



Wallace "Wally" G. Donnelly

May 11, 1946 - December 30, 2009

Albany-Wallace "Wally" G. Donnelly, 63, died unexpectedly Wednesday, December 30, 2009. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Frederick and Dorothy Schue Donnelly. Wally was a graduate of Vincentian Institute and Siena College. He served his Country honorably in the US Army as an Arabic Linguist with the Army Security Agency during the Vietnam War. Wally retired from the New York State Comptroller's Office after 34 years of service.

He was an avid Siena Basketball fan, and enjoyed hiking. Wally had directed the VITA Tax Prep Program for the Albany Public Library and Catholic Charities. He was a longtime communicant and volunteer at Holy Family Parish, formerly St. Patrick's Church in Albany.

He was the beloved father of Arsiema Donnelly of Troy and Temnit Donnelly of Saranac Lake; former husband of Ghabriela Donnelly; dear brother of Alan Donnelly (Pat), Linda Connors (Bob), and Edward Donnelly (Carol); lifelong friend of Billy Wray and Dick Bleibtrey; many loving nieces and nephews survive Wally.

Funeral services Monday, January 4, 2010 at 9:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Holy Family Parish (formerly St. Patrick's Church) at 10:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Sunday, January 3, 2010 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the funeral home. Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Wally Donnelly in a special way may send a contribution to Holy Family Parish, 279 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12206.

To leave the family a special message on their Guest Book; view his Life Tribute; obtain a Prayer Card or directions; or send the family an E-Card or share a photo with them, please visit [www. McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Previous Events

Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Shrine Church of Our Lady of the America's
283 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall



“ McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Wallace "Wally" G. Donnelly



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Wallace "Wally" G. Donnelly

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Wally and I worked together at the Comprollers office. Although we were both retired and I hadn't seen him in a ahile, I will miss him. Wally was always reay with a big smile and always tried to help. I remember how proud he was of his beloved daughters. He always kept that picture of them as little girls on his desk. I remember that I was surprised when they did come in to see how grown up they were. I hope the girls will see this and know how often he spoke of you and that he will be missed.

Rosemarie Rosen##imported-begin##rosemarie rosen##imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 11:15 AM



“ Wally.

I had to say goodbye from a distance. Just released from the hospital after my second hip replacement surgery, and I am walking with a walker and cane.

You were always a good guy and a gentleman; and too young to leave us. I wish you peace in your next life. If you want snow and cold in your next life, I hope you you have just the right amount. And I hope you can see Mt. Marcy from where you are now.

Dick Dinolfo##imported-begin##Dick Dinolfo##imported-end##

January 05, 2010 at 02:37 PM



“ To the family of Wally,

Wally had a way of lighting up the room. We will sorely miss his presence at Siena, but we know he will be with us always in spirit. What a terrific man and friend....

*Our deepest condolences,
Lori Perillo and the entire Siena community##imported-begin##Lori Perillo##imported-end##*

January 05, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ Wally you will be missed. Thank you for your friendship and your service. I know that you are looking down upon us and we will see each other again. May God and the Blessed Virgin Mary grant your family peace in this time of loss and suffering.##imported-begin##Fausto Franco##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 12:45 PM



“ Wally was my uncle by marriage and I've known him since I was young in Asmara. I'm grateful for his kindness and that he was helpful to my family. I offer my sincere condolences to Arsiema, Temnit, Ghabriela and the rest of his family and friends.##imported-begin##Lucia White##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 10:28 AM



“ I have worked with Wally for many years preparing taxes for Albany county residents. I have never met a more committed volunteer. It is a true loss for our community and our state. I am so sorry for your personal loss.##imported-begin##Erin Boggan##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ Temnit & Johnny:
Sorry we can't be with you today, but please know that you are in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you through this difficult time. Sending you strength, serenity & hugs.##imported-begin##Mel, Tommy, Kayla & Zylar##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 09:48 AM



“ *Temnit & Family,*

We are so very sorry for your loss and wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cherish your memories and may they give you strength.

Your Friends & Colleagues

Petrova Elementary School##imported-begin##Friends & ##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 01:52 PM



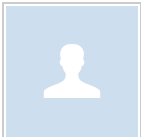
“ *Dear Temnit,*

I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. May the love of family and friends comfort you at this time.

My thoughts and prayers to you,

Cathy Morris##imported-begin##Cathy Morris##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 12:47 PM



“ *Temnit and JohnnyOur thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our deepest sympathy. Theresa and Al##imported-begin##Theresa and Allen Daunais##imported-end##*

January 03, 2010 at 12:17 PM



“ Temnit,

Though we aren't with you in person, know our hearts are with you in spirit. Sending you prayers and light and a reminder that there are angels all around you.

*Love you,
Ricky & Kathy##imported-begin##Rick & Kathy Knapton##imported-end##*

January 03, 2010 at 12:16 PM



“ Temnit & Family:

We feel your loss. Our prayers are with you.

*Love you,
Nana & Grampy##imported-begin##Nana & Grampy##imported-end##*

January 03, 2010 at 12:07 PM



“ *Wally was such a gentle spirit. Although he will be greatly missed by his family and friends, heaven is definitely a little sweeter with him there.*

With our deepest condolences, Julie, Stewart, Emily and Rachel Galloway##imported-begin##Julie Galloway##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 11:58 AM



“ Temnit, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Please let us know if there is anything we can do.
We love you, Mike and Deb##imported-begin##Michael and Deb
Ryan & Family##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ WE ARE VERY SAD TO HEAR ABT WALLY'S DEATH. HE WAS A
GOOD GUY.
WE ARE VERY VERY SORRY . NOW HE IS IN BETTER PLACE.
GOD BLESS HIM.

LOVE,
DONALD AND GEORGIANNE NEIMEYER##imported-
begin##DONALD AND GEORGIANNE NEIMEYER##imported-
end##

January 03, 2010 at 09:00 AM



“ What a nice person!! Always Thoughtful, kind and helpful to those
around him.
He will surely be missed by the family.
He now will have a wonderful opportunity to have that long chat with
Mom and Dad he always wanted.##imported-begin##Gerry & Karen
(Piggott) Lefebvre##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 08:25 AM



“ Dear Family and Friends of Wally, I have lost one of my dearest and closest friends. You have lost a loving father, brother, uncle, friend and co-worker. I am happy to have wonderful memories of my times together with Wally the past 40 years and look forward to a time when I can think of them and just smile. This Fall, Wally and I got to go to the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mt. Lake, and hike several small mountains in the Adirondacks. As usual, we laughed most of the time, but we also shared some serious moments. These moments often included talks of his family and all the wonderful things they had done throughout their lives. Most notably, on the last trip up Mt. Jo in the High Peaks, Wally talked about how happy he was with how well his lovely daughters, Temnit and Arsiema, were doing with their lives. Temnit and Arsiema, I have no doubt your Dad will be watching over you throughout the years to come. You meant everything to him. God Bless. Dick Bleibtrey###imported-begin##Richard Bleibtrey###imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 07:27 PM



“ thank you wally for being such an incredible friend to my father and mother- ive always enjoyed hearing about the times you guys would have! knowing my father had a friend like you was so comforting. even though his heart is breaking now- he will always have the memories to look back on and eventually the tears will turn to smiles! may you rest in peace wally- you will be deeply missed but never ever forgotten! god bless your beautiful daughters and family!###imported-begin##rachel bleibtrey keys###imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 06:15 PM



“ Temnit

So sorry to hear of your fathers passing. He must have been a wonderful man to have raised such a great daughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sue Garwood##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 05:05 PM



“ *To all of Wally's family - especially his brothers and sister. I did not know him, but would to extend my sympathy at his untimely passing.*

I do remember visiting your parents a few times when I was little. Your aunt, Nan Schue, was a very good friend of my aunt, Reba Crawley. Sadly they are all gone now. Don't know if any of you remember Reba or my parents, Alice & George - but now we are the "older generation".

