



Alfred E Denny III

August 9, 1946 - October 24, 2020

Alfred Edward Denny III, of Windsor, NY, and Fort Myers, Florida passed away at Hope Hospice House in Fort Myers on Saturday, October 24, 2020 after a heroic battle with Leukemia.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Michelle Rowse-Denny; his brother, Robert A. Denny and his wife, Nancy L. Denny of Anderson, SC; his nephew, Matthew R. (Katrina) Denny and their daughter, Rylee; his niece, Ashley R. (Seth) Westbrook and their daughter, Skylar; his numerous cousins from the Ranzetti family, and his lifetime friends, John “JD” Dietzsch, John Fontaine and Cliff Hennessey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred E. Denny, Jr. and Julia C. (Ranzetti) Denny.

After graduating from Windsor Central High School in 1964, Al attended Broome Technical Community College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science at Northern Arizona University in 1971 where he majored in Biology. He joined the U.S. Army National Guard and became an MP. He finished his duty with the US Army Reserves as a medic in the 73rd Field Hospital in Upstate New York with his fellow, lifelong friends. Al spent his 30-year career as a science teacher at Harpursville Central School. He was a beloved mentor to his students and a dear friend to his co-workers. Al was always actively involved in coaching all sports, but football was his first love for decades. He played semi-pro football for the original Triple City Jets, Broome-Tioga Bengals, and Oneonta Indians. In addition, he loved to ski, run marathons,

exercise, and travel the world like a true explorer.

Over the decades, Al devoted his life to God's work. He traveled to over 12 countries on mission trips with Sudan Interior Missions, United Indian Missions, and Volunteers in Medical Missions. His focus became to travel to Africa where he spent time in Nigeria, South Africa, and later in Honduras teaching with fellow missionaries at private Christian academies. Their outreach extended to the village areas including local orphanages. Al felt sharing God's word was his number # 1 teaching assignment on Earth. His love for teaching involved children from all over the world. He was a member of First Christian Church of Kirkwood, NY, and Southwest Baptist of Fort Myers, Florida.

Al will be truly missed by his family, friends, students, co-workers, fellow athletes, church members and friends. He will be remembered for his devotion, loyalty, incredible sense of humor, generosity, and kindness to all. Special thanks to his lifelong friends, John Dietzsch, and John Fontaine who helped Al keep his spirits up with love and laughter throughout his illness, and to his devoted and loving brother, Robert. May Al rest in peace in Heaven with his Savior, Jesus Christ. A memorial service will be held in Al's honor in the late spring to be announced at a later date. He will be interred with his parents at Riverside Cemetery in Windsor, New York. Donations may be made in his honor to Sudan Interior Missions, P.O Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and operated Since 1978.

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE

My loving husband and best friend, Alfred Edward Denny III, passed away after a heroic fight with leukemia for over 2 years. He spent his final days at Hospice House here in Fort Myers, Florida, and went to be with his Lord,

Jesus Christ, on Saturday, Oct 24, 2020. He was a brave warrior throughout the last 2 ½ years of this battle. We would have been married for 32 years, but it was not long enough. Al and I met in 1976 and married in 1988. We were fortunate enough to dance, laugh, travel, and experience so much of the world together. Everything wonderful in my life existed because of Al's love and devotion. My life is forever changed. Al spent his entire life making friends with everyone fortunate enough to cross his path. After graduation from Windsor high school in 1964, Al attended Broome Tech for 2 years and transferred to Northern Arizona University where he majored in Biology. After college, Al also joined up for the National Guard as an MP while still in Arizona, and later finished duty with the US Army Reserves as a Medic in the 73rd Field Hospital in Upstate New York with fellow long term, lifelong friends. Al spent his 30-year career as a high school science teacher in Harpursville, New York. Al was a friend and mentor to his all of students. He was actively involved in coaching several sports including track, girls volleyball, baseball, and football at the high school level. Al enjoyed all sports, but his first love was football. He played semi-pro football in Upstate New York for the TC Jets, Bengals and Oneonta Indians. In his spare time, Al loved to ski, run marathons, exercise, and travel the world like a true explorer. Al took a leave of absence for one year from teaching as he had decided to devote his life to God, and headed on to the mission field in Africa. Over the next decades, he traveled on many mission trips with Sudan Interior Missions, United Indian Missions and Volunteers in Medical Missions, where he donated his time, money, and energy teaching and helping children from around the world. His mission travels took him to British Columbia, Alaska, the Grand Canyon, South Africa, Nigeria, Peru, Siberia, Ecuador, Morocco, Haiti, and Honduras to name a few. This gave him a chance to praise, teach, and spread the word of God around the world as his number one teaching assignment on Earth. It was his special gift to coach, inspire, and love everyone he met by sharing his faith. When Al came to Florida to live, he continued to substitute teach at various Christian

schools near our home. He was a faithful member of Southwest Baptist Church. Al also volunteered on Sanibel Island for the animal rehabilitation hospital, Crow, and Golisano Children's Hospital. His outreach and contributions were continuous and never-ending until he could no longer speak. Al will be missed by all of his family, fellow teachers, students, church members, and closest friends, who will remember him for his loyalty, incredible sense of humor, generosity, and kindness to all. More importantly, he will finally be at peace in Heaven with his Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen! Thank You, Al, for a purposeful and meaningful life. We will bring Al home to rest with his parents. Memorial services will be announced at a later date to follow.

We Will All Love and Miss You Forever...

