook, president. Standing, left to right — Kenneth Puffer, treasurer and Anthony Angelilli, secretary.

(Staff photo by Froese)



Champs

Ralph Apisella, manager and coach of the Little League Championship PBA team, presents the team trophy to Allen Case, President of the Onondaga Police Benevolent Association, at a recent awards banquet held at Molinari's Restaurant.

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In Junior's career as an officer, there were a couple of stories that were always repeated later in his life, and he got emotional remembering some of them:

- 1) The first one, June 1968, Junior shot out the tires of a car being driven by a man who was listed as armed and dangerous and wanted by Vermont authorities. The shots hit the tire and the car continued for a short time and was apprehended by another.

[illegible]

- 2) Then next one, July 1968, a young boy had lit a firecracker and put it in an old large gas tank that was buried in the ground. The tank exploded and the boy had 30-35% of his body with 2nd and 3rd degree burns. Junior eventually brought charges against the owner of the property which caused a major upset because the owner was a well-known person in Oneonta.

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3) The next one, May 1970, was where he was beaten and choked by a guy to the point of Junior almost shooting him because Junior felt himself starting to pass out. Junior did not shoot him, and he was eventually taken into custody. Around 2014, Junior said he was in a diner in Oneonta and the same guy was there. The guy came over to Junior and told him that he remembered him from so many years ago and apologized to Junior for what had happened and thanked Junior for how he handled the situation.

Driver Is Charged In Cop Beating

Press Bureau

Oneonta—Patrolman Allen W. Case, 30, was beaten and threatened by a motorist whom he had stopped in Oneonta, police said yesterday.

Booked on four charges stemming from the asserted incident, is Robert A. Bryant, 33, of 106 River Street, an employe of the Delaware & Hudson railway.

He is accused of driving while intoxicated, assault, resisting arrest and menacing.

Mr. Bryant was released early yesterday in custody of attorney Joseph T. Pondolfino, Jr., for an appearance in City Court tomorrow.

Friday night, police said, he was observed driving fast by Patrolman Case and became belligerent when he was halted and asked to produce his operator's license and registration.

Police said Mr. Bryant allegedly threatened to kill the patrolman, choking and striking him about the face with his fists.

He was booked at 11:45 p.m. by Patrolmen Case, Kenneth Puffer and David Millias.

Cattle Club Honors Benedict

Delhi — Harry Benedict of Delhi Stage has been named "Jersey Cattle Man of the Year" by the Delaware County Jersey Cattle Club.

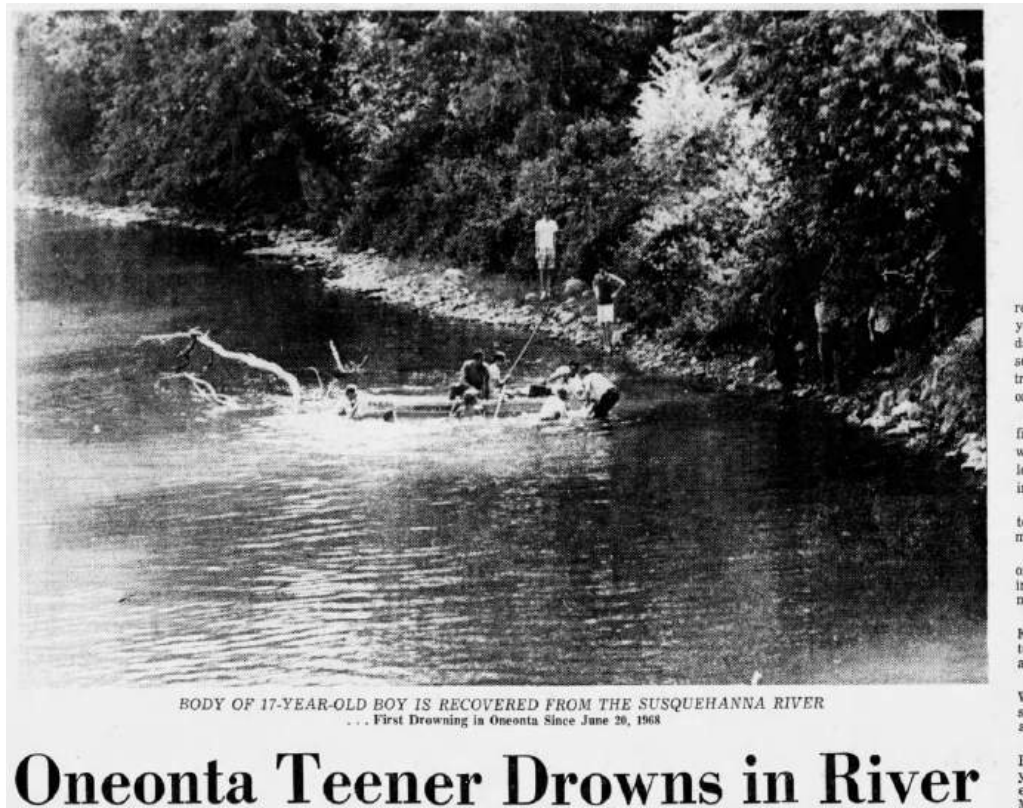
Mr. Benedict milks a herd of 40 head, has been a Jersey breeder since 1934 and prior to that, he farmed with a mixed herd since 1926.

His decision to specialize in the Jersey breed was based on test factors and his conclusion that the Jersey breed was as favorable as any.

The Delaware County Jersey Cattle Club has a membership of more than 130. Leslie Robinson of Downsville is president.

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4) July 9, 1971, Junior responded to a call for the drowning of an 11-year-old boy in the Susquehanna River. Junior on arrival stripped down to his underwear and went in the last point the boy was seen but couldn't locate him. When they dragged the bottom later, they found the boy just below where Junior had gone in. Junior said that he was exhausted after diving down to find the boy, so he sat on a tree limb for a few minutes to catch his energy. A complaint was made to the police department that Junior was in his underwear, and it was inappropriate. Junior has always felt bad that he did not dive deeper to reach the boy and maybe save him.



(The log Junior was sitting on is in the water by the boat. Junior is in the back of the boat, in the water, pushing it toward the riverbank)

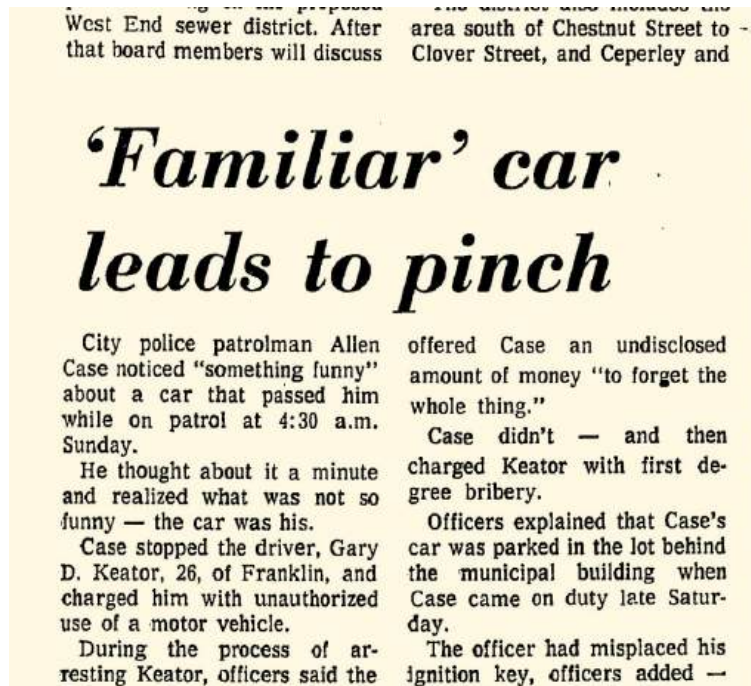
Soon after the telephone call was received at 3:52 p.m., Patrolmen Allen W. Case and Dennis McTighe reached the scene.

Both said they saw no evidence of anyone in the river.

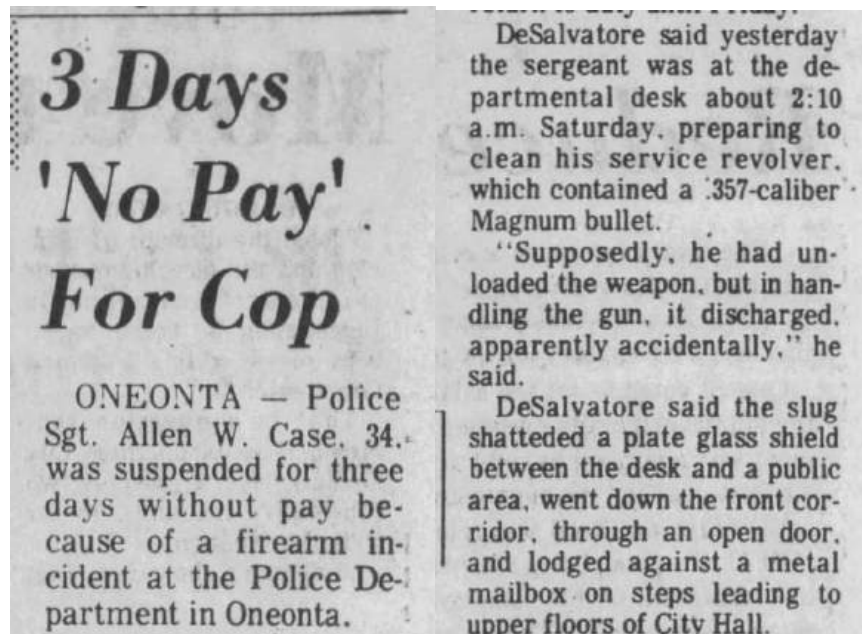
DISCARDING THEIR uniforms and clad only in skivvies, they were joined by Fireman Donald Payne in entering the water to search for the victim.

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5) October 8, 1973, Junior had parked his car behind the police station. As he was patrolling later in the night, he saw his car being driven by someone else. Junior pulled over the car and made an arrest of the driver, who also tried to bribe him, for the theft of Junior's own vehicle. Junior said that a set of keys to the car were left inside unbeknownst to him. Paul Harvey, a well-known radio personality, would talk about the crime in one of his radio shows.



6) In September 1974, Junior had an "accidental" discharge of his weapon within the police station.



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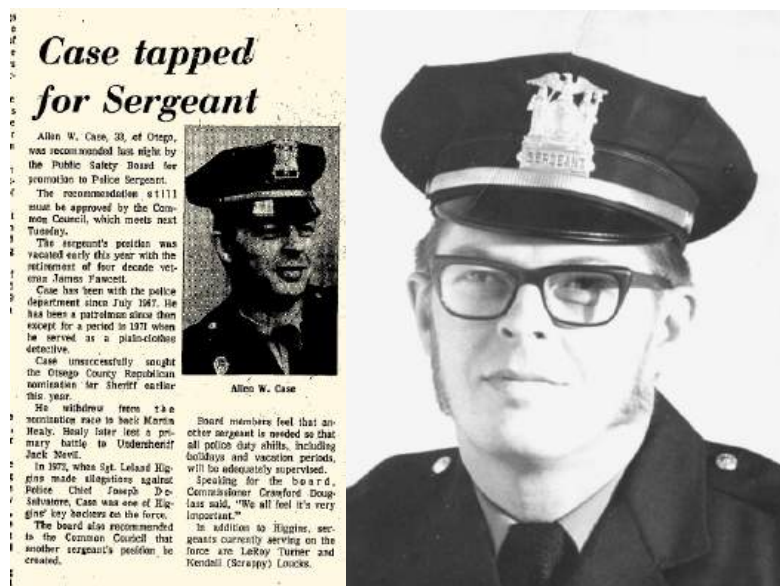
Both Junior and Ruth never talked about Jerry or Karen with their boys until 1971. The boys were not aware that Ruth had been previously married or that they had a half-brother and half-sister. The boys were told about them during a supper just a few days before Karen came to live with Junior and Ruth on the farm.

Around 1972, Junior bought a couple of cows and started buying calves from local cattle auctions and from known Jersey Cow farms. The first purchases were made in hopes of raising the calves to maturity and in turn would give us more calves. Some of the calves that were purchased did not make it. By the fall of 1973, there were four calves from previous purchases, the two original cows, and a calf from the original calves that had matured and had a baby each. In January 1976, Junior purchased 13 cows from a distressed farm. This brought the total number of cows to 23, along with one beef cow named "Barney".

In February 1973, Junior put his hat in the ring when he announced he was running for the Otsego County Sheriff's position. However, he did not get the position.

On February 22, Oneonta
Patrolman Allen W. Case formally
made his announcement
and March 2, Ms. Jan Hageman,
believed to be the first woman
ever to run for sheriff post in

In October 1973, Junior was promoted to Sergeant. Junior had been previously passed over for another sergeant position in 1971:



In 1976 the milking of the herd was in full swing. Junior would do the plowing, planting, and harvesting. During the late spring and summer, Junior would cut the hay and alfalfa fields and then bale it. During the fall, Junior would harvest the corn and put it in the silo. Junior was always repairing the various machines like the mower and manure wagon, rebuilding motors on tractors or balers, ensuring that the cows were artificially inseminated by veterinarians at the

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right time, as well as monitoring overall milk production and making plans for proper feeding so that the cows produced the most milk. Junior did these things while working overnights.

Junior had some issues within the Police Department in 1975 and 1976. Junior was accused of failing to report an accident with a patrol car that he was operating in a timely manner.

Oneonta Police Sergeant Suspended

ONEONTA — Police Sgt. Allen W. Case of the Oneonta City Police Department was suspended over the weekend and will face official charges of allegedly failing to report an accident involving a patrol car he was driving.

He will face charges in a hearing scheduled before the city's Public Safety Board March 11.

Mrs. Margaret Hathaway, chairman of the Public Safety Board, said suspension was not mandatory in such cases, but that the board had concurred with the recommendation that suspension be imposed in the case.

The charges were drawn up by City Attorney Albert Baldo and Chief Joseph DeSalvatore.

Case, if found guilty, could be dismissed from the force, demoted in grade or rank, suspended without pay, or fined up to \$100.

The departmental investigation was handled by DeSalvatore after con-



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currence with the Public Safety Board.

The matter was brought before the police department by the owner of a parked car involved with the police raid, did not witness the accident but reported it to police as an overnight hit and run.

Mrs. Hathaway said the alleged incident took place in the early morning hours, Feb. 7, when Case was responding to a radio call for assistance in looking for a burglary suspect.

Minor damages were reported to both vehicles.

Police and Public Safety Board officials involved thus far in the investigation are withholding comments and details of the charges until the three-member safety board has heard the entire story.

Mrs. Hathaway said Case had been presented with a bill of particulars in the matter at the time of his suspension this weekend.

She said no prior publicity had been given the matter to prevent hindering an investigation.

Cemetery Association Elects Hoy, Staff

SIDNEY CENTER — Officers have been elected by the Sidney Center Cemetery Association. They are:

PRESIDENT: Perry Hoy; who is also EXORCIST; JOHN STANFORD; POWERECK AND MORTUARY PREPARATOR; HENRY TREMBLE; TRUSTEES are Mrs. Edna Maye, Mrs. Anna Tremble, Ralph Harris, Phil Le Grange, Don Brown Jones and John Little.

During the investigation Junior was also accused of the intimidation of a city official, however they underestimated the fight Junior had in him:

Case charged with harassing city official

The Oneonta Public Safety Board's hearings into charges against Police Sergeant Allen W. Case (right) continued behind closed doors last night in the city court chambers, and may enter its third day of hearings Monday. Above, prior to last night's proceedings, Safety Board chairman Margaret Hathaway pines over still-scarred particulars of the case, while Case's attorney, Edward Gueganin of Cooperstown, checks over his notes. Up to 1980 of Case's legal fees will be absorbed by the Oneonta Policemen's Benevolent Association, of which Case is a member. (Star photos by Shyer)

Fire alarms in service

Fire alarm boxes in the Center Street area have been returned to service, Oneonta firemen say, after a shutdown of about four weeks for repairs.

Boxes were replaced and equipment checked in all the boxes of district Number Two of the city fire alarm system, which includes Hartwick College Church, Center, Dixie, Myrtle, Elm, Walnut, Maple, Cedar, First

Court report

In City Court action Wednesday, Judge Frank W. Getman fined John J. Lusk of Spring Valley and William H. Peterson, of Elkhartsville, \$20 each for speeding.

