



Alfred C Van Derzee

September 10, 1931 - August 20, 2010

Dr. Alfred Van Derzee, 78, died suddenly August 20, 2010, at his home. He was born September 10, 1931, in Albany, New York to Dorothy Van Derzee.

Al was raised in Rensselaer, NY and attended St. Johns. He graduated from Siena College with a degree in Business. Later he earned both a Masters and a Doctoral degree from SUNYA. He was employed for over 30 years by the New York State education department (Veterans affairs). After retirement, Alfred was a professor of economics at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY for many years.

Alfred served in the US Navy during the Korean War where he was a nuclear ordnance man attached to the Navy's first nuclear attack squadron VC-5. In his later years, he volunteered his time on the USS Slater and in 2006 won the Slater Volunteer of the year award.

He was also the Athletic Trainer for LaSalle Institute (Football) from the 1970's up until the late 1990's. Al also coached the LaSalle Middle School Basketball team for several years during that time.

Al is survived by his son, Gregory Van Derzee and his wife Roberta of Corinth, NY, his daughter Amy Wiggins and her husband Dale of Methuen, MA, and his four cherished granddaughters, Shanna, Jessica, Allison, and Nicole Wiggins.

He will be remembered also for his devotion to the University of Notre Dame Athletics (Football above all). Along with making numerous visits to the University, he participated in many local events to benefit the University.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Van Derzee (Parker).

Funeral services Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 9:00 am at the Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill, Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

There will be no public calling hours.

Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will follow the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Mary P. Van Derzee Memorial Award at The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY or the USS SLATER Restoration fund.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card or directions; or share a photo or E-Card with them, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Alfred C Van Derzee

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Amy and Greg-

We were saddened to read of the loss of your father.

We have great memories of both your parents from school, as well as from various social events. They were always high among our favorite people.

You two were their shining lights, and you should feel fortunate to have such terrific parents.

Mary and Al will always be in our hearts.

Fran and Jim##imported-begin##Fran Pilato and Jim Cochran##imported-end##

August 26, 2010 at 03:21 PM



“ *I worked with your mom at St. Rose and remember meeting your dad several times before she passed. I am so sorry to hear of your loss and your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kelly Hermann##imported-end##*

August 26, 2010 at 02:19 PM



“ It's hard to believe that my second Dad is no longer with us. He was a good man, one that embodied passion and loyalty. I will never forget the day that I stopped by and he was in a really bad mood. I thought that maybe he and Mary had a disagreement, only to find out that he was in that bad mood because Notre Dame was losing! I have fond memories of my days in the VanDerzee household. I know that Al is right where he wants to be....beside Mary.

With Love

Judy###imported-begin##Judy Fonda Beekman###imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 11:05 PM



“ Dear Greg and Amy,

I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is filled with many fond memories. Your Dad was a fine, fine man.

John Stiglmeier###imported-begin##John Stiglmeier###imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 07:48 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to Al's family. I met Al as a volunteer and supporter of the USS Slater. He also attended the special dinners we had at the Fort Orange Club to support the museum - and made a VERY handsome appearance in his tuxedo! May he rest in peace. He was respected and admired.###imported-begin##Doris P Fischer###imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 05:09 PM



“ Dear Amy, Greg and Family,
You have our deepest sympathy, as you well know. We have lost an old friend, but he is now at peace and with your mom.

Love,
Carol and Jim##imported-begin##Carol and Jim
McHenry##imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 03:34 PM



“ Amy & Greg,

I have many fond memories of your dad. He was a joy to be with and his company was always fun. He was a kind and gentle man. He and your mom are together again. May he rest in peace. Our Lady be with him.

Nick##imported-begin##Nick Frangella##imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ We are Al's neighbours across the street and want to express our deep sympathies on his passing away.

He welcomed us into the neighbourhood when we first moved in. We remember the fun times he had with his dog chester.

Oliver & Karen,
3 Jerold Dr, East Greenbush.##imported-begin##Oliver
Rattigan##imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 08:56 AM



“ Amy,
I am so sorry about the loss of your Dad.....I rememeber him from when we were young and he was a great and very smart man!###imported-begin##Debbie Van Dam##imported-end##

August 24, 2010 at 02:53 AM



“ Dear Amy, Greg and family, I knew you father when our wives worked together at Renss high school and then we worked together at State Ed. I always knew when your Dad was in based upon his laugh. Those were happy days for him. He loved his Mary and you kids. You 2 were his shining stars. I will always remembre Al with a smile on his face. I'm truely sorry for your lose, Roger###imported-begin##Roger Rosenthal##imported-end##

August 23, 2010 at 10:10 AM



“ I will always remember what a joyful spirit Al had. He always would joke with me and make everyone around him laugh. I also enjoyed listening to all of his stories and knowledge about the Navy and witnessing his passion for the Fighting Irish. He will be at home with Mary.###imported-begin##Jill Clements##imported-end##

August 22, 2010 at 08:42 PM