



Albert J. Callahan

January 20, 1928 - December 12, 2015

Albert J. Callahan, Jr., 87, of West Hartford, CT passed away peacefully on December 12, 2015 at home after a long illness, with his family by his side. He was born in Providence, RI on January 20th, 1928, the son of the late Albert and Laura Callahan. Albert grew up with his three brothers Lee and the late Vincent and Thomas Callahan. He graduated from Hall High School in 1945, Providence College in 1950 and Boston University Law School in 1953. He was proud of his service as a WWII Army veteran. He was the head of the Legal Department at Allstate Insurance in Hartford from 1953 – 1994 in addition to having his own private practice. “Big Al” as he was affectionately called was the life of the party and was always quick with a funny joke or story. He enjoyed watching his beloved Red Sox win or lose. His favorite activity was rooting for and watching Providence College Basketball. There was a strong connection to Providence College. His father Albert was the first of seventeen Callahan’s earning a degree from Providence College. Balancing his professional life with his family life he was an avid boater and fisherman, spending many wonderful weekends on his boat “The Seven C’s” with his family. Al was a Boy Scout leader, Baseball Coach and did pro-bono legal work for a non-profit group called Clay Hill. He was a member of St. Timothy’s Church and The Old Guard. He was a devoted father to his five sons, Albert J. Callahan III and his wife Kathy, Timothy and his wife Maureen, Peter, Joseph and his wife Barbara and he was predeceased by his wife Marion and son Matthew. Al enjoyed spending the last thirteen years with his

loving friend Pat Hunt of Morgan, VT. Al adored his nine grandchildren and will always remain in their hearts. Calling hours will be Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM in the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford. Everyone is asked to go directly to church. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Al's name to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492. Online expressions of sympathy can be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd.
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Tribute Wall

DO

“ Pat and the entire Callahan Family. I am sorry for your loss of Al and that I only today learned of his passing. I always enjoyed picking up the phone when it was Al's voice on the other end or meeting with him in person. God's Speed to a favorite Client who evolved into a favorite Friend.-Dan O'Brien

Dan O'Brien - December 22, 2015 at 10:09 AM

JS

“ I met Al when I was a very new judge, and his generosity with his time and advice was a tremendous help to me, which I have always appreciated. Of course, how Al treated me was the way he treated everybody, I learned. Al was a fine lawyer and an even better person.
Judge Joseph Shortall

joseph m. shortall - December 17, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert J. Callahan.



December 16, 2015 at 05:15 PM

CF

“ Dear Lee and family--

So sorry to read of Albert's death. Deb and I send condolences to all. We're in the process of selling the farm and moving to a condo in Old Saybrook.

Love,

Charlie

Charles Farrow - December 15, 2015 at 07:25 PM

JF

“ *My wife Eileen and I, earlier in our marriage, were renting one half of a duplex on Courtland St in Elmwood which was owned by Al. Once a moth Al would show up and he would be most welcomed. We had a flask of premixed mahattans in the fridge, made especially for "Big Al". More often than not our conversations would turn to The Whalers softball team and what could be done to strengthen the team, in lieu of barring all Callahans from the field of play. Al, being the manager had tenure on the "keystone sack". He was joined by Lee at short, Tom at third and Vine on first. In spite of those handicaps we gamely played on and, in the annual classic against "The Toddlers", we sometimes almost won. After the game the team would gather at Delmonicos restaurant and have a few Heinekens and a laugh or two. Those chats and the times playing with "The Whalers" are some of our fondest memories of "Big Al".*

Jim and Eileen Felice - December 15, 2015 at 01:30 PM

MA

“ *Callahans, I was so sorry to hear about Big Al's passing. My thoughts are with all of you. Tim and Peter, it seems like we haven't seen each other in decades, but I have great memories of your parents. Please accept my condolences. Best, Mark G. Auerbach*

Mark Auerbach - December 14, 2015 at 06:18 PM

WS

“ *Ward & Violet Strange purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Albert J. Callahan.*



Ward & Violet Strange - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 PM

JS

“ *Dear Lee and family, I was saddened to hear the news of Albert's passing. Although I did not know him well personally (only meeting him once I think), I have heard much of him from yourself and Dan Carney over the years and I know that he was much admired and respected as a good and fun loving family man and friend. Please accept my sincere condolences. Sincerely, John Shukie Baltimore, MD. Northwest Catholic Retired*

John C. Shukie - December 14, 2015 at 11:15 AM

RK

“ We met Al through his devoted friend, Pat Hunt. We were so impressed right from the start with his friendly nature, warmth, quick wit and wonderful sense of humor. We became instant friends! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad time. Al will always be remembered by everyone whose lives he touched, and he touched many!
With our deepest sympathy,
Bob & Cindy Kern
Morgan, Vermont

Robert & Cynthia Kern - December 14, 2015 at 09:05 AM

CC

Our hearts are heavy for Pat and all of Al's family, whom he loved so very much. Sending love and hugs from Morgan, VT. Candy and Chuck

Candy and Chuck - December 14, 2015 at 05:30 PM

ES

“ Dear Pat and the Callahan family, My father Richard Holton was also in Al's and Pat's 1945 graduating class. My mother Joan Holton and myself would like to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Ellen (Holton) Samul

Ellen Samul - December 13, 2015 at 07:13 PM



“ Oh Pat, I am so sorry you lost your companion/high school sweetheart. He was such a nice guy. Remember our first golf game? And I so remember such a good time at your home after George died. I send prayers and a hug along with this note and look forward to seeing you after the first of the year. Friday I head down to visit with my family. I'm glad Don and the others are close to you.
Love, Jean

Jean Rabe - December 13, 2015 at 06:28 PM

PH

Call when you get back to VT.

Pat Hunt - December 13, 2015 at 07:28 PM

CL

“ Al was a great guy with a beautiful smile and sense of humor - enjoyed our golf games and dinners, as well as bridge games.

Colleen and Ernie

Colleen and Ernie Lord - December 13, 2015 at 05:30 PM

RC

Well, We lost a great Irishman and friend. Loved him to Pieces. Enjoyed his visits with us in New Smyrna as well as Vermont. Good sense of humor and good bridge player. He took a lot of my money playing bridge. You are in Heaven, Al. R.I.P.

Richard and Sandra Corrigan - December 14, 2015 at 06:54 AM

BW

AL was a good soul to be around. Did not know him long but we did have a few good talks out on the OCC Golf course and at a few of our groups dinners when he and Pat Hunt were in VT. He and I had a good connection when I learned he also was a Boy Scout Leader as well. A life well spent when I learned he had a large family and several boys he brought up through the Boy Scout Program. Wish I could have known him better. His last years were tough but even then he had a smile and a few good words to share. My Sincere condolences to PAt Hunt and Al's family. Bonita & Jeffrey Wells

Bonita M Wells - December 14, 2015 at 03:30 PM

JF

Sorry to hear about Al.He was a very nice man.We should all take a page from Al,s book he lived life to its fullest.My heart goes out to Tim Maureen and the Callahan family. Jim Filosa

Jim Filosa - December 15, 2015 at 09:17 AM

KH

Dear Barb and Joe,

*So very sorry to hear of the passing of Joe's father. May his memory be of comfort to your family!
Kathy and Ron Hassler*

kathryn hassler - December 15, 2015 at 04:21 PM