



Alan Friess

May 27, 1941 - February 25, 2017

Alan Friess, 75, was born in Brooklyn, NY on May 27, 1941 and attended the Yeshiva of Flatbush. His family moved to Lynbrook, NY when he was 12 and he attended Lynbrook High School where he excelled in athletics and academics. He was awarded 9 Varsity letters in baseball, football (All-Nassau) and basketball. He was admitted to Harvard College and graduated cum laude in 1963 with a BA in History. He next earned a Masters Degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University, where he also served as an Adjunct Professor. In 1965 he began the study of law at New York University Law School, graduated and was admitted to the practice of law in 1967.

His first position as a lawyer was Staff Attorney with National Labor Relations Board. After two years, he was employed as an attorney with the Legal Aid Society becoming Director of the Criminal Defense Division in Manhattan in charge of all attorneys and staff. After several years, based on his labor law experience, he applied for and was appointed Counsel to the Deputy Mayor for Labor Relations of the City of New York, Basil Patterson. While serving in that position and during a meeting in the office of Mayor Koch, he met his future wife Rosemary Carroll, Counsel to NYCPD. In 1979, he was appointed Judge to the Criminal Court and served until 1982 when he left the position in his unique way. He went into the private practice of law, as a criminal defense attorney for 23 years. In 1983, Rosemary and Alan married and purchased a home in Clermont Columbia County while living and working in Manhattan for

25 years. Alan became a member of Columbia County Golf & Country Club where he loved to golf and spend time with the men who became his lifelong friends. Throughout his life, he also enjoyed the camaraderie and competition of his weekly poker game.

Alan and Rosemary were blessed with two sons: Harris Patrick was born in September 1984 and Lyle Owen in May 1986. There is no question that his sons were the great joy and pride of his life. His abiding love for them was exhibited in actions more than words. Harris and Lyle could always count on him to be there for them. His sons always had a special bond with him and relied on Alan for his wisdom and devoted support. During his terrible illness his sons were at his side with deep love and devotion even in his final moment.

In addition to Rosemary, Harris and Lyle and their significant others, Lindsay Waxer and Giulia Theodoli, Alan is survived by his loving brother Mark, his wife Debbie, and their children Brad and Melissa and by his loving sister, Susan Bolton. Alan also leaves behind his Uncle Murray Weiss and Aunt Lenore.

A memorial will be held on Thursday March 2nd from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Bates & Anderson Funeral Home at 110 Green Street Hudson, NY 12534. On Saturday & Sunday, March 4th & 5th, the family will be receiving friends and family from 1:00pm to 8:00pm at 9 Wyckoff Street Brooklyn, NY 11201. Please contact hpfriess@gmail.com for details regarding memorial contributions.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Tribute Wall

“ Rosemary, Harris and Lyle-Noreen and I offer our condolences to you on the loss of such a loving and caring father and husband. Alan was a unique man in many ways. His wit and dry sense of humor were an indication of his intelligence and his command of current events and political issues. His love of athletics was anchored in his approach to golf and enjoyment of basketball. He was very enthused and proud of his family especially for your work with the development of the Brooklyn Badgers. He would bend my ear incessantly about the great work you were doing in teaching the game and providing academic instruction to kids who really needed it. Knowing that I graduated from Bishop Loughlin, he would inform me about the progress some of the Loughlin kids were making. I was fortunate to be his partner in the Wednesday night golf league for two years and through his efforts, (at least so he claimed), we actually came in second place in a very competitive league. His fondness for basketball was exemplified by our annual trip to the federation championships that were held in Albany. We would sit for multiple hours watching high school games & players while assessing the respective strengths and weaknesses of each of the teams and convincing ourselves that maybe we knew something about the game.

He also loved to read and we would share books that we thought the other guy might like. It seemed to me that I would give him once read books while the ones he shared with me were more worn and tattered. I thought maybe he was reading and rereading the books to gain some significant insights that he missed the first time through. However, I learned that Alan did not like to pay full price for certain items such as cars, books and golf shirts, so he would purchase them used from some discount outlet.

Speaking of golf shirts, he gave me a Trevor shirt that I will now wear with fond memories of a man whom I regarded as a good friend. We will miss Alan and hope that you take comfort knowing that his legacy remains not only in the love he has shared with you but also in his impact he has had on his friends and acquaintances.

Greg & Noreen Bayduss

Greg Bayduss - March 01, 2017 at 07:53 AM

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“ *Trish Burt lit a candle in memory of Alan Friess*



Trish Burt - February 28, 2017 at 09:42 AM