Your Loving Wife,

Michelle

Tribute Wall



“ Alfred E Denny III

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ My gosh, Al and I reconnected by phone just last spring. First time we had talked since football on the Bengals and Jets in the 1970s. John, Al and I were roomies in a town house in Kirkwood during this time. Those were good times for all of us. I am shocked to learn of his passing. I do not recall him mentioning his illness when we talked. We did discuss the different paths we had taken in life. He expressed his great love for his wife Michelle. He was a couple years older but I knew Al Denny as a free spirit and wonderful human being. He always treated me well despite his penchant for practical jokes. Love you Al. Miss you as I had hoped we might get together again to talk about your mission and the old days we enjoyed. Rest In Peace my friend. You are going to be missed much. may the family find peace in his absence no matter how difficult. Please accept my sorrow for you loss.
Respectfully,

Tom Wega
Pittsford, NY
585-820-0985

Tom Wega - June 29, 2021 at 01:25 AM



Tom, Thank you for your kind words. I just happened on them. Al was a one of a kind friend, teacher and a wonderful husband. I miss him more everyday. I appreciate your kind words. I can only imagine Al as a roommate back in the good ol' days! He is in a great place now, and where he dreamed of being! Heaven! Sincerely, Michelle Denny

Michelle Denny - July 18, 2021 at 10:35 PM

DB

“ I can't attend Al's services, but I will be thinking of him. Al was a wonderful person and a great friend. Donna Buddenhagen

Donna Buddenhagen - May 31, 2021 at 09:29 AM

JS

“ Sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was a good and kind man. My condolences to all of his family.
Jim Slack

James Slack - February 17, 2021 at 02:51 PM

FB

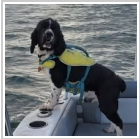
“ Al graduated in my Class of 64 at Windsor. i remember Al as the wise guy of our class always joking and laughing. Al and John Dietzcsh was the dyamic duo of the class. Wherever John went, Al was to follow. So many of our class has had this horrible disease called cancer or is presently suffering from it. Al will be missed by his high school buddies.

Frank E. Berrish - February 16, 2021 at 04:48 PM

MD

Thank you so much for your kind words, Frank. Michelle Denny

Michelle Denny - July 18, 2021 at 10:37 PM



“ We are so very sorry to learn of Al's passing. My husband and I were both students and he was always a favorite. He was a kind teacher who truly cared for his students and stepped outside of the box and treated us as one of his own. What an outstanding man, he accomplished so much in life. The world could use a few more Mr. Denny's.

Suzanne Gates - February 10, 2021 at 11:52 AM

AK

“ Condolences to Michelle and Al’s extended family. Al was a lifelong friend since jr. high school in Windsor, NY. We played multiple sports together and shared many other good times. Since then, I always looked forward to his annual visit and descriptions of his latest adventures. He enjoyed life and his was a life well lived.
Al and Lynn Klumpp

Alan Klumpp - February 09, 2021 at 09:15 AM

RB

“ sorry to hear of your loss

ray bowman - February 09, 2021 at 01:03 AM

TC

“ Praise the Lord for Al's faithfulness to our Lord. He may have lost the battle with leukaemia, but he won his eternal home with His Savior. May the Lord grant you his family peace during these days of sadness.

Tim Colwell - February 07, 2021 at 09:50 PM

HH

“ Michelle and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. I am sending prayers and hugs to all of you!
Heather Larson- Hudak

Heather Hudak - February 07, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ I used to cross paths with Al in the Binghamton area and we played on the TC Jets in 76 I remember him encouraging me after making certain plays he was very intentional and deliberate in his practice and it showed up when he played
I reached out to him by phone after Ed Iecate told me how to get ahold of him we never connected in person while he was in FL
I'm looking forward to seeing him on the other side

Gary Clark - February 07, 2021 at 12:35 PM

CH

“ Bob, I was so sorry to see about your brother's passing, I know you were close. He was certainly a good man. My deepest condolences to you on your loss.

Chip Houser

chip houser - February 07, 2021 at 12:17 PM

DM

“ Played football on Jets and Bengals with Al and he was so great at it. Me not so much. But he made me so proud in front of my family because he would tell them nice things about me. I'd see Al at the hockey games. I could see his faith in how he always remembered me. Gods Bless,

David Myers

David Myers - February 07, 2021 at 12:13 PM

WM

“ Al and I went to Broome CC together, played softball together and were in the same unit of the Army Reserves. I fondly remember getting together with he, Marty Banovic and John Fontaine several times in Ft Myers when I was there in Novembers for softball tournaments. I always admired his athletic ability, friendliness and spiritual strength. Al had a big heart and was a great example of all the best in a human being. Rest in peace brother. Wayne Marble

Wayne Marble - February 07, 2021 at 09:55 AM

JM

“ Michelle and family: Saddened to read of Al's passing. You are in my prayers. When Al would return to Binghamton NY in the summer he would play a few senior softball games with the Karousel Kids. When I began coming to Ft Myers in November to play in a tournament, Al, Marty, and John would stop by our games. Afterwards they would take us out to dinner at a nice place on the water. It was always a good experience being around Al. May he rest in peace. Jim Miller - Binghamton, NY.

JIM MILLER - February 07, 2021 at 08:17 AM

RI

“ I am saddened at the passing of Al. My condolences to Bob and the family. I knew Al and Bob from playing sports at Windsor. He was always funny and likable. I will miss Al and the days I was a young "equipment manager" in 7th and 8th grade...Al always was laughing and cheerful and a good athlete...I will miss him and the teams.

Romaine Rockwell Watrous III - February 07, 2021 at 08:05 AM

KL

“ *Dear Denny family,
You all are in our prayers. What a privilege it has been to hear about
the wonderful witness Al was to all of us. His legacy lives on.*

*Love,
The Lindley's*

Kevin Lindley - February 06, 2021 at 02:32 PM