



Aloysius A. "Al Everybody's Pal" Klatt

October 29, 1910 - October 28, 2006

Aloysius A. "Al Everybody's Pal" Klatt passed away October 29, 2006 at Autumn Woods Nursing Center in Warren at the age of 96. He was born 10 years after the turn of the Century on October 29, 1910 in Detroit to Immigrant Parents. He was the youngest of eleven brothers and sisters who enjoyed their Polish Culture. Al was an excellent student who worked his way through college, working as a golf pro at Racham Golf Course and as a dance instructor at Arthur Murray. He earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree. He married a pretty "west sider", Irene Maliszewski and took a job selling insurance with Metropolitan Life and won many salesmanship awards and stayed with that company for 45 years.

Al and Irene had five sons, and Al joked that he was the coach of his own basketball team: Leon (recently deceased), Lawrence, Leonard, Joseph and John. Al lived for his family and their times together. He proudly enjoyed every small accomplishment of "His Boys". He never missed their football and basketball games and school activities. Al ran long distance track in college and good health and stamina blessed him with a long and happy Life. Al loved holidays, parties, good Polish food, dancing and especially singing and was a member of choirs and choruses all of his life. Al's clear tenor voice could hold the last note of "Angels we have Heard on High" for almost a minute ~ even when he was well into his 90's.

Al seldomly missed any social events and his friendly charm earned him the nickname "Al Everybody's Pal", which was embroidered on some of his shirts.

He enjoyed playing pinochle and, according to Joe, sometimes cheated at Rummy but it was always fun.

Al was an Altar Boy, a Seminarian, an Usher, a Devout Catholic and a member of the Knights of Culumbus Council #305 when it boasted one of the largest and most influential memberships in the state. He was Grand Commander of Nabil Caravan, Detroit Alhambra.

Irene died in 1980, Al remarried and moved to South Florida. Al was the last survivor of his ten brothers and sisters and other peers who came of age during the "Roaring Twenties",

He was able to enjoy his great grandchildren, grandchildren, daughter-in-laws and sons when he moved back to Detroit in 2005, completing the Circle of Life. Aloysius Anthony Klatt died on his 96th Birthday, October 29, 2006. He is survived by his four sons, nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and 5 daughter-in-laws.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil the Great Church
22851 Lexington
Eastpointe, MI

Tribute Wall



“ 11/3/06 We are sending our Sympathy to our friend "AL'S" family. We were so happy to have been with him in May '06 having such a great time. We will miss our weekly calls, singing and remembering the times we were together. Our last dinner at Fogcutters in Port Huron will always be a very special time with Al, Lenny and the rest of us. I will always think of our dancing and singing and my husband, John, will miss not hearing his voice calling him by the nickname Al gave to him "Mushroom Man". Our hearts and prayers go out to you all. May God bless and keep you in your very sad time of sorrow. Our love to you always and Thank you for making us welcome in your family. John & Susan###imported-begin###John and Susan Zerebnick###imported-end###

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“ I only met my Great Uncle Al one time, when my Uncle Norbert Rybicki (the son of Uncle Al's sister Rose (Klatt) Rybicki) died a few years ago. I believe Great Uncle Al was 92 at that time and happened to be visiting in MI at that time. I think either Joe or John brought him to the funeral home. I have met Joe and John when I was working in educational sales, though I'm not sure if they remember. I knew they were my cousins because of the last name. For whatever reasons, our family, the Pavals (my Mom is Helen Rybick-Paval) did not see Great Uncle Al's family when we were growing up. However, I have been amazed to learn more about my Great Uncle Al and surely know that I missed out on not knowing him more personally.
Donna Paval###imported-begin###Donna Paval###imported-end###

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“ Dear Klatt Boys, With deepest sympathy on the loss of your Father.
My prayers to you and your families.
(Larry, even though I can't see you I still remember my
Godfather.)###imported-begin##Kathy (Lewandowski)
Ricks###imported-end##

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