Sympathy to you all.##imported-begin##Sandra (Meers) Costello##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 04:51 PM



“ *To the entire Donnelly and extended family,*

Ray and I would like to send our deepest condolences for this sad and sudden loss. Uncle Wally will be missed greatly and, of course, remembered fondly.

All of our love and warm thoughts to you all.##imported-begin##April Tucker and Ray Reese##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all of the Donnelly family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time.

Leslye Milos##imported-begin##Leslye Milos##imported-end##

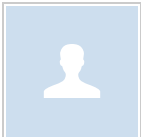
January 02, 2010 at 04:14 PM



“ I did not know your beloved father, brother, friend. I was present at the gym that morning and was very saddened to hear later that day that he had died.

My deepest sympathies to all who loved him and whose lives he touched. Blessings to you all in your time of loss and sorrow.##imported-begin##Donna##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 03:45 PM



“ Dear Arsiema and Temnit, I am very sorry to learn of your father's passing. Wally was a gift to this world and a wonderful and caring friend. I hope you find peace in knowing that he was loved, admired and respected by so many people who had the fortune of knowing him professionally and throughout the Capital District community. He will be missed and remembered dearly. God bless you all, love, former co-worker at OSC and friend, Diana##imported-begin##Diana Jones Ritter##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 01:56 PM



“ Shannon, all of us at work are deeply saddened by the loss of your Uncle Wally. You have always shared so much of your family with us, and it has always brightened our days. Although we never met Wally, we knew him to be a great person! You and your family have this special magic that all families search for. Big breakfasts...big holiday celebrations...days at the track and a variety of family gatherings...including Friday Night Trivia...that all of us here have always marveled at. I recall so many times you speaking of Wally with such love and admiration. I know that you and your family are terribly saddened by the sudden loss of Wally. I want to tell you that we are all here for you, and your family...reach to us for whatever strength you may need. Although we have never met Wally...I can confidently say that the magic in your family certainly runs through out...because you too are a truly special person. I know that your strength as a person, and the strength of your family...along with all the wonders you described Wally to be...will bring you all forward with comfort and healing as life continues.##imported-begin##Chris##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 01:54 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about Wally's passing. I worked with Wally for 12 years at the State Comptroller's Office and he was a true friend to me. I have many happy memories of spending time with Wally and the girls sledding and drinking hot cocoa after. I haven't been in touch with Wally in awhile, but my memories of him are wonderful. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Edie Frangione (Dougan)##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 01:42 PM



“ Thinking of you and wishing you strength during this difficult time.##imported-begin##MarySue Dalton##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 11:42 AM



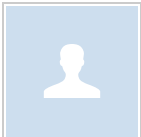
“ Sally and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy on the passing of Wally. He was truly a selfless individual always putting the needs of others first. He will be sadly missed by everyone who came into contact with him. He made the world a better place and it will not be the same without him. Joe and Sally Daniels##imported-begin##Joe Daniels##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 10:55 AM



“ I have never met Wally, but I was introduced to him by a very special family member. She told me of stories about Wally that warmed my heart. This was a man so loved and adored and respected by his family and friends...that we should all hope to be that beloved in our life. I wish that I was able to have met Wally, but, I am certain that as life moves forward...I will continue to learn of his magical ways through the eyes of this special family member. Wally's family is a very strong and unique family, and one to be marveled at...and it is clear to me, that Wally was a powerful part of the glue and beauty of this loving family. Keep him with you all, always, through the many memories and stories you will all sure to share with one another as life moves forward. The "Dash"...is what will comfort you as you keep Wally with you every day going forward. The Saint...a Saint's fan...and someone I wish I could have met...Wally, you have given a beautiful gift to your family...the honor of having you in thier lives. My deepest condolences to Wally's entire family...but also, my thanks to you all for the love that surges through your family...it is something to truly be in awe of.##imported-begin##Jim##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 10:45 AM



“ Wally often sat next to me at Bible Study every Thursday morning at 7 AM. He added great dimension to our discussion. On retreats at Weston I've seen him open the Koran, which he read in Arabic. He and Friar Greg have been a blessing to our Protestant Bible study, and we have truly been brothers in the faith. We watch with humor and with sadness as the hierarchy and the "lower"archy of our faith traditions have squabbled and fought in the name of God, and we bow our heads and pray as ONE.
Dick Gascoyne##imported-begin##Richard Gascoyne##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 09:51 AM



“ We mourn with you the loss of your brother, father and friend. Wally was a gentle and good man. Our thoughts and sympathies are with all of you during this most difficult time. Love, Marge and Bill Morrell##imported-begin##Marge and Bill Morrell##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 08:56 AM



“ Arsiema and Temnit, we are so sorry to hear about the untimely loss of your father. I worked with Wally and know how proud he was of both of you and how much he cared for you both. I think of him as an inspiration; a selfless, caring person, but a person who also knew how to have a good time! I am so glad John and I had the opportunity to spend an evening with him when we went to see Wicked just a few weeks ago.##imported-begin##Judy & John Middelkoop##imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 11:02 PM



“ Temnit,

Sending you loads of love and energy right now. Eric and I have you and your family in our thoughts.

Much love,

Meg##imported-begin##Meg Archer##imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 09:52 PM



“ Temnit,

We are all thinking of you at your time of loss. You are in our prayers.

Bill, Anita & Boys###imported-begin##Bill Wilson###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 08:19 PM



“ Temnit,

*Sending you wishes for peace and strength at this very difficult time. My condolences to you and your entire family. Sincerely,
Suzanne###imported-begin##Suzanne Snizek###imported-end##*

January 01, 2010 at 08:09 PM



“ Temnit-

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You and your family are in my prayers.

Jen###imported-begin##Jen Yousey###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 07:59 PM



“ Temnit, *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I am so sorry to hear about your father. Mary Koehler###imported-begin##Mary Koehler###imported-end##*

January 01, 2010 at 06:10 PM



“ Temnit,
I am so very sorry about the loss of your father. Your family will be in our prayers.

Kristi###imported-begin###Kristi Colarusso###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 05:51 PM



“ *Dear Family and Friends of Wally:*

Our hearts are greatly saddened by the sudden loss of Wally, and we grieve and pray for his daughters Temnit and Arsiema, former wife Gabriela, sister Linda, brothers Eddie and Alan, and all other family members and friends.

Wally was a very special person to us BGs. We are a group of primarily Presbyterian men who meet weekly for Bible study, discussion, and sharing of our spiritual journeys. Wally joined our Thursday morning group several years ago and brought a very special Roman Catholic and humanistic perspective to our discussions, along with another fellow RC and friend of Wally's -- Friar Greg. Wally also joined us on our annual retreats, and was a true "brother" to us all. Wally's knowledge of the Bible and of other religious traditions was immense. He was a gentle man and a gentle soul, and we Bible Guys will miss him dearly. God bless you Wally, and God bless his family and friends.###imported-begin###The Bible Guys (BGs) at First Presbyterian Church in Albany###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 02:58 PM



“ Temnit and Family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I know how much your father
meant to you. May you keep him in your heart and cherish the great
memories that you had together. Stay strong.
All my love,
Amber###imported-begin##Amber Zawisza###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 02:12 PM



“ Temnit,
Mark, Sarah, Emma and I are thinking about you. Our prayers are
with you.###imported-begin##Jen Dalton###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 01:55 PM



“ MY thoughts and prayers are with you Siema and your whole family.
I love you.###imported-begin##Sarah DiScanio###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 11:07 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of a super guy and great
friend. Wally and I had lots of fun together whether hiking or being
“on the road” together. Linda will especially miss visiting with him
each year at the track. We will miss him but will always have the
fond memories to cherish - he left us too early.
Deepest Sympathy,
Linda and Pete

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the
moments that take our breath away”###imported-begin##Linda &
Peter Fedorick###imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 05:19 PM