



Alfred A. Major

June 22, 1938 - September 25, 2015

Alfred A. Major 77, passed on September 25, 2015. Alfred was born on June 22, 1938 in Amsterdam, NY and was the son of Alfred C. and Nellie H. (Smith) Major.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Yvonne (McKenzie) Major, whom he married on June 26, 1965 in Schroon Lake, NY, son, Timothy (and wife Mary) of Corning, NY, daughter Ann Diodato of Gloversville, NY and son Peter Major of Albany. Alfred left behind his three beloved granddaughters -Sara Major, Jada Diodato and Kathryn Major. In addition, he is survived by his brother James (Dorothy) of Greenfield Center, sister Florence Sassi of Wells House in Johnstown along with sister/brother in laws Daniel McKenzie of Paradox, NY, Margaret (William) Carboy of Chestertown, NY, Cathy (Wayne) Cleveland of Corinth, NY and Peter (Lori) of Marchose, II. Al was "Uncle Fritz" to multiple nephews and nieces that he cared about very much.

He was predeceased by his sister Theodora Bolle and her husband Harry, brother-in law Mr.

Anthony Sassi and in-laws Mr. & Mrs. Milton McKenzie

Al was a 1956 graduate of Johnstown HS, served in the US Army Corp of Engineers and graduated with an Associates degree in Forestry in 1960 from

the SUNY Environmental Science

& Forestry's Ranger School in Wanakena, NY (formerly the New York State Ranger School)

Al began his professional career as a junior land surveyor with the NYS DEC and worked across the Adirondacks. He then went to work for the Fulton County Highway Dept. as a junior engineer before subsequently joining the private firm of Tri-County Engineers. He formed a partnership with Jack Mowery and William McGregor to create Major, Mowery and McGregor, Land Surveyors and Engineers. Al's longest professional venture was owning his own business A.A. Major, Land Surveyor. He surveyed public and private property across Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Saratoga, Schoharie, Otsego and Herkimer Counties. In 1979, in response to a referendum by the people of New York, it was agreed that NYS and International Paper would exchange rights to over 17,000 acres of intertwined properties in central Hamilton county via the "Perkins Clearing Land Exchange". Al and his partners, Bill & Bob Schafer of Latham, were awarded the contract for the massive undertaking of surveying & mapping this exchange. It would require multiple men over 2 years to complete the survey and document the exchange. Al eventually sold his company to CT Male and Associates of Latham and worked for them part time until his retirement in 2000

Al was generous with his time and talent and served as a member of the Building and Grounds committee for St. Patrick's Church, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Johnstown Public library for thirteen years, including a stint as President, and the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Education for 2 terms also serving as its President for one year. He was a member of the Pine Tree Rifle Club for 50+ years and greatly enjoyed spending time at the skeet shack on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Al was an avid hunter, an excellent shot and enjoyed collecting guns & books about the Adirondack region. Fall was always his season as he looked forward to going with "lithe boys" into the woods or to hunting camp. Al enjoyed spending time

at Blue Mountain Lake throughout his life and shared lots of good times there with this family over many years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Mass which will be celebrated on Thursday Oct. 1 at Holy Trinity Church, Glebe Street in Johnstown. There will be a calling hour from 10 to 11 AM at the Holy Trinity Church prior to Mass. The family will host a luncheon immediately following Mass at St. Patrick's school hall, Glebe Street in Johnstown.

Online condolences can be shared via www.amicofuneralhome.com

Contribution can be made in Alfred's memory to the following organizations or a charity of your choice.

- Friends of the Johnstown Public library
- The Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorder Center at Albany Medical Center in honor of the care provided to Al by Dr. Eric Molho and his staff

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Church
Glebe St.
Johnstown, NY 12095

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ *The interesting thing about being a land surveyor compared to other jobs is that your work lives on long after you are gone. I know the names and reputations of the surveys who worked in this area over the years. Al will be remembered as one of the best. He will be missed.*

Chris Foss

Chris Foss - October 01, 2015 at 06:52 AM

GM

“ *Pete and Family,*

I am so sorry for your loss - I just spoke with "Red" / Walshy and he informed me of your Dad's passing. I did not know your Dad - but Pete - you look a lot like him.....and I know he is looking down fondly and proudly on you all !

God Bless

Gary

Gary McNeill - September 30, 2015 at 07:17 PM

DA

“ *We were sorry to hear of Fritz's passing although we knew he had been ill for some time.*

David has fond memories of times spent in his youth with him and his brother, Jim, in Johnstown. Our sympathy and prayers are with all the family. David & Joan Acker

David Acker - September 30, 2015 at 12:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred A. Major.*



September 30, 2015 at 11:51 AM



“ *The Trybus Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Alfred A. Major.*



The Trybus Family - September 29, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ *What a great neighbor and friend he was to the Giaconia's way back when in Broadalbin. Thoughts and prayers to his family from ours.*

Mary Giaconia - September 29, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Major Family. Al was a hard working, kind and caring human being who loved his family. We know he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Major Family. God Bless! Sincerely, Kevin and Paula Burke*

Paula Burke - September 28, 2015 at 08:26 PM

DK

“ *My sincere sympathy to the entire Major family. Al was an inspiration for me and provided me with excellent guidance in my professional career. He was a very good man.*
David Knowles

David Knowles - September 28, 2015 at 07:03 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Alfred A. Major.*



September 28, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred A. Major.*



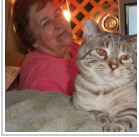
September 28, 2015 at 10:40 AM

TD

“ *The Sonner Family - Jim, Sue, Nick & Devin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alfred A. Major.*



The Sonner Family - Jim, Sue, Nick & Devin - September 28, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Glad we got to see him at a recent luncheon. Please know we are only a phone call away if you need someone to talk to.
Margaret Goot-Hastings and Family

Margaret Hastings - September 28, 2015 at 10:07 AM

JD

“ *Joey, Allison, and Jayda Davis purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alfred A. Major.*



Joey, Allison, and Jayda Davis - September 28, 2015 at 09:52 AM

VM

“ *Love you Uncle Fritz. Sending prayers and healing thoughts to your family as they mourn your passing and celebrate your exceptional life. May you rest in peace and tranquility for ever and ever. Love from your niece Valerie, and Bob and Juliet Martone*

Valerie Martone - September 27, 2015 at 12:35 PM