



Albert V. Grifone

July 23, 1923 - June 30, 2016

Albert V. Grifone of Newtown Square Pennsylvania passed away peacefully on June 30, 2016. He was 92 years old. Mr. Grifone was born in Philadelphia on July 23, 1923 to Albert and Francis Grifone. His family moved to Upper Darby, Pennsylvania where Mr. Grifone attended and graduated from Upper Darby High School in 1941 as salutatorian of his class. He was a Boy Scout and football player and participated in many school and theater productions. That same year Mr. Grifone enrolled in Drexel University where he studied finance and accounting until his enlistment in the Armed Services on December 17, 1942. He proudly served with the U.S. 9th Air Force in Europe and was a member of the 438th Troop Carrier Group whose aircraft dropped the first American Troops (the 101 Airborne Paratroopers) into France on D-Day. The squadron received a distinguished unit citation and a bronze battle star for this initial mission and would later be awarded six additional bronze stars for subsequent missions.

After his military service, he returned to Drexel University and in June 1945 earned a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Accounting graduating summa cum laude. In 1945 he began his career with Triangle Publications, Inc. owned by the late Walter Annenberg. During his tenure he served in various financial positions and in 1975 became the company's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and was named to the Board of Directors. He served in these positions until the company was sold in 1988.

Mr. Grifone became a certified public account in 1953. His professional

associations included: the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants with a lifetime membership of over 50 years in both organizations. He also belonged to the Financial Executives Institute and served on various committees in each of these professional societies including the Economic and Taxation Council of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years Aurora Grifone (nee Sirolli), three daughters Gail Grifone, Kim Rose (Ronald), Christine Field (Jay), six grandchildren Amanda Battinieri (David), Emily Rose, Julia Rose, Robert Rose, Andrew Field, William Field, a great-grandson Brayden Battinieri, a sister Henrietta Armor (Lloyd) and a brother-in-law Anthony Pontari . He was a loving and devoted husband, father and pop-pop who always looked forward to their family gatherings at home and in Avalon, New Jersey where he maintained a summer residence for 38 years. He was an avid Philadelphia sports fan with an enduring love for the Eagles . He enjoyed dancing to the Big Band music of the 1940s and his grandchildren were frequently a captive audience to his vocal renditions. He will be deeply missed and always celebrated by his loving family.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday July 13, 2016 at 1:00 pm at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Chapel followed by a reception at Overbrook Golf Club in Villanova. Burial Services will be private.

Contributions may be made to Drexel University or Troop 19 Boy Scouts of America.

Previous Events

Life Celebration

JUL 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

GA

“ *Gail lit a candle in memory of Albert V. Grifone*



gail - July 17, 2016 at 07:50 PM

MC

“ *Fly, Eagles, Fly. Maybe you can put in a good word to throw a Super Bowl Philly's way. Love you, Michael*

Michael Cornwall - July 09, 2016 at 07:23 PM

KC

“ *Hey Captain of the lifeguards - Here's looking at you, sweetheart! Love you, Karen*

Karen Cornwall - July 09, 2016 at 07:19 PM