



SPOTTS, Chucksey Charles Leonard Cowan

Age 68 of Horseheads, NY passed away on Monday, November 2, 2015 at home surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Chucksey was born June 1, 1947 in Elmira, NY, the son of the late Boyd and Mary (Cowan) Spotts. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Barbara (Kosloski) Spotts, daughters and sons-in-law Kelly and Mike Burt and Katy and Darren Ascone, grandsons, Maximilian and Mason Keagle, Brandon Burt, granddaughters, Bella and Lilly Ascone, brothers and sisters-in-law, Bud and Diane Spotts and William and Sherry Spotts, nieces and nephews, Mary Ann and Mark Callahan (Chloe and Ethan), Beau and Shannon Spotts (Ronnie), Amy and Lance Clements (Brock). Several aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of caring friends. Chucksey graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 1965. He enrolled in college but was drafted into the Army in 1966 and served with the 1st Squad, 3rd platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam where he was awarded a [Purple Heart](#) in 1967. Upon his return from military service in 1968, he graduated from Elmira College and taught in the Elmira City School District for 33 years. During that time, he touched many young lives not only in the classroom but also through sports activities. He devoted countless hours as the Girls Cross Country, winter and spring track coach at SHS from 1982 - 2002. He took pride in his teams and individual athletes who won numerous regional and state titles. Chuck enjoyed many activities, and was an avid snowboarder, runner, biker, rock climber and kayaker. He was inducted into the Chemung County Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. After retirement, Chuck worked with his brothers Bud and Bill in helping to build dozens of new homes in the Southern Tier. Chuck was true to his Scottish heritage. He and his wife, Barbara, joined the Caledonian Highlanders Pipe Band and participated in many marches and shows. He was a true believer in the adage "practice makes perfect" and was often seen walking around his neighborhood while playing his bagpipes. Chucksey was an avid dog lover and, over the years, enjoyed the companionship of his two devoted rottweilers, Burton and Jake.