In other action, Gordon C. Morris, of Maryland paid a \$85 fine for operating an unregistered motorcycle.

Clifford G. Bullock, of Hamden, received dismissal of a charge of driving with insufficient lights as he provided proof of repair within the required time limit.

School board vote set for Friday

At a special meeting last night, the Oneonta Board of Education was unable to reach a decision on retaining a negotiator to begin negotiations on salaries with the Oneonta Teachers' Association.

His services would be needed for approximately 90 hours.

According to the agreement the board reached with the teachers Oct. 10, 1974, the amount of salaries and the

By JOHN KELLINGER, Staff Writer

An additional charge has been filed against Police Sergeant Allen W. Case, alleging that he harassed City Personnel Technician Jeta Iovetta.

City Attorney Albert A. Ballo said that the additional charges allege that Case "said to his certain city employees, 'Have you ever been shot at?'"

"No further said, 'Would you like to be?'"

Although Ballo declined to name the city employee involved, it was learned that it was Iovetta, who had signed statements involving one of four initial charges lodged against Case.

Hearings into the original four charges were continued last night.

It is expected that the city's Public Safety Board will resume their third round Monday. There was no indication when they would be concluded.

The alleged threat against Iovetta came when Case was in City Hall Monday afternoon to file his written response, on the earlier four charges, with City Clerk Michael Lusk.

Case met Iovetta in a corridor outside Lusk's office, it is alleged.

Iovetta had filed a statement and is expected to testify at the hearings concerning the charge that Case harassed overtime statements for the city.

A separate hearing on the charge filed by Iovetta will be held on March 28 at City Hall.

Unless Case specifically requests that the hearing be open, it is expected the safety board will continue with its policy of conducting the sessions behind closed doors.

Board Chairman Margaret Hathaway said state civil service rules call for closed hearings unless the person being charged requests that it be open.

The other four charges against Case are:

- That he failed to report in a "proper and timely manner" that he was involved in an accident with operating equipment.

- That he falsified reported overtime credits.
- That he negligently discharged in service records in the police station.
- That Case engaged in "conduct which brings discredit upon the Oneonta Police Department." If Case is found guilty on any of the other charges, he may also be guilty of this one.

Ballo said that Case has denied the first charge and claims that there is a prior disposition to the second and third charges, and that Iovetta failed to institute proceedings on those matters "within a reasonable time."

Case has been suspended from the force since March 1, when the charges were handed to him.

Under civil service law, Case would be reimbursed for the back pay if he were exonerated of the charges.

It involved he faces dismissal from the force, or could be reprimanded or fined.

Case has lost on the issue for eleven years.

In 1972, he was, for a brief period, a candidate for the Republican nomination for Oneonta County Sheriff. He failed to receive the endorsement of the Oneonta City Police Committee and withdrew from the race.

That Special "something extra" For Your Easter Ensemble

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Later:



The troubles continued for Junior because he stood up for himself during this time which caused further scrutiny. In December 1975, more charges were brought against Junior:



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The public weighed in:

In our opinion

Muzzling fight at City Hall

Why is it a punishable offense for a subordinate to criticize a superior agency?

Osoenta's Board of Public Safety must satisfactorily answer that question before it can, in good conscience, convict Police Sgt. Allen Case of insubordination and six other departmental charges.

The charges, which are not criminal in nature, were pressed by Police Chief Joseph DeSalvatore. They refer to an article published last August in which Case was quoted as saying DeSalvatore has "got an innate inability for leadership. It hasn't been weakened since his conviction. There isn't any way you can weaken it. That inability feeds upon itself."

Sgt. Case may be guilty of bad manners, and even cloudy rhetoric. Are they reasons to suspend or otherwise punish him?

Case is probably technically guilty of violating at least two specific charges — failure to obtain official permission to participate in public discussion of police department business and failure to treat department business as confidential by talking for publication without the chief's permission. He could probably succeed in having those — and other — charges erased simply on the basis of selective "provocation." Sgt. Leland Higgins has been frequently critical of the chief, and was in fact quoted in the same *Susquehanna Sentinel* article that got Case into trouble. Yet Higgins has never been charged with these departmental breaches of conduct.

However, the issue is too important to be dismissed simply because Case was not charged until 3½ months after the article appeared or because he apparently has been singled out.

Can good government work if the participants are prohibited from questioning or criticizing the system? Will candor hinder the successful operation of a department? Does membership in a bureaucracy — even a quasi-military bureaucracy where discipline is important — abrogate the rights of free speech? These are some of the questions the safety board must consider. And when they do, we're confident they'll answer "no" to each of the questions. We're confident they'll find that the public good is often served by people who speak out, even interperatively.

Or, to put it a little more bluntly: Someone at City Hall had better realize, pretty soon, that police department problems will not go away simply by muzzling the officers.



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Case loses his sergeant's stripes, may appeal

By JOHN KELLEHER
City Editor

Osoenta Police Officer Allen W. Case has been stripped of his sergeant's stripes.

The Public Safety Board demoted Case to policeman after finding him guilty of six of seven charges placed against him by Chief Joseph DeSalvatore.

Case's attorney Richard J. Bookhout indicated it is possible that his client will appeal the order, but added that no decision has been made.

The charges against Case stem from comments he made in the now defunct *Susquehanna Sentinel* newspaper which were sharply critical of DeSalvatore.

In finding Case guilty of the charges, the safety board said it believed *Sentinel* reporter Dennis Bates when he testified that the quotes attributed to Case were accurate.

The *Sentinel* article was about the continued discord within the police department.

The six-page decision, handed to Case by Safety Board Chairman Margaret Hathaway Wednesday morning, said that the severity of the penalty was determined, after "consideration of the Sergeant's previous record of convictions for violations of the Rules, Rules and Regulations of the Osoenta Police Department."

Since September, 1970, Case had been disciplined five times, the decision read.

He was on suspension from the force at the time the *Sentinel* interviewed him.

The demotion will cost Case about \$500 annually. Although the computation of salaries for 1976 is not yet completed, the city budget lists his

his right of free speech when he criticized DeSalvatore.

"Our society customarily provides limitations on how that right may be exercised, so as to protect the rights of all others against the misuse or abuse of such free speech," the decision read. "Such limitations may be broadly, or even vaguely defined in certain segments of our society, while in others, they may be exact and specific."

The board also rejected three other motions for dismissal filed by Bookhout on Case's behalf.

"Anyone engaging in lengthy conversation or interview with a members of the press corps, who had identified himself as such, must understand that his opinions and knowledge are being sought for purposes of inclusion in any subsequent publication of the subject matter being discussed and that such publication is a

two key witnesses, Sergeant Allen Case and Mr. Dennis Bates, with regard to the accuracy of the newspaper quotations on which the charge against the Sergeant is based," the board continued.

"Sergeant Case testified that he could not recall the exact words he used in the interview and 'did not recall giving any quote of that nature.' Mr. Bates testified that he was reasonably certain that the quotation published from notes he made during the interview. There was no evidence to show that Sergeant Case subsequently dissociated himself from the quotation, either by contacting the newspaper or the Chief about being misquoted."

"By virtue of these non-actions on the part of the Sergeant and the testimony of both witnesses at the hearing, the

told Bates that part of their conversation was "off the record," it could be assumed that the rest of it was for the record.

The board found Case guilty of:

- "Failure to treat superior officers, subordinates and associates with respect..."
- "Insubordination or disrespect towards a superior officer..."
- "Publicly criticizing the official actions of a department member..."
- "Conduct which brings discredit upon the Chief and correspondingly upon the department..."
- "Failure to obtain official permission to participate in public discussions of police or department business..."

"Violation of a department regulation which states that a police officer 'shall not talk for publication, nor be interviewed...' except with the permission of the Chief."

seventh charge, one that accused Case of creating "disorder or neglect to the prejudice of good order, efficiency or discipline..." was "vague in its meaning, at least as it pertains to this charge," and ordered the charge dropped.

Mrs. Hathaway and her two fellow commissioners, Dr. Charles Burnsworth and Edward J. Griffin were unanimous in their findings.

The decision was filed just under the wire. Burnsworth left the board Thursday when he was sworn in as an alderman from Osoenta's seventh ward.

