



Dr. Norman Freinberg

June 22, 1920 - October 27, 2011

CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL-LIVED

Dr. Norman “Doc” Freinberg of Valatie NY passed away on Thursday October 27, 2011 at Albany Medical Center, following complications from a fall. He was surrounded by his loving family. Norman met the recent medical challenges with the same courage and tenacity that sustained him through his 91 years.

Norman was born on June 22, 1920 in Waterbury CT, son of Harry Freinberg and Jennie Heyman Freinberg. He spent his youth in Hudson NY until the family moved to New Jersey in 1933. He earned his DDS degree from the University of Illinois in 1944 , and served in France during World War II. During his service, he pioneered new surgical bone transplant techniques to help injured soldiers.

After the war, he returned to Fort Dix where he met and married the love of his life, Geraldine (“Jerrie”) Moshou Freinberg, who survives him. They were married in 1947 and enjoyed 64 wonderful years together. They were both heard to say many many times, “You’re the best thing that ever happened to me.” Norm and Jerrie moved to Valatie in 1948 and loved the village and its people. Norm served the community in many ways, as village dentist, trustee, deputy mayor, a member of the Santa Claus Club, and friend to many.

He was pre-deceased by his beloved sisters Charlotte and Hannah and his beloved brother Herb.

In addition to his wife Jerrie, Norman is also survived by six children, Margo Potrzeba (husband Bob), David Freinberg, Mark Freinberg (wife Chris), Debbie Freinberg (husband Lou), Abby Freinberg, and Amy Freinberg-Trufas (husband Cristi); 7 grandchildren Erica, Jake, Luke, Andrew, Scott, Steven, and Levi; 2 great-grandchildren, Evie and Carly, and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Norman will be remembered for his enormous heart, his generous spirit, his zest for life, his keen intellect, and his great love for family, friends and community. He savored every moment of his 91 years.

Services were held on Friday October 28, 2011 at Bates and Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson, NY, with dear family friend Father Nick Becker presiding. Services were followed by internment at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Valatie, NY and a gathering of family and friends at the Val-Kin Restaurant in Valatie, NY.

The family wishes to thank Dad's loving caregiver, Dianah "Cindy", the Valatie Rescue Squad, and the doctors and nurses at Albany Medical Center who supported our Dad in his valiant effort. We also wish to thank our friends and the community for the outpouring of love that has helped us all to celebrate his life well-lived.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Valatie Rescue Squad,
PO Box 242, Valatie, NY 12184.