



## Lyle A. Boyce

November 28, 1928 - February 15, 2012

Valatie-Lyle Allen Boyce entered into Eternal Rest Wednesday, February 15, 2012 surrounded by his family at Albany Medical Center. Born in Detroit, MI on November 28, 1928, he was the son of the late Harvey Allen and Agnes Mott Boyce.

Al enjoyed life itself, smooth jazz, cruising, camping, hiking and was an avid reader of mysteries. He attended Syracuse University, the University of Buffalo and Oswego State receiving Masters degrees in School Administration, Special Education and a Doctorate in Audiology. Between 1954-1966 he was instrumental in developing the program for the deaf in the Guilderland School District. As an educator he was respected by both teachers and students. Al taught science in the Guilderland School District was Department Chairman and later became Assistant Principal of the Junior High School.

From 1967-1999 Al served as Superintendent of the Menands School District retiring as "Superintendent Emeritus." He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa. From 1967 to the present he was a Rotarian whose motto is 'Service Above Self.' Al was editor of 'Rotary Remarks,' a weekly bulletin for many years. He was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award and served as President for four terms.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife Regina Sleasman Boyce, his children Michael Boyce of Berne Knox, Lori Cranker of Colonie, Eric Boyce of Valatie and Christopher Boyce of Colonie; his grandchildren Jenifer Waters (Dan) of Schenectady, Michael Cranker of Berne, Brian Cranker of Colonie, Caleb Boyce (Kerrin) of Brunswick and Jonathan Boyce of Fulton.

Al was "Grampa the Great" to his great grandchildren Skyler, Abby and JT Waters, Brianna and Taylor Cranker, Gwen, Molly and Rebecca Boyce and one great great grandchild Bracyn Olivia Ormsby. In addition he is also survived by his brother-in-law Robert Sleasman (Edith) of Albany, nieces Kimberly (Pete) Gregory of Waterford, Heather (AJ) Lounsbury of Albany, a nephew Reed Sleasman of Albany; grand nieces Abigail Gregory and Madison Santana, and grand nephews Matthew Gregory, Jackson Lounsbury. Al was predeceased by Melissa Boyce and Gwen Dwyer Boyce.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful caring CCU Staff at Albany Medical Center who gave their time to him for the past two months. They wish to thank Dr Hassan Atalay and his associates, hospital doctors and Paul Reo from the thoracic team.

Funeral services Monday, February 20, 2012 at 10:00 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may also call Sunday, 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the funeral home.

Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Al in a special way may send a contribution to

The American Red Cross, 33 Everett Road, Albany.

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](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle A. Boyce*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *May our Lord Jesus keep you in his loving arms for every untill we see you again##imported-begin##Paul and Anne Roy##imported-end##*

February 22, 2012 at 08:15 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Boyce,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Boyce's passing. It was a pleasure to spend time with him as an adult, after having spent time under both of your direction as a young child growing up in Menands. It was a privilege to know him. Please accept my condolences.  
-Andy Alpart##imported-begin##Andy Alpart##imported-end##*

February 21, 2012 at 11:55 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire Boyce family on Lyle's passing. He was a truly kind, fair and dedicated educator who strongly shaped my early schooling. I will be thankful for the time I knew him. He is, as are all of his family, in my thoughts and my prayers.##imported-begin##Tim Mosca##imported-end##*

February 20, 2012 at 02:20 AM



“ I remember Al fondly from our teaching days at Farnsworth Middle School. Great sense of humor. Remember our bowling team and the good times we had there.##imported-begin##Gillen O'Brien##imported-end##

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February 19, 2012 at 03:39 PM



“ Regina, I'm sorry to learn of your loss. Al was a very good man and did a great job of serving mankind. I will keep Al in my prayers and I wish you peace and comfort during this time. My best to you, John.##imported-begin##John Waltersdorf##imported-end##

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February 19, 2012 at 01:47 PM



“ Dear Regina, We were so saddened to hear of Al's passing. He was a wonderful boss, with a big heart, a great sense of humor and a passionate love of life. How lucky I was to be hired by him at the tender age of 22--and to have him as a mentor and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.  
Love,  
Liz##imported-begin##Liz Salerni##imported-end##

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February 19, 2012 at 11:33 AM



“ Dear Regina,  
I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was truly a great man and will be missed. He was the one who hired me at Menands which were some of the best years of my life. I had great experiences and met wonderful friends including you! I hope to see you soon and I am so sorry for your loss.  
Love Always,  
Sally##imported-begin##Sally Sharkey##imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 08:10 PM



“ My deepest Sympathy to Al's Family Al was very special to me. He believed in me during my darkest hour and entrusted the care of the children of Menands to my care. In doing so, it was I that was healed. May the Lord hold him in the palm of his hand.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Martin##imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 06:41 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Al's family. He was a great boss and a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Andrea Kostik##imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 12:16 PM



“ My heart and prayer is with you, Regina. You are a devoted, loving, unselfish wife. Al is in my prayer, as is the whole family. May you be comforted in the faith that Al embraced through your loving example.##imported-begin##Patricia Bruno##imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 11:39 AM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was many things to me...A principle first, when I was a student, and a mentor when I was first elected to the Menands Board of Education, and a friend as well.##imported-begin##George Smith##imported-end##

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February 16, 2012 at 10:14 PM



“ Peter & I wish to express our deepest sympathies to Lori and her family. In reading the lovely writeup on McVeigh's website we can see what an amazing man Mr. Boyce was. He is now at peace and with God watching over us.##imported-begin##Peter & Glen Ward##imported-end##

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February 16, 2012 at 03:41 PM