Earlier, however, City Attorney Albert A. Baldo had indicated that had the board been unable to arrive at a decision before Burnsworth left the board, that Mrs. Hathaway and Griffin could have arrived at a verdict themselves.

In adversity, you find your strength which Junior had plenty of. Junior fought back:

THE DAILY STAR, Saturday, April 17, 1976

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Board decision overturned; Case keeps stripes

By DENA HENRI
Staff Writer

Osoenta Police Sergeant Allen W. Case will not lose his stripes.

A decision by Superior Court Justice David P. Lee has overturned the safety board's decision, but, rather, voided the police board's decision, which had been based on the essential elements of a crime.

Lee found fault with the board's decision, saying it was based on hearsay and that the board improperly considered Case's prior police record in making its decision.

The fundamental problem here is not whether substantial evidence supports the board's decision, but, rather, whether the police board had based its decision on the essential elements of a crime.

The seven charges brought against Case last December stemmed from comments attributed to the sergeant in the *Susquehanna Sentinel*, a now defunct weekly newspaper.

In the article Case allegedly charged that the chief's leadership was "inadequate," and that he was "inadequate in his own right." Case also allegedly charged that the chief was "inadequate in his own right."

Case's attorney, Richard J. Bookhout, maintained that his client's case was not based on hearsay and that the board had not given him sufficient time to prepare a case.

The hearing order was issued on Case on December 15, and was scheduled for December 15. Under the city's rules, Case should have been given eight days to reply to the charges.

According to a city attorney, Albert A. Baldo, the *Sentinel* Case did not appear at the hearing.

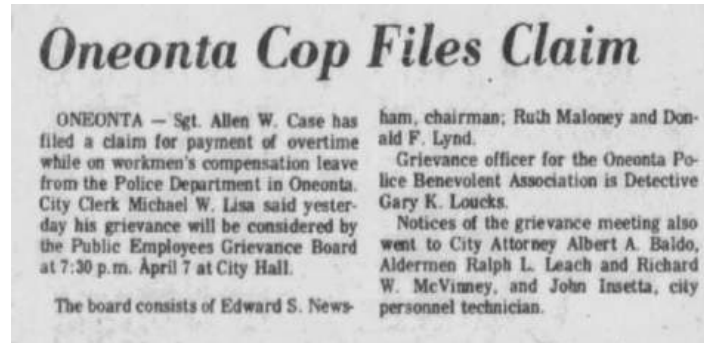
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Junior further fought back with filing for overtime for time when he was on suspension:



Then it was ruled on:



In the early part of July 1976, Junior and the boys were chasing some of the heifers that had gotten out of the fenced in pasture and were in the alfalfa field near the house. As everyone was trying to corral them, Junior stepped into a depression in the field and hurt his knee. On July 28, 1976, Junior was involved in a "Burglary in Progress" call and injured his leg while chasing the burglar.



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Junior was out of work starting in July 1976 and went back to work in February 1977, but it was short lived. Junior eventually was back out of work on workman's compensation until receiving his medical disability retirement in 1983.

The farm was still a working farm going into the early spring of 1978. However, there were several concerns coming into a decision about the future of the farm: the 1977 hay crop wasn't as good as was needed to feed the herd through the Winter and early Spring due to continuous rain throughout the haying season and it was dwindling quickly in the latter part of the Winter. It was going to be quite expensive to purchase enough hay to make it to Spring; Ruth had made it known that she did not want to be on the farm any longer; Mark had made a decision to attend college in the fall; it did not appear that Erin was interested in working the farm as was needed in order for it to continue to be successful; and Junior had a bad knee which limited his mobility to do many of the needed jobs on the farm. It was decided that the herd would be sold in March and the farm would be sold after that. By June 1978, the equipment was sold:

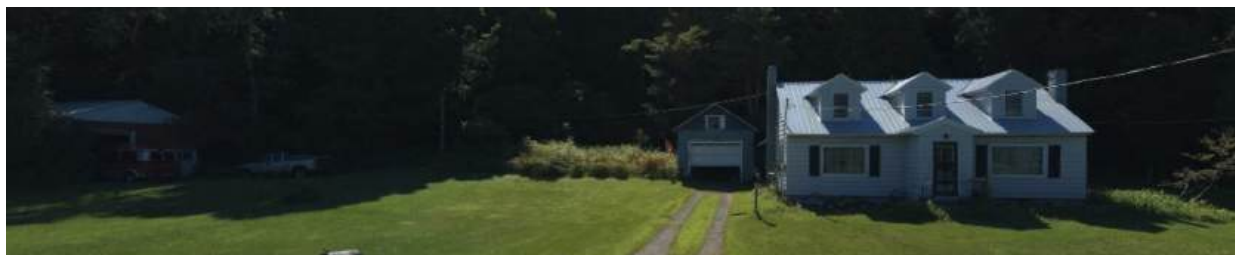
EMPIRE
Livestock Marketing Cooperative
June 22, 1978 12:30 p.m.
ALLEN CASE-Otego, N.Y.
**MACHINERY
DISPERSAL**

Ford 9N Tractor with front loader; John Deere harrow 8' ; Ford 2 bottom plows; Deerborne 3 pt. mower, manure spreader; New Holland Super 69 baler; New Idea crimping, Hesston PT 10 Haybine; 9' cutditcher New Idea side rake on rubber; 2 flatbed wagon, small utility trailer; Van Dale silo unloader 14' or 16' with motor; 30' hay elevator

MILKING EQUIPMENT:
4 DeLaval milking machines; 150 gal. Sunset bulk tank; Wash vat, water heater, approx. 100'-1½" vacuum line with stall cocks, stock tanks, water buckets, 75 tin sap buckets, some junk-including old baler with Wisconsin motor etc. Some miscellaneous small items.

2nd CONSIGNMENT
80 h.p. 384 Leyland tractor, 2 yrs. old, Case 5 Btm. Plow.
Sale will start at 12:30 p.m. sharp on this machinery followed by our regular dairy sale at 1:00 p.m.

By July 1978, Junior and Ruth moved to Wellsbridge, New York:



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After moving to Wellsbridge and still in 1980, Ruth left for Florida for a while without Junior. It was shortly after her sister, Marjorie, moved to Florida. After a few months, Ruth and Junior reconciled and Ruth came back to Wellsbridge.

Junior wanted to attend Liberty University. So, in September 1982, after Erin graduated from High School and entered the Army, Junior and Ruth, along with Jeff, moved to Lynchburg, Virginia, and lived in a trailer while Junior attended college.



Ruth and Junior were still together at Mark's wedding to Maryjoan Lemoncelli on May 14, 1983.



(May 13, 1983, at Mark and Maryjoan's rehearsal dinner)

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(May 14, 1983 – Allen Wyckoff Case, Maryjoan Lemoncelli-Case, Mark Case, Ruth Anna Howe-Lawyer-Case-Bristol) – (Ruth, Jeff, and Junior)



(Maryjoan Lemoncelli-Case and Allen Wyckoff Case)

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In 1984, Ruth moved to her own place in Lynchburg. Jeff continued to live with Junior in the trailer. Junior graduated from Liberty Baptist College in May 1984 in hopes of becoming an evangelist:



(Jeff and Junior at Junior's graduation from Liberty)

In June 1985, Jeff graduated from High School. In the latter part of 1985 Ruth moved to Florida near Orlando. Junior left Virginia and moved to the Syracuse area in hopes of continuing his education at Syracuse.

Junior came to visit his first grandchild shortly after being born on August 1986:



(Junior, Ted, and Mark in the hospital)

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On August 30, 1986, Jeff married Michelle Cunningham.



(Mark, Junior, Michelle, Jeff, Ruth and Erin at Jeff and Michele's wedding in Lynchburg, VA)

Junior went to Orlando, Florida, for Erin and Denise's wedding on November 22, 1986, which was also Junior's 47th birthday.



(The last family photo, November 22, 1986. Mark, Maryjoan, Teddy, Junior, Denise, Erin, Ruth, and Jeff)

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In 1987, Junior moved back to Wellsbridge. In January 1988, Junior became the Director of a Community Dispute Resolution Center in Norwich, New York:

Disputes addressed

NORWICH — A Community Dispute Resolution Center will be located in Chenango County this month, according to Michael Haehnel, program director of the centers for Delaware and Chenango counties.

