

Milestones



Congratulations are due the **Loucks Funeral Home**, celebrating its 50th anniversary on January 1, 2005.

Sherman Loucks (*left*) purchased the property and business (*above*) from Leland Pulling, who had been funeral director in Ellenville for nearly twenty years. Mr. Loucks, a resident of Ellenville since 1942, had been associated with the *Pulling Funeral Home* since 1951.

Allan Loucks, his son, assumed ownership of the funeral home in 1975, having served as manager since 1970; he continues to serve as president and manager.



Loucks graduated from Ellenville Central School in 1964, Dean Junior College, Franklin MA in 1966 earning an Associate in Science Degree. He then graduated from a professional school New England Institute of Sanitary Science, Embalming and Funeral Directing in 1967 earning a Mortuary Science Degree.

On October 2, 1967, he joined **Loucks Funeral Home, Inc.** to serve his internship. After passing the New York State Licensing exam and practical, he earned his New York State Funeral Directors License in 1969.

In 1969 he joined the US Army Reserve, serving in the 834th Engineer Battalion.

Allan is a life member and treasurer for *Scoresby Hose, Hook, & Ladder Company*, a member of the *Ellenville Elks Lodge #1971*, the *American Legion Post #111*, the *Wawarsing Lodge #382 F&AM*, and is a former vestryman of *St. John's Episcopal Church*, and is currently on the Board of Directors of the **Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**.

Allan enjoys many outdoor sports including all types of fishing, hunting, and golf. 



The **Ellenville Branch of the NAACP** held its *Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Community Celebration Service* on January 16th at the *Ellenville United Methodist Church*, Rev. Louise Thomas presiding.

Ministers from several community churches were in attendance and spoke, as did Mayor Kaplan, Supervisor Dolaway, and representatives of the **NAACP**. Tawana Younger recited a poem she had written, a combined choir from the *Shiloh Baptist* and *Methodist* churches sang (photo above), and the *New Testament Dancers* (below), brought the audience of several score to its feet.



The guest speaker was the Reverend John H. Gilmore, of the New Hope Institutional Baptist Church of Tarrytown, but better known to local residents as the former minister of Ellenville's *Shiloh Baptist Church*. Not known for holding back his opinions, Rev. Gilmore charged the audience that we all must, as Dr. King did, resist the "greedy, grasshopper mentality," and that the work to become "a great people" begins on the local streets. 

