



Alan Frederick Donnelly

November 10, 1936 - December 2, 2024

Albany, NY-Alan Frederick Donnelly, of Canandaigua, NY., formerly of Campbell, NY, entered eternal life on Dec. 2, 2024.

The son of the late Frederick and Dorothy (Schue) Donnelly, Alan was born Nov. 10, 1936, in Albany, NY., where he received his early education from Vincentian Institute.

Growing up, Alan was heavily involved with the Capital Region deaf community, as his father was the organizer for a host of activities, including sports teams, picnics, and other gatherings for the deaf throughout the Northeast.

After high school, he served in the U.S. Army, primarily with the 181st ASA Company in Bad Aibling, Germany, from 1955 to 1958.

While attending Syracuse University on the G.I. Bill, he met Patricia Kelley, and they were married on April 28, 1962.

Alan and Patricia moved to Corning, and then to nearby Campbell after college, raising five children. Alan had a brief career in journalism, before joining Corning Glass Works, now Corning Inc., where he worked in marketing and communications, retiring in 1991.

A longtime parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Campbell, he loved to travel and spend time with his family. He also enjoyed golf and served on the LPGA Corning Classic Board of Directors for many years, directing the media center for the annual golf tournament, which raised money for area hospitals.

As a retiree, he also served on the Corning Area Public Library Board of Trustees (now the Southeast Steuben County Library) and on the board of the Science and Discovery Center.

He was predeceased by a brother, Wallace, and his sister, Linda.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his brother, Edward (Carol) Donnelly, of Albany; a daughter, Kelley (Charles) Pappis, of Pleasanton, Calif.; and four sons, Patrick (Alesha), of Gananda, NY; Dan (Dee) Donnelly, of Meridian, Miss.; Scott Donnelly, of Queensbury; Ryan (Allison) Donnelly, of New Orleans, La.; grandchildren, Quinn (Samantha) Donnelly, of Rochester; Caitlin Donnelly, of Rochester; Nicholas Pappis, of Pleasanton Calif.; Alex Pappis, of Pleasanton, Calif.; Hayden Donnelly, of Meridian Miss.; Harper Donnelly, of New Orleans, La.; great grandson, Lucas Donnelly, of Rochester, and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, in Colonie, NY.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Memorial Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ To the children of my brother Alan. You were fortunate to be raised by such a great man. He was like a second father to me in my early years and I'll never forget him. For anyone learning of this today, we will have a funeral mass at Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday September 24 at 10:30.

Ed Donnelly - September 21, 2025 at 08:01 AM

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Dear Ed, the VI Class of 1954 remembers Alan fondly. He helped us with our reunions, and was always a joy to see. I was unable to make it to Mass, but will keep Alan and the family lifted up in my mind and heart. Pat O'Hara Reilly

Patricia A Reilly - September 24, 2025 at 04:55 PM