Allen W. Case, an area dairy farmer and former law enforcement officer, has been appointed director of the Dispute Resolution Center for Chenango County. Case is looking for an office in Norwich.

A pleasure Junior had throughout the years was riding his motorcycles. Junior had several Honda motorcycles, one being a Honda Gold Wing, and a Triumph when in the 1970s. Junior then continued to ride Honda motorcycles with anyone who would ride with him:



(Ruth, Junior, and Jeff riding motorcycles, circa 1978)

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After Junior left Virginia, Junior would also spend some time with his brother George and sister Marjorie:



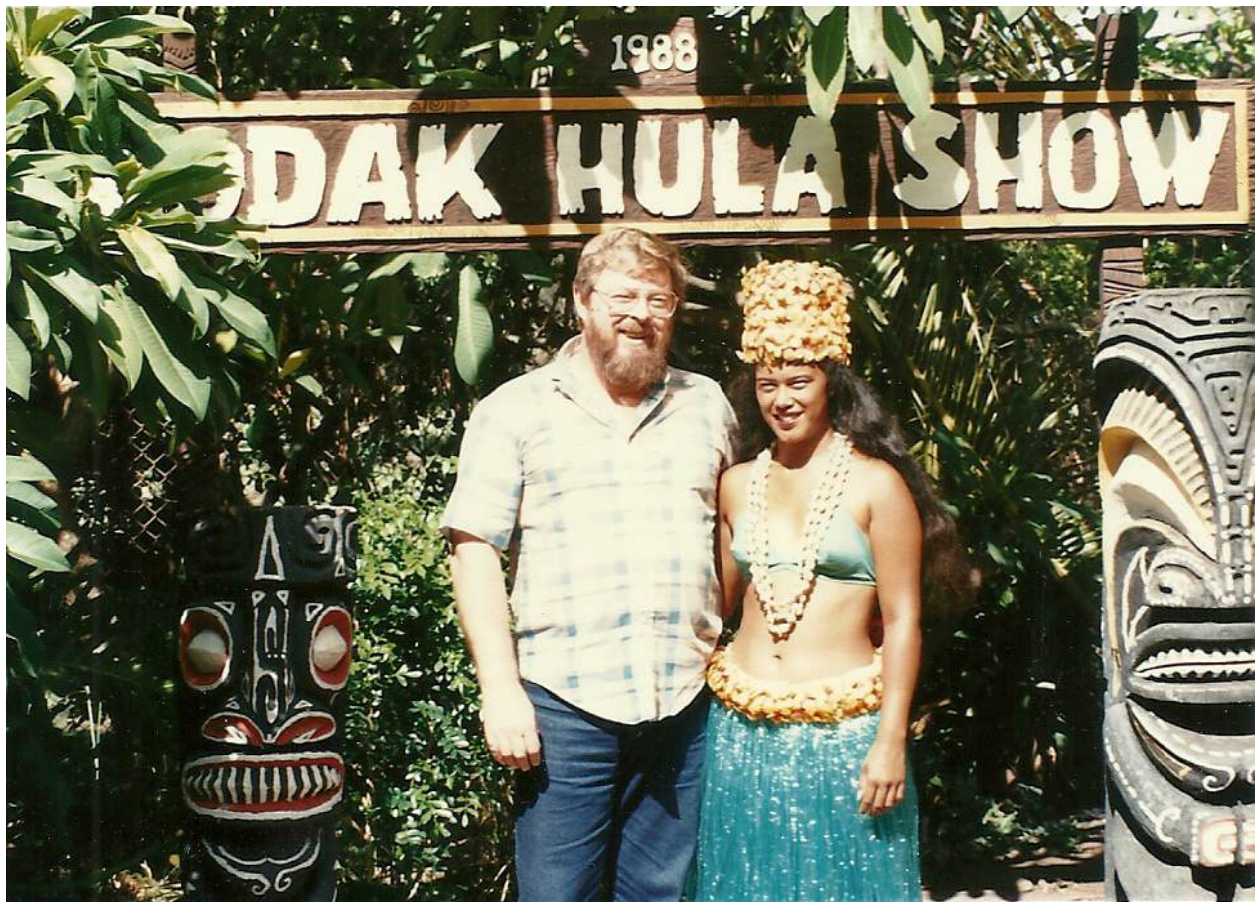
(Junior, George, and Mark in Old Fort Cemetery, Schoharie, New York where Allen Lewis Case, Beatrice Ellen Wyckoff-Case, unnamed child, and Lewis Phillip and Anna Sally Smith-Case are buried)

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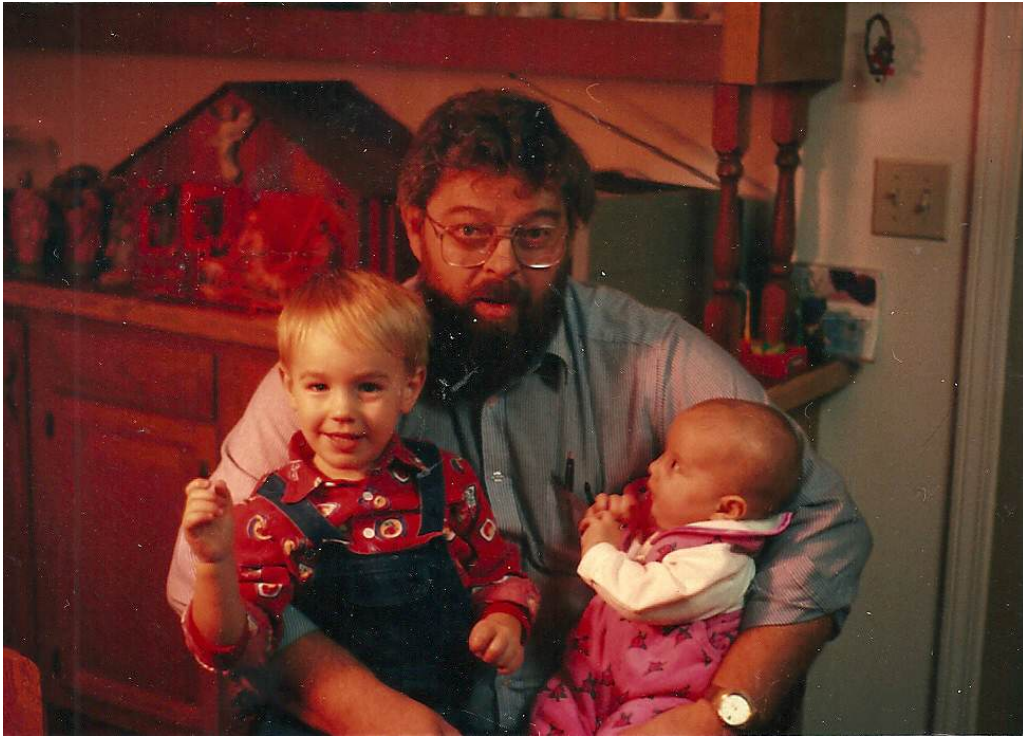
(unk son of George, George, Marjorie, and Junior, circa 1988)

Junior went to Hawaii in October 1988 to visit a friend and while there took in a show:



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Junior at times would visit with his grandchildren:



(Dec 1988 at Marjorie's home at Christmas time with Teddy and Caitlin)



(Celinda, Junior, and Holley in Wellsbridge)

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(Ted, Holley, Caitlin, and Junior in Wellsbridge, Dec 1989)



(Jeff, Michele, and Junior in Virginia)

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Around 1988 to 1989, Junior began seeing Gloria J Finch. Gloria was the widow of Paul Frederick Dwyer, and she had two children. On March 11, 1989, Junior and Gloria were married in the Oxford Baptist Church in Oxford, New York.

