



Mr. Shirley Knott Alger

September 15, 1927 - January 4, 2015

Shirley Knott Alger died at the Stella Maris Hospice Center on Sunday, January 4, 2015 after a sudden illness. He was born on September 15, 1927 in Charles Town, West Virginia and was the son of Shirley Eldon Alger and Mary “Kenna” Knott Alger Travell.

He graduated from Charles Town High School ('46); enlisted in the Marines and later attended the US Naval Academy. He graduated from Shepherd College with a degree in English. He received his Masters in Public School Administration from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA and was a dissertation shy of his PhD from Cornell University.

Mr. Alger was an officer in the US Navy on active duty and later retired from the Naval Reserves as a Lieutenant Commander. He married Jane Tilghman Howard Alger on March 7, 1953. They eventually settled in Baltimore, MD and Mr. Alger went to work for Social Security as a Systems Analyst, retiring in 1993. He was the administrator of the Knott Nursing Home when his mother became unable to do so herself. He married Ruth Matthews Eglseder on November 6, 1993.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, having returned from South Dakota this past October from pheasant hunting. He enjoyed numerous club activities, including having been a Mason and Past Master of his lodge, Mt. Moriah, a

member and president for several terms of the St. George's Society, a member of Ducks Unlimited, and the Izaak Walton League. He was a member and past president of the Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Club, He was the winner of the Maryland Skeet Championship.

Mr. Alger was an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church, having served a Deacon, Elder, and Treasurer. He was also a member of St. Andrew's Christian Community in Roland Park.

Mr Alger was preceded in death by his parents and first wife of 40 years, Jane Howard Alger in 1993. He is survived by his second wife of 21 years, Ruth Matthews Alger, two daughters, Jane D. Ishman and her husband, Michael of Shepherdstown, WV; Susan A. Worley and her husband, Lawrence of Perry Hall, MD, his stepsons , Dr. Ludwig J. Eglseder III, John M. Eglseder, Scott W. Eglseder, and Kurt W. Eglseder and their families; his grandson, Gary Pfeffer, Jr. of Bel Air, MD, his granddaughter, Heather Ishman Duncan and her husband Michael of Shepherdstown, WV and his great-granddaughter , Lillian Grace Duncan.

Interment private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shepherd University Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrews Christian Community
5802 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21210
<http://www.saintandrewscc.org/>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ My mother was eva nell Alger and My brother is Merle T Batty who lives in Green Valley, AZ. I am cousin Glenn and I only have passing memories of my cousin Shirley. I was a young husband with my wife Patricia who came down to Charles Town and had dinner with my then Uncle Shirley. As a young boy sitting around the Alger Family table with many of my Uncles and Aunts its gives me pause to remember what a wonderful family that Baw Baw and Paw Paw had raised. Uncle Merle, Uncle Shirley, Uncle Fred, Jesse and Wilber along with Aunt Mabel, Aunt Rosalee. I especially remember Uncle Shirley and he gave me good advice as a young accountant. He told me to never sell myself short and never take advantage of my position in life. Well, I lost my wife Patricia four years ago. I am now 82 years young and am the President of a Radiology Corporation. I came along way from being an accountant. I know that Shirley Knot came from that same tree and as a first cousin I wish I could have been closer. I will be joining the Alger clan myself sometime in the near future. I have two sons Richard & Gregg who remain close to their old Dad. My youngest son blessed me with twins (girl & boy) this past Oct. 1, 2014. My older son married a lovely Phillipino girl. My name is R Glenn Beatty (Batty) and my Dad was Russell. My parent are buried in the cemetery in Charles Town. I wish all surviving family and friends Gods Blessings and Keep you all safe.

I would love hearing from any and all family. My email address is g.beatty1@hotmail.com and I live in Upper Marlboro, MD,

God Bless Shirley Nott Alger

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Glenn Beatty - January 17, 2015 at 03:05 PM

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“ We will all miss Shirley, Ruth. Hugs to you, Andrea & George

Andrea Shoener - January 07, 2015 at 08:46 AM

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“ We will all miss Shirley, he was a fine man as well as a wonderful husband for my friend, Ruth.

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