



Alfred C. Purello

March 15, 1928 - April 6, 2014

Newtonville-Alfred C. Purello, 86, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, April 6, 2014. He was born March 25, 1928 to the late Natalina and Carlo Purello in Albany, NY. Alfred attended Albany High School where he received nine letters in three sports, football, basketball and baseball, and was chosen to the All City Team in all three sports. He enjoyed the saxophone and played the flute in the Albany Symphony Orchestra as a youth. Prior to entering West Virginia University, he was pursued by several professional baseball clubs, including the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox in the American League, and the Pittsburgh Pirates and Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League.

Mr. Purello was heavily recruited at the collegiate level. Besides WVU, he was approached by Rutgers, Syracuse, Michigan State, and San Francisco University. He was considered by his peers to be one of the best athletes to ever play at WVU. He entered WVU in September of 1948 on a full athletic scholarship, played quarterback for WVU and earned letters in football, baseball and basketball. He was inducted into the West Virginia University Athletic Hall of Fame in October of 2012. After graduation he served his Country as an officer in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany where he met his future wife, Christa. In 1957 he left the Air Force as a Captain to attend Albany Law School. Mr. Purello enjoyed a highly successful law career for almost forty years.

Alfred's greatest love was for his family and friends. He was an avid golfer and continued his love of sports throughout his life playing tennis, basketball and skiing well into his sixties. Alfred will be remembered by all who knew him for his sense of humor, and for his incredible optimism at all times. He was more generous than any man should be, quick to sacrifice for his family and friends. During his career in law he provided pro bono work for those in need. He was a voracious reader and loved to travel.

He was predeceased by his beloved older brother, Salvatore Purello and nephew, Michael Purello. He is survived by his loving wife, Christa, son Kurtis Purello (Connie), daughter Karin Wren (David) and his grandchildren Chloe, Kylie and Jack. He is also survived by his older brother, Joseph Purello and sister-in-law Dorothy, and many cherished cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services Friday, April 11, 2014 at 10:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Our Lady of Victory Church, Troy at 11:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment is scheduled for 2:00 pm at the Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, April 10, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

To leave the family a message on their guest book, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Victory Church
55 North Lake Ave
Troy, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfred C. Purello*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Alfred C. Purello*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 01, 2015 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Purello (Crista?) My name is John Bowers. I was in the USAF with Al in San Antonio and in Bremerhaven. I left Bremerhaven in Oct. 1957 and had not communicated with anyone since then. I just happened to see Al's obituary in the past few days and wanted to offer my condolences. I was in a couple of the basketball pictures on Al's Google page.

He was a good friend and teammate. I'm sorry for your loss!

If you are ever in the Charlotte NC area please call us and say hello.

Kind regards,

*John (Johnny) Bowers
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John Bowers - December 01, 2014 at 01:07 PM

TR

“ *"May Jehovah God words comfort you that "all those in the dust of the earth will wake up. He promise us that sickness and death will be gone forever." Ps.34:18;Acts 24:18*

Tricia - April 22, 2014 at 12:13 AM

DI

“ *Al was a real gentleman. I played golf with Al and Paul Dixon in Florida. He was a lot of fun to be around and not a bad golfer. He will be missed. Dennis Iacobbo*

Dennis Iacobbo - April 10, 2014 at 07:28 AM

JS

“ Dear Family, I am sorry that we really never met but I feel like I know you all very well as I have known Al for over 40 years and he was a great, close, social friend. He always spoke very highly of all of you and was exceptionally proud of his entire family... even up to the last Friday of his life where we all had lunch together and again, his high spirits and great family attitude took preference.

I am sure I speak for not only myself but all the rest of the close friends that we are, when I say, we will miss him however... We will try to remember the good times. He had a great life and enjoyed it to the fullest.

May he Rest in Peace...

Jim Squadere

Jim Squadere - April 09, 2014 at 12:15 PM

TB

“ Al was a true gentleman. I will miss talking with him in the clubhouse after a round of golf.

Tony Bartilotti

Tony Bartilotti - April 09, 2014 at 08:31 AM