



Alvin Anthony Vezza

October 13, 1929 - May 17, 2020

Alvin Anthony Vezza passed away Sunday May 17, 2020 at home in Huntington Woods, Michigan. A United States Navy Yeoman Seaman, a Ford Motor Company Industrial Relations Executive, a graduate from Patton High School, Pennsylvania State University earning BA degree in Business Administration, Wayne State University earning a Master's Degree in Business Management, an entrepreneurial medical book store owner and long-time resident of Huntington Woods, MI died unexpectedly at age 90.

He was born in Patton, PA on October 13, 1929. Al is survived by his siblings Henry L. Vezza of Jamestown, Ohio; Gloria Vezza Whitehair of Rockville, Maryland and Ronald E. Vezza of The Woodlands, Texas. He is predeceased in death by his parents Domenico and Grace Gelomino Vezza, long-time partner Frank Martin and siblings Raymond, Elvira, Mario (Roy), Raymond (Ray), Julian (Tully) and Dominick (Dom).

Upon graduating from high school, Al joined the United States Navy where he served on the USS Valley Forge Aircraft Carrier CV-45 in the Korean War. After his military service to our country and educational accomplishments, Al moved to Huntington Woods, Michigan where he began a long and successful career at Ford Motor Company. While working for Ford, Al obtained a Master's Degree from Wayne State University. Leveraging his valuable military, corporate and educational experiences, Al along with his loved and trusted business partner, founded a highly successful small business venture opening a medical book store that supported Wayne State University Medical College.

Al loved his Alma Mater Penn State, his beautiful home, his country, his friends and family. He enjoyed the Arts and Music, long discussions on any topic, while sipping a good cup of coffee. Most of all, Al loved helping people. His support and generosity to his friends and family were immeasurable. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Al was my mentor when I started at Ford. We spoke in April and from time to time on the phone. My son worked on Al and Franks sprinklers one year and they thought that was great as they had no idea what to do. They were always very kind and generous to everyone they met. I can't express how I will miss our conversations about anything and nothing. He was a cool person to call a friend and extra older brother that we all will miss.*

Mike Byerle (mbyerle@gmail.com) Lakewood Ranch, Florida

May u rest in God's loving arms....

mike byerle - November 04, 2020 at 05:14 PM

TS

“ *So sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was a good customer and would sometimes drop by the shop to ask a question or just to say hello. I will miss him and our conversations.*

Bob

The Clock Specialist - May 29, 2020 at 12:46 PM

PD

“ *My Uncle Al was one of my favorite uncles. Most of my young life in small town Patton, many of our aunts and uncles graduated, left for the big cities, and thus acquired bigger more exciting jobs. This was an inspiration to me to do the same. One of the most exciting times for me, and my siblings, is when our aunts and uncles would come home to Patton to visit. When I saw Uncle Al's car, especially the white Thunderbird, I was immediately excited and ready to run up to my Grandmother's to visit. Uncle Al and Frank were so very kind and generous to me and my brothers and sisters. I was fortunate to visit with my Uncle Al and Frank later on in life when they visited us in the San Francisco Bay Area. I was so happy that my children at least got to meet him (2 times!). Needless to say, he and Frank were a hit with my boys. It was a wonderful visit that I hold more precious now that he is gone. I know in my heart he is in a better place. Rest in Peace Uncle Al. Love Patrice (Patty) Grace Vezza Dennis*

Patrice Vezza Dennis - May 28, 2020 at 06:07 PM

JC

“ Al and Frank were two of my favorite people- Always kind, caring and extremely generous with their hospitality- Opening their home for some of the most wonderful parties and even just a simple get together at times- They were responsible for introducing me to opera and expanding my appreciation for the arts- They were a joy to spend time with!!
After Frank's passing, there was a sense of loss for all of their friends but especially for Al- He still would venture out and spend time with friends, as we all shared in his grief- Having become a fan of opera, Al would join me at times for productions of Michigan Opera Theatre- Dinner, opera and good conversation, made for a most enjoyable evening- He will be missed and I will never be able to pass by their house, without a sense of sadness now.

Jim Childers

Jim Childers - May 23, 2020 at 10:09 PM

SR

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Sylvia Rowland
2 minutes ago
Al was our beloved neighbor. We moved in next door to Frank and Al in 1995 and they were welcoming to us from the start. They watched our kids grow up and never forgot a birthday or Christmas. As a matter of fact, Al walked over the day before he passed to wish them a Happy Birthday and gave them cards.
Al always took such care of his house even in his final days. We will miss seeing him out and about planting or pulling weeds and will miss our talks over the fence. Most of all we will miss his kindness and generosity. May you Rest In Peace Al, as you find your way back to Frank.
The Rowlands-
John, Sylvia, Jack and Sofia

Sylvia Rowland - May 22, 2020 at 01:31 PM

KN

“ Uncle Al was a wonderful and most generous uncle! As children we were so happy when AL and Frank came home to Patton to visit! Frank was a wonderful man too! Al wanted to share the world with us. He took us to Penn State to experience an incredible new way of life! When our son AJ decided to go to PSU (Class of 2017), Al was thrilled!
I will miss you Uncle Al, you were a kind and loving uncle. Your niece, Kathy Vezza Nestler. May you rest in peace!

kathy nestler - May 22, 2020 at 11:48 AM

SR

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Sylvia Rowland - May 22, 2020 at 01:27 PM

TZ

“ *Al was a most generous friend. Our friends and I spent many evenings out to the DSO, the MOT and dinner and also enjoying his company in his home. I would take a dessert over and Al would put on the coffee. He regaled us with so many stories of his childhood, the many organizations he and Frank supported and of his many many friends. He will be missed. We love you, Al. Sincere condolences to his family and friends. A very special soul.*

Theresa Zoltowski - May 21, 2020 at 11:02 PM

CP

“ *I've provided pest control services to Alvin for a few years now and was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. He was one of my favorite customers and I always looked forward to our conversations. Rest in peace Alvin.*

Christopher Percha

Christopher Percha - May 20, 2020 at 09:04 PM