



Dr. Albert E. Altongy

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Dr. Albert E. Altongy, 82, of Palm City, FL and Annapolis, MD, formerly of New Hartford, NY, died peacefully on November 15, 2021 at his home in Annapolis, MD.

Al was born in Utica, NY on September 20, 1939 to Philippine (Boustany) and Jalil Altongy. The youngest of four children, Al attended St. Francis de Sales High School, where he was the photographer for the school newspaper. After completing his pre-dental studies at Utica College, he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force for two years in Istanbul, Turkey, sparking his lifelong interest in international travel. Al then returned to Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he received his Master of Science in Dentistry with a specialty in orthodontics. In 1967, he married his wife of 54 years, Anne Pyne, and returned to the Utica area. He established a thriving orthodontics practice, perfecting smiles and serving the community for over 30 years. Over the course of his career, Al served as the President of both the New York State Society of Orthodontists and the Oneida-Herkimer County Dental Society. He was a member of the American Society of Orthodontists, the American Dental Association and the Pierre Fouchard Society, an honorary dental society. Al was a Clinical Advisor to the Research Department of Lee Pharmaceuticals and the Orthodontic Adviser to the cleft palate clinic at Faxton Hospital. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Utica Zoological Society and of BlueCross BlueShield of Utica-Watertown, Inc. and was a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Al's scientific mind and inquisitive nature supported his many career accomplishments, but his greatest source of pride was his family. He was a beloved husband and father, a devout Catholic, an avid sailor, a Bridge enthusiast and a frustrated golfer. Al also enjoyed tinkering in his workshop, where he made everything from shelves to an outdoor gazebo to toys for his daughters. Most of all, he loved to spend time with his wife, daughters and grandchildren.

Al is survived by his wife Anne (Pyne) Altongy and daughters Patrice (husband Blake Haider and grandchildren Pierce, Blake, Jr. and Alden) and Alissa Parisi (husband Gregory and grandchildren



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Elena, Bennett and Corinne). He is predeceased by his daughter Kristen, his parents Philippine and Jalil Altongy, sisters Margaret Millet and Laurice Bonin and brother Joseph.

A memorial mass will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at St. John Neumann, 620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD 21401 at 1:30 pm. To view Al's service please visit any of the following links:

<https://www.stmarysannapolis.org/about-church/coronavirus-information/st-marys-live-stream-masses>

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysannapolis>

<https://vimeo.com/stmarysannapolis>

In lieu of flowers, donations in Al's memory may be made to the Kristen E. Altongy Scholarship Fund, Emory University, Office of Gift Records, 1762 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322, or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at <https://www.cff.org/donate>




Events


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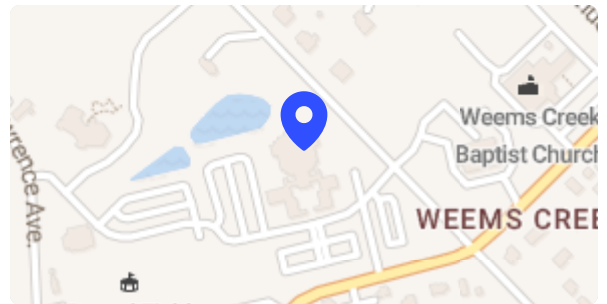
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Memorial Mass

 **Friday**, November 19, 2021

 1:30 PM ET

 **St. John Neumann Catholic Church**
620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD





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Michele Altongy & Richard Hill posted:

Aunt Anne & family, Our prayers are with you all. Even though there is joy in the homegoing, there is sorrow in your loss. Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember your fondest memories. Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. God bless. Love, Michele Altongy, Richard Hill & family

November 19 at 9:54 AM



Tamara Read November 21 at 12:28 PM

Anne, Patrice and Alise, and extended family, Our condolences for your loss. May only happy memories remain and the love Al had for you sustain you through this time. Tamara and Richard Read



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November 19 at 7:56 AM



Janet Durr posted:

Dear Anne and family, Saw Al's obit and wanted to say hello and send prayers and blessings to you. so many good times and very old memories of such a wonderful family. Because of covid I feel like I've missed so many people that I cared and shared so much with. I completely missed Margarets. Hope you are all doing well despite your sadness. So happy you are surrounded by family. With love, Janet Durr

November 18 at 8:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Altongy family.



November 18 at 7:16 AM



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Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Altongy family.



November 18 at 4:03 AM



Tony&Judy Piana posted:

O Anne, our hearts are sad for you and the girls, having to say farewell to the love of your life. The "waters" he has sailed are many as are the treasured memories shared throughout the journey. The phrase, living life to the fullest, comes to mind when I think of AL. I recall how proud Al was to "show off" his sailing, taking Tony & I out one beautiful day. You & Al did everything you could think of to distract me from my new found sea sickness....to no avail. Still..we DID make an entry into our memory banks that day.!Treasured also are the times enjoyed through our dental connection. Our guys were born to serve others ...in their offices, their societies, their churches as well as in our families and for that, we will be forever grateful.The Beardsley Castle last week was the setting for our fam from NY/NH /FI/SC to gather in celebration of Tony becoming an octogenarian. we are well.Trusting the dear Lord for the grace you need to navigate the new waters.With Love Tony&Judy Piana apiana@twcny.rr.com

November 17 at 2:23 PM



Jacklyn Kolwaite posted:

Dear Anne, Patrice and Alissa,Paul and I are so sorry to read of Al's passing. We have many fond memories of our times spent with you and Al when we lived in New Hartford. Please know we are thinking of you and your family at this difficult time.Sincerely,Paul & Jackie Kolwaite

November 17 at 9:59 AM



Rita Rosinski posted:

Anne,so sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my prayers. I think of all the good things in the past. We had a good group. Don passed 2 years ago and am living with my daughter.Hope all is well with you.

November 17 at 5:15 AM



Albert Forcella sent a virtual gift in honor of Albert.

Ann, So sorry to hear about Al's passing. He was always a consummate gentleman. Please express Donna and my deepest sympathies to your entire family.Al Forcella



November 17 at 4:27 AM



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Louise White posted:

I'm sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Altongy whom I will never forget as he did my son's braces and had a tree planted in his name when he died. Kristen was one of my favorite students who confided in me, knowing her life would be shortened by her disease. We talked often and went for coffee; she was a total joy. Concerned about how her parents and sisters would feel when she died, she asked me to reassure them. I know how their hearts were broken when she passed but I believe love never dies and that she was there to help her Dad's transition. My heart goes out to all of you as I know we grieve in waves and grief knows no time limit but as some time passes, beautiful memories become treasures. In time I know "signs" appear from those we loved and lost - believe them and cherish them. Louise White

November 17 at 2:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Altongy family.



November 16 at 10:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Altongy family.



November 16 at 6:51 PM



Janet Parilla posted:

My sincere condolences to Anne, Patrice and Alisa and their families. Al was our first visitor when we moved into our home in New Hartford in '74 and we shared many memories as our girls were growing up together. May you remember all the great memories he created for your family

November 16 at 6:12 PM



Martin Droz posted:

Must have been one of his first patients. Me, new to a different type of pain (braces) He getting used to someone biting down on his hand. It was quite the back in forth over that extended time. We came to an understanding. Stopped in perhaps 25 years later to say hello. The connection was still there. May his family find joy in their remaining time on the earth. Marty Droz

November 16 at 5:47 PM



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Celia And Mark Domser posted:

Dear Anne, Patrice , Elissa and family,First of all, please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers at this time. Al was an amazing fellow. He always was such a gentleman and always full of information on how to and where too with your best interests in mind. He shared all he knew with those who asked him. His mind never stoped working or learning. He always got to the heart of any matter and was always well documented and informed. Both Mark and I loved that about Al. Can't say we know anybody like him. We are both blessed to have had him for a true friend. They say you are so blessed if you have a wonderful family and if you have true friends what a gift. We are blessed to have shared many travels and dinners and so many good memories with our dear friend Al and his family.We want to know what deal he made with God to go home on the day of his patron Saint, Saint Albert? I guess we'll have to wait.Our love and prayers are with you all.XOXOMark and Celia

November 16 at 4:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Altongy family.



November 16 at 1:49 PM



Amy Klempay posted:

Dr. Altongy was a special man, always with a playful smile and glint in his eye. I knew him both as his orthodontic patient, but father to one of my best friends. It's no wonder that such a kind and intelligent man would have such a wonderful family and legacy. You are loved, Dr. Altongy!

November 16 at 1:33 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Albert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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