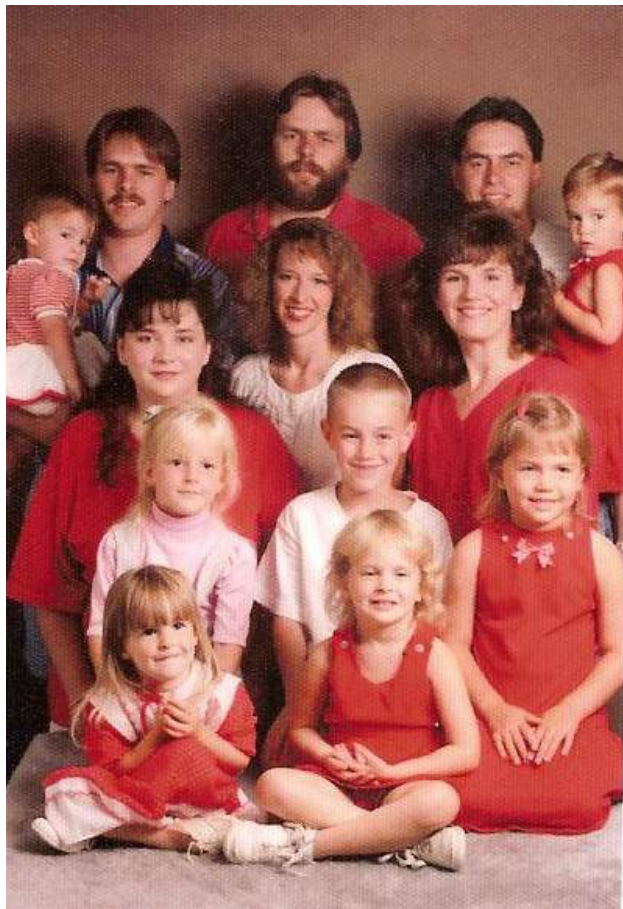


Junior made a few birthday celebrations and in later years a couple of graduation celebrations:



(Aug 1991 at Christian's first birthday celebration)

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(Grandchildren and sons with spouses in 1993)



(Ted and Junior at Ted's graduation from High School on July 17, 2004)

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(Junior, Mason, and Danielle King at Christian's graduation on July 24, 2009)

On Aug 27, 2003, Junior swore in Mark as Captain in the Rochester Police Department.



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Police call stretches across generations

Dad, retired officer, swears in son as captain in Rochester

Jack Mazurak
Staff Writer

A family tradition in law enforcement more than 350 years old continued last month with Olean native Mark Case's promotion to captain in the Rochester Police Department.

Case said when he got word in late August that he'd made captain, he wanted something special in his swearing-in ceremony to mark the occasion. And he knew just who to call — his dad.

Case's father, Allen Case, is a retired Olean Police Department sergeant who lives in Wells Bridge. The two also share a direct ancestor, John Case, who, after arriving in Starbuck, Conn. in about 1635, became its first constable.

Mark Case said having worked his way up in the department over the past 18 years, he said he was excited for the opportunity.

With more than 700 sworn members in the Rochester Police Department, he said, a captain has only six people above him — commanders and the chief.

Since making captain was a career milestone, he said he wanted his father present.

Mark Case said Rochester Police Chief Robert Duffy gave the OK to let Case's father administer the oath of office.

Allen Case said when his son called and asked him to be in the ceremony, he was more than proud.

"For an Olean farm boy to become captain of police in a large metropolitan city, I'd say that's quite an accomplishment," Allen Case said.

To do the ceremony right, Allen Case said he drove to the Olean Public Safety Building and sat down with Lt. Joseph Redmond.

"He was gracious and helpful — he found enough uniform pieces that would fit me so I could do the ceremony in full dress uniform," Allen Case said.

On a Aug. 27 he drove to Rochester for the ceremony.

"It was a very moving and a very proud moment," Allen Case said. "It brought back many memories of my own career and kind of created an itch to get back in harness again."

Allen Case said what pulled him out of law enforcement was an on-the-job injury in 1982. He said he'd been on the force since 1967.

Mark Case, who lives with his wife and three children outside Rochester, said he grew up on a dairy farm in Olean.

A 1978 graduate of Unatego High School, he went to Mohawk Valley Community College for criminal justice then got his bachelor's degree at Rochester Institute of Technology.

"My dad was a great influence my whole life," he said. "I know him as an officer, and listened to all his stories."

Mark Case has been a member of the Rochester Police Department since 1985.

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(Erin, Junior, Mark, Jeff, and Rich King, August 2005)

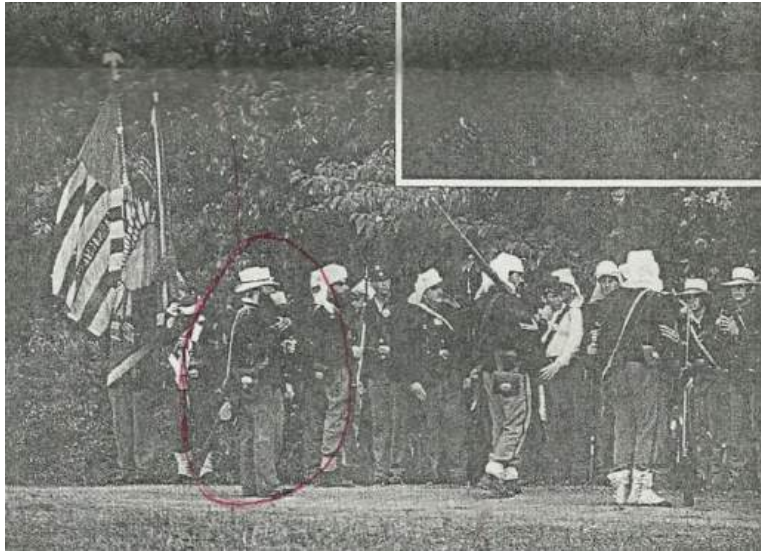
Junior said that he liked to square dance and round dance.



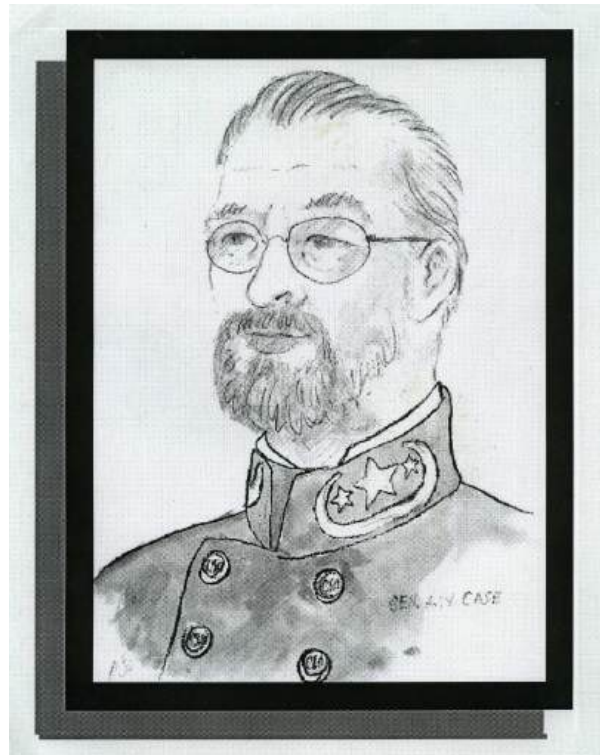
(Junior and Gloria square dancing, Aug 2006)

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Junior enjoyed going to reenactments of the Civil War and Revolutionary War. Junior even participated in them:



(1986 Reenactment with Junior as a member of the Union Army)



(Drawing of Junior as a General that he would have liked to have been)

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Junior liked to spend Christmas with his family. Later, Junior decided not to celebrate any longer due to his view that man celebrated what was a pagan holiday not by God's decree. Junior felt that Jesus was born in the fall, closer to the Feast of Tabernacles.



(Celinda, Christian, Junior, Ted, Caitlin, Cheyenne, Holley. Missing is Ashton. December 2006)



(Jeff, Junior, Erin, Ted and Mark)



(Junior and Marjorie's family at Christmas)

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Junior enjoyed visiting. Junior said that was the way he learned about people. Junior liked debating, questioning thoughts, and reminiscing.



(August 2007 at Erin's home in Bainbridge)

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Junior continued to fight for the freedoms of America. At 70 years old, he was out protesting with the Tea Party for the changes he thought were needed by his country. Junior was a strong supporter of the NRA.



(Junior holding the yellow flag during a TEA Party Rally in Norwich, April 15, 2009 and at a rally for freedom to have guns in Albany))

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The last time Junior went to Bloomfield was at Mark's retirement celebration from the Rochester Police Department. Junior gave a speech.



(August 19, 2010. This was also the date of Ruth and Junior's wedding anniversary)

Dad was honored to walk Joel's wife, Vanilyn, down the aisle at their wedding on June 4, 2016:



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Junior's favorite snacks are regular potato chips, and sour cream and onion chips. Junior still talks about the spaghetti at Molinari's restaurant in Oneonta with great fondness. Junior still enjoyed the same ingredients on his pizza as he did when he went to Molinari's in the 60s.



(September 17, 2016, at Pizza Land in Oneonta with the favorites...pizza with long stringy onions and meatballs)

A rare moment of a “gut” laughter with Junior



(July 29, 2017)

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Junior always has felt more comfortable with items from his youth and with heirlooms from his family.



(September 19, 2018, with his clothes that he wore as a young boy. In the photo on the right, Junior is sitting in the same chair as the chair in the photo to the left, it was Allen Lewis Case's Captain's chair)

Junior with some of his granddaughters (missing are Celinda and Holley) and his first great grandson.



(Cheyenne, Christopher, Caitlin, Junior with Brody, Ashton, and Christian. July 29, 2019)

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Junior has always been into books, history, and the freedoms America provides for its people. Junior is signing several books that would cover these areas and would give it to his grandchildren for Christmas.



Junior was a farmer his whole life and enjoyed almost all aspects of that life. From 2 years old to 83 years old:



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Junior said his favorite spot in the world was at the creek on the Case Family Farm. The specific spot was where the creek makes a sharp right-hand turn, just a short distance south of the road that goes to the creek. When the creek turns, there is an area of flat land, there used to be a few wild apple trees there. In the distant past, there was a mill on the site. Junior said when he was a younger man, he would go there just to lay in the grass and listen to the water and birds, smell the water and grass, and feel the wind. Favorite time was in the spring or fall, though he would go at any time.



(Aerial of Case Family Farm. Spot in which Junior identified as his favorite spot is right above here. Or bottom right corner of photo where the creek bends)

Junior continued to try and find a part of farming wherever he could. Junior loved going to the Walton Fair and going through the barns looking at the animals, specifically the cows, calves,

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and work horses. Even in August of 2022, while Junior had a difficult time getting into a wheelchair or motorized scooter, Junior wanted to go to the fair. Junior had a plan, get pancakes and then go through the barns.



(Junior on the prowl at the fair. Junior in the hat on the motorized scooter. He spoke for quite a while with the man moving the oxen. August 13, 2022)

On his way home from the hospital in Cooperstown after having a stint placed in a blockage of an artery to his heart, Junior wanted to stop and have a hamburger. On the way out, he saw a statue of a steer and wanted a photo of himself with it...he couldn't resist:



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Even in his later years, Junior loved to debate and have discussions. Junior had bible studies at his home with several local couples and then it morphed into the meeting of the “Sages”, someone who had obtained a level of wisdom.



Junior smoked cigarettes for many years. He started smoking when he was 14 years old and smoked Marlboros, sometimes a couple of packs a day. In the later part of the 1980s, Junior started smoking a pipe. He enjoyed the aroma and continued to smoke his pipe until his passing. Junior's favorite tobacco was Captain Black's Gold which had a cherry and vanilla aroma when smoked.



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Junior told his sons that he used to live with the Miniconjou Indians and learned many things, one of them being how to use sign language. Junior told the story that in the 1960s, when he was a police officer, he knew a guy in Oneonta who was deaf. Junior used his own type of sign language to speak with this person. This deaf person had come to the family farm and Junior was talking to him, using his own type of sign language, while Junior's sons watched from the window. When the conversation was over, Junior went into the house and the boys asked him where he had learned sign language and he told them from the Miniconjou Indians when he lived with them. The story became folklore for his sons. Junior was very interested in Indians, he told stories of when he was younger how he found arrowheads near the creek and the story of a cave near the "S" Curve on the Otsdawa was a cave that had Indian drawings inside.

In the 1970s, CB radios were the rage. Junior had one and his handle was "Jersey Juicer".

Junior insisted that the animals be taken care of before taking care of yourself. At Christmas, the animals were given extra food because he said "they were part of God's creation". Junior also insisted that chores had to be completed before other activities could take place or be attended.

Junior was a disciplinarian and followed the teaching of the Bible regarding discipline, don't spare the rod and spoil the child. Junior wasn't afraid to use a hose, a strap, a belt, or a backhand to address a behavior that he thought was wrong, Junior had seen the same from his father.

Junior was a police officer, even after he retired. He would not sit at a restaurant with his back to the door because he wanted to see who was coming in and who was leaving. He was inquisitive and sometimes interrogative in his discussions. He had a great memory of events, facts, and circumstances even into his last few months of life.

Before turning his life over to his Savior, Junior could be heard at times putting a string of swear words together like the character Clarke Griswald in Christmas Vacation or the father of Christmas Story, which would most likely start by him saying "You knocked up...".

Junior would do things for others without looking for a thank you. He did it behind the scenes most often and didn't speak of it. He fixed cars, built school projects for his children, sat by the bedside of people in the hospital, assisted some with getting money for school, and gave up his cars when others were in need.

Junior made sure that his sons knew that you don't point a gun at anything you not willing to kill. If his sons shot any animal, other than woodchucks, they needed to skin and eat it. Woodchuck holes were a hazard for the cows and they were fair game, but when killed would have to be used to feed the dogs.

Junior said he truly enjoyed his in-depth discussions with Joel Dwyer, his step-son.

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(Junior and Joel in the 2000s)

Junior enjoyed that opportunities he had when he visited with Rich and Pam King, he was Uncle Al to them. Junior greatly appreciated the visits:



(Uncle Al and Rich King – 2013 and 2024)

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As Junior got older, and some would say a little softer, he would consistently ask about his grandchildren and his great grandchildren. Though he did not get to meet some of them, he would ask how they were doing. Junior had 10 great grandchildren: Christopher, Jacob, Lucas, Zachary, Charlotte, Aaron, William, Benjamin, and Riley. Though he didn't get to meet all, Junior was able to meet some and see some through technology:



(Christopher)



(Jacob and Christopher, with Cheyenne, and Mark)



(Kayleigh)

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(William and Benjamin)

(Riley)

Some other things that Junior wanted to share:

- Junior's .22 cal single shot rifle was purchased by his parents in Albany from Montgomery Ward, when he was 12. His family went there for a big shopping trip. Junior shared that one night as a young teen he sat in the kitchen and it was cold, -30 below. Junior heard what he thought was someone walking upstairs because it sounded like footsteps. He got scared, so he sat with the .22 cal rifle watching the stairwell door. Come to find out, the sounds were the house creaking from the cold. Jeff was given the .22 by Junior for Jeff's 12th birthday gift.
- Junior had an Octagon barrel .32 rim fire rifle, that he had before the .22 cal rifle. Junior said he got it from his father, Allen Lewis, who got it from Lewis Philippi Case, Junior's grandfather. Mark now has the gun.



- Junior had traveled to various places, but he always wanted to see Jerusalem, Scotland, Ireland, and England.

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- The family had a dog named Lassie...late at night the dog would lay against the door at the end of the hallway on the second floor. The dog's tail would knock on the door. Junior would ask Allen Lewis Case Case to go and see who was there...Allen Lewis Case would say, "no you go look and see what that is." Junior would open the door and it would be Lassie...Junior said he learned not to be afraid at night. Junior said Allen Lewis Case would intentionally send him out to the barn when he was 6 or 7 to get a hammer that he said he had left on the windowsill of the silage port. Junior said that Allen Lewis Case was teaching him to face the things that scare you.
- Junior told the story of the rats. When Junior was under 10, Allen Lewis Case wanted to drive out rats in what was the birthing room for the cows and where feed was stored early on. The location of the rats was against the stone wall where it was covered with ship lap. Could hear the rats behind the ship lap. Allen Lewis Case caught one with a trap in the base of the feed. Allen Lewis Case tarred and feathered that rat, and it went behind the ship lap...they made a lot of noise like they were attacking each other. All of the sudden they were gone. Later found out that Reg Reeves had an invasion of rats in his barn, which was the farm just south of the Case Family farm.
- Regarding any risks that Junior took, he said that the farm was a risk but made it work. He felt like he could have lost all the money put into it, but each step like adding more cows made a little money which he said was a success. Junior felt the farm wasn't finished working to its full potential. Junior said that risks that failed were times he bought something to resell and had to sell it for less. Junior said his lesson he learned with risk was "if it smells like it's going to fail, don't do it." The best money deals that Junior ever completed were when he bought a haybine for \$600 and sold it for \$1,600, and when he bought cows from a distressed heard and all, but one, turned out to be good milkers.
- A deal for Junior was always when both sides got their money's worth. Regarding money, having enough is being able to pay your bills without having to rob Peter to pay Paul.
- Junior said he "hated" management because they make something for doing nothing.
- Junior said he was pretty set in his ideas, however he did say "if your idea is better, tell me and if it is, I'll use it. If not, I'll go with mine."
- Regarding talking with people, "Always tell the truth no matter who likes it or who doesn't like it."
- Life is short, work on the important things.
- Junior felt that to be manly meant to work hard, be friendly, make decisions, treat woman decently, and be the boss, not like a dictator, but be the leader.
- Junior's pet peeve was others eating with their mouths open, snapping gum, and people who don't know how to eat without making a lot of noise.
- Junior's deepest values were Christianity first, family, then government.

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- Junior's philosophy is the philosophy of Christ. Junior said we need a Savior in order to get to heaven. Junior said he would be as good as he could towards other people without endangering his own goodness. Junior shared that even though he was raised in the church, he used to think he was an atheist until he was about 25 years old.
- Junior said regarding borrowing money "don't." If you have to, have a good banker that is willing to work with you. When lending money, lend it out only in small amounts and write it off like you aren't going to get it back. Regarding spending money, "don't." Junior said to only spend what you have to and only spend a small portion of what you have available. Save what you can or keep what you can for the next purchase that might come along. Junior, toward the last two or three years, made sure that Gloria was taken care of such as putting in a propane tank furnace (he already had wood and oil furnaces) but wanted her to be comfortable. Junior had the garage repaired by the Amish so that Gloria could park her car inside. Junior preplanned and paid for the cremation and ceremonies afterwards so that it would not be a worry. Junior sat with his sons and divided his possessions so that it would not be a burden for Gloria to deal with after he passed. Junior wanted to make sure that what ever had been saved throughout his years did not go to the government nor was it to be used to pay for nursing home care. Because of Gloria's selflessness, commitment, and love for Junior, she provided the care he needed and he was able to stay in his home until the day before his passing. Junior, in his way, relayed how much Gloria had been there for him and how much she sacrificed.



- Some of Junior's favorite things:

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Books - “The Late Great Planet Earth” and books by Josh McDowell, Louie LaMore, Dr. Tom Horn. Topics such as prophecy, especially Wormwood prophecy;

Newspapers - Oneonta Daily Star, the Herald American Journal, and the Sunday funnies;
Newscasters - Gabriel Heater from Oneonta and Paul Harvey. Junior said Paul Harvey mentioned him on one of his shows when his car was stolen;

Songs - “In the Garden”, “It is well”, “White Sport Coat” by Marty Robbins, Statler Brothers “Class of 57”, and “I don’t remember loving you” by John Conlee;

Smells - fresh cut hay or alfalfa, a clean cool wind, fresh silage, cow manure, leeks along the creek, Spring, Fall, feed for pigs, cows, or calves, and the bread/rolls his mother made;

Coffee – black, anytime and anywhere. Junior used to drink it with cream and two sugars, but then stopped and just started drinking it black;

Treats – Root Beer and No Sugar Orange Soda; Salt and Vinegar potato chips; and Maple Walnut Ice Cream or Black Raspberry Ice Cream – from the “Big Dip”. Maple Sugar Candy and “Bit-O-Honey”. Junior talked about his father boiling sap and enjoying the smell, the heat, and the maple syrup when done and making maple candy.



(Junior near the sap boiling pan near the stone wall behind the house, 1941. Allen Lewis Case would later have a small shed on the eastside of the road, near the path to the creek, where he would boil sap)

TV shows and Movies - “Gunsmoke”, “Little House on the Prairie”, and “The Waltons.”; Westerns...any type. “The Patriot” and the “Passion”. Documentaries of American History or about Indians.

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Ancestry – being a person who loved history, especially American History and the Civil War, Junior was always interested in his ancestors, their paths, and struggles. Junior visited Simsbury, CT, many years ago and visited the cemetery of John Case (Casse) and his wife Sarah are buried. Junior collected as much information as possible and enjoyed talking with his sister Marjorie and his sons about the revelations. Junior used to say, “I don’t know why old Allen Case and his wife Philinda Chichester stopped in Schoharie County, there was nothing there. I think his ox died and he didn’t want to go any further.”

As Junior got older, he had a few catch phrases that he would always use in conversations:

- “Where ya been?” when calling him on the phone;
- “Must be nice” when telling him of some good fortune that the caller recently obtained or telling him about going on a vacation;
- “I hear tell...” meaning he was trying to gather information or confirm something someone had told him...it was usually Jeff spilling the information to him and he was just trying to confirm it;
- “Above the ground and ahead of the Sheriff” was the response when asking how he was doing. In earlier years, it was “about like that”;
- “Hey Bub” when talking to you (as an endearment remark) or wanting to get your attention; and
- “Little Pisspot” was used when always talking/describing Jeff.

Junior was glad that his sons had taken up some of the things he had enjoyed or done in his life:

Mark – Police work and Ancestry

Erin – Working with and operating machinery, fixing things, being innovative in making things work or selling things, his interest in farming and crops, and preaching

Jeff – Being a mechanic, welding, motorcycles, design making, being a self-inventor and self-starter, and being an entrepreneur

After reminiscing for a while and talking about his life, Junior said that his whole life was harsh in different ways. He grew up with his father who was harsh, and coupled with being alone a lot of the time when he was growing up was harsh. The loss of Cindy Maurer, and then his parents, was harsh and sent him into a tough time where he said he made a lot of mistakes. The lost jobs and the struggle to find income to raise a family he wasn’t quite expecting was harsh. The relationship with Ruth was harsh. Being a police officer hardens your heart because of the various things one sees or deals with on the job. The problems experienced at the Department

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with command and public officials was harsh. Junior said he became harsh because of these things. Junior then said, “I was too harsh on you boys.”



Junior said that based upon how he felt about things and his beliefs, he should have been born in a previous generation than his.

Junior's first hope was the Rapture would occur soon. If not, Junior's hope was that this world would return to an easier and more simple life. He had hopes that the political nature of our country would change, but with Democrats in charge he thought it was unlikely.

Junior had spoken of his dislike for the historical types of wakes and funerals. Junior said when he passed, he would rather have a place like a barn stable with fresh shavings, feed buckets all around, a couple of calves, a couple of bales of hay, some cow manure, and play country music. The food would be pancakes, sausage, like what he had at “Pie in the Sky.” For beverages there would be Ginger Schwitzel and coffee. This way, those who might attend would know what Junior liked. Junior said that he was thinking about donating his body to science and afterwards, when he was cremated, he wanted his ashes to be placed in the swimming hole at the creek on the family farm. The swimming hole is about 75 yards to the left of the road that crosses the creek. It was where he, and neighbor Dorothy Krause, would swim.

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(Arrow pointing to the old swimming hole on the Family Farm)

On September 10, 2024, in the morning, Junior passed away at Fox Hospital in Oneonta. Erin, Jeff, and I were there with him, along with Gloria, Joel, Barbie, and Cheyenne, as he took his last breath. Prior to his passing and while in his bed at home waiting for the ambulance, Junior knew he was in “bad shape” and when told it wouldn’t be long and asked if he was ready for the spiritual journey, Junior said without hesitation “absent from the body, present with the Lord.”

The Celebration of Life that Junior wanted occurred on May 10, 2025, at 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. At around 6:30 p.m., Junior’s ashes were spread at the former Case Family Farm on the Otsdawa at the old swimming hole where he had requested them to be. The 23rd Psalm was read, “Go Rest High on the Mountain” was played, his ashes were spread upon and around the old swimming hole while the bagpipes played “Amazing Grace”. A portion of Junior’s ashes were kept by Glora Case to be buried with her. A portion of Junior’s ashes will be spread at the Wellsbridge home and a portion was taken by Erin to be buried in Pickens, South Carolina.

Allen Wyckoff Case aka “Junior”, “Allen”, “Al”, “Dad”, “Pop”, “Uncle Al”, “Grandpa”, and “Sarge”

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