

The colossal legacy of Ed Bartholomew

Ed Bartholomew, who as mayor of Glens Falls in the late 1970s-early 1980's brought Ned Harkness and Adirondack Red Wings hockey to the then-new Civic Center, and who as president of EDC Warren County led the effort that in 2016 won a first-round \$10-million Downtown Revitalization grant from the Andrew Cuomo administration, died on Tuesday, July 21, at the age of 70.

Death of a mainstay at age 70; still in his prime as the driving force in community development projects in Glens Falls & entire region.

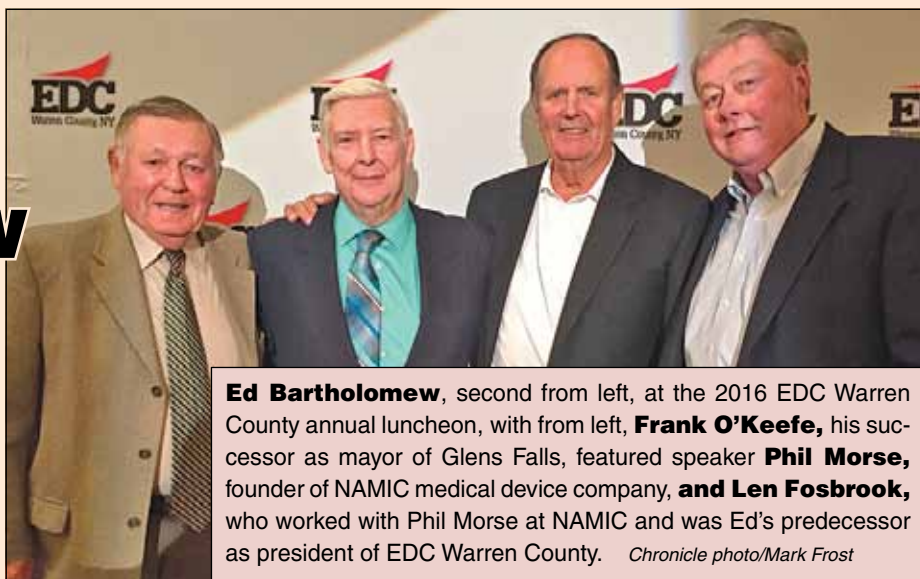
He'd still been working non-stop from his St. Peter's Hospital bed.

"I know of no one who loved Glens Falls more than Ed Bartholomew," said current Mayor Dan Hall, who freely admits much of what he did was orchestrated by Ed. "I admired his passion and how he dedicated much of his life to the city he loved...."

"There is no one I know who worked harder than Ed. He could pick up the phone and talk to anyone. He was connected. His knowledge of Glens Falls history and politics, along with stories about his time working in the state Senate made for very interesting car rides. With Ed's passing, there is a huge void in our community...."

U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer said: "I am so deeply saddened to learn of the death of my great friend Ed. A lifelong Republican, Ed transcended party and

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Ed Bartholomew, second from left, at the 2016 EDC Warren County annual luncheon, with from left, **Frank O'Keefe**, his successor as mayor of Glens Falls, featured speaker **Phil Morse**, founder of NAMIC medical device company, and **Len Fosbrook**, who worked with Phil Morse at NAMIC and was Ed's predecessor as president of EDC Warren County. *Chronicle photo/Mark Frost*



In full recent leadership mode, Ed Bartholomew, in white shirt with raised right hand, **led the meeting and led the drive as Glens Falls won a \$10-million** Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant from the Governor Andrew Cuomo administration. **At Ed's right is** current Glens Falls **Mayor Dan Hall**, whom Ed mentored. *Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth*



Lillian Bartholomew, ever the proud mother, **turned 94 years old on Saturday**, the day of her son Ed's funeral at Christ Church United Methodist. *Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth*

Chronicle archive 1984 LG drug bust brought down U.S. Attorney

Editor's note: As *The Chronicle* nears its 40th anniversary on Sept. 2, **here is another article from our archive.** It was an exclusive that we published on May 22, 1986, written by *Chronicle* editor Mark Frost and his University of Maryland School of Law classmate Clark Shaffer.



LG Conservancy's Pilot Knob Ridge Preserve is where drug man's house once stood.

It was big local news when Frank J. LaPere was arrested here on Nov. 4, 1984. Drug enforcement agents swooped in on his secluded home on a mountainside overlooking Kattskill Bay on Lake George.

LaPere was identified as the Drug Enforcement Agency's "most wanted" man in the Northeast.

He was sought in connection with the importation of some 300 tons of marijuana worth many millions of dollars.

It was even bigger national news, though, when LaPere testified in court in an arrangement that brought down a former U.S. Attorney and left LaPere with an ultimate sentence of no more

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