



Allen E. Sowash

November 17, 2014

Dear Dad,

Thank goodness you were born to Paul and Pauline Sowash September 28th, 1929 and lived this incredible life. Your stories of your school days at Mansfield Senior High playing football, gymnastics, boxing at The Friendly House, all your shenanigans were priceless. Thank you for your courageous service in the United States Air Force during The Korean War. And your time attending college at O.S.U. made you a true Buckeye. Thank you for meeting and marrying my mom Joan Sunnucks, loving and taking care of her for 60 years. You taught me how to be a devoted and loving spouse to my husband Denny Montgomery. Thank you for being a brother to Mom's brothers Jim, Dave, Howard, Mike Sunnucks and sister, Sondra Leintenberger. Always keeping them and their spouses Harriet, Pat, Joan, Karen and Ken entertained with your wit and charm.

Dad, you loved your nieces and nephews, and they loved their "Favorite Uncle Al" Most of all, thank you for being my dad. Supporting me with everything I did. Loving and nurturing me all my life, teaching me to feel safe and secure. Let's not forget hauling my friends and I all over town, not to mention your stories, jokes, back hand springs and of course the famous egg trick, keeping us laughing and definitely impressed. Thank you for not only loving me, but loving my husband, Denny, your grandkids Andy, Ally, Eryn Montgomery and Sara Walma, their spouses Nichole and Ken. I am so glad you got to love and enjoy the great grand children Carson, Madison, Willow, Alexandra and

Coraline. They loved "Paw Paw." Dad, your personality was larger than life, your good looks undeniable, your athleticism impressive, but your loving and giving heart is what Al Sowash was truly made of. Dad, the love I have for you can't be put into words. You are the best person I have ever known and I am proud to be your daughter. You are my hero.

Love, Lori

Contributions would be greatly appreciated to the Angels at OhioHealth Hospice, Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, OH 43214. Condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Allen E. Sowash*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Cousin Lori,*

I loved your mom and dad and often wished that we could have come back more to Mansfield to visit over the years. I had heard later in life that Uncle Al and Aunt Joan took care of my dad when he was younger for a time. I find myself thinking about some of the funny things my dad said and have to smile. After a while, you will be smiling too because I know that your folks had many more funny jokes and sayings than even my dad.

*Love,
Jennifer Sunnucks White*

Jennifer Sunnucks White - November 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Lori, Denny, Ally, Eryn, and the Sowash/Montgomery families: The world is a better place for having had Al Sowash in it. Being Lori's friend for over 40 years, I have been fortunate enough to witness and be on the receiving end of Al's good looks, smile, jokes/silliness, warmth, and unconditional love. Al was a wonderful and devoted dad and grandpa to Lori, Denny, his grandchildren, Lori's friends (me), my husband, my daughter, and anyone else who was lucky and smart enough to make him their own. Lori, your dad's love and spirit shine bright in you, and I will continue to enjoy him through our lifelong friendship and sisterhood. And the huge love of your "family of three" will live on in all those whose lives have been so deeply touched by it. I am forever grateful to have experienced it, and Lori, I will always be here to pass it back to you.

Elaine MacLellan - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Lori,

I loved reading your letter of appreciation and love for your father. I loved your Dad and I loved your Mom. I appreciate the love they had for each other which was so apparent all of the time. They had a code word for that love that (it seems to me) was in the form of a pet name - was it Sodie? He was Sodie, she was Sodie? Anyway, that's my recollection.

I had the privilege of being one of the kids that got many a ride with Mr or Mrs Sowash; whether it was a jaunt to swim team practice or a very long drive from snowy Ohio to sunny Florida. What a pleasure and a treat it always was to be around your parents! As you wrote your Dad loved humor and sometimes he delivered that in jokes, sometimes through accounts of his own colorful life and sometime he made us kids laugh by affectionately and poking fun at us. I loved it when he'd tease me and call me Miller. It just made me laugh and feel great. Both of your parents were such warm, kind, creative and remarkably generous people who were completely lovely to be around. How they dearly loved their smart, talented, gifted and downright luminous daughter. Ah dear Lori, I'm so sorry for your loss.

*With sincere condolences and fondness,
Miller*

Melissa Miller - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM