



Fred Cutler Aldridge Jr.

May 11, 1933 - September 5, 2018

Fred C. Aldridge, Jr., a lawyer, civic and business leader of keen intellect and dedication.

Fred Cutler Aldridge, Jr. of Haverford, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on the evening of September 5, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Born May 11, 1933 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania to Fred and Cornelia Aldridge, Fred grew up in Wayne, Pennsylvania, graduated from the Episcopal Academy in 1951, from Duke University in 1955 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1958.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Alexandra (Alexa) Quandt Aldridge. Fred and Alexa met while he was attending Penn Law School and she was an undergraduate at Bryn Mawr College and they married in 1957.

During his law school years, Fred worked as a Project Engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Highways and began his seven-year military service in the U.S. Army National Guard, PA, 28th Infantry Division. Following graduation from law school, Fred joined the law firm of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young, where he practiced law for 38 years and served as the Firm's Managing Partner and as Chair of its Executive Committee from 1980 until 1988. Fred was a trusted advisor to his clients for whom he served in both business and legal capacities. He was a Director of the Tasty Baking Company (1981-2005), served on its Executive Committee and Chaired its

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees. He was also a Director and member of the Executive Committees of each of PrimeSource Corporation and IA Construction Company.

Throughout his career, Fred had a deep commitment to civic and community involvement. From its inception and for almost 30 years Fred served as Director, President and Treasurer of the Grace S. and W. Linton Nelson Foundation that supports programs providing direct services to children and youth in the Philadelphia region. He was very active with the Boy Scouts of America serving as Vice President, Finance and a member of both the Executive Committee and Executive Board of the Cradle of Liberty Council. Fred served on the Executive Board of the Police Athletic League and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Academy (1991-2003 and thereafter, emeritus). He also Chaired the Government Affairs Group of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and served on its Executive Board (1983-1995).

A competitive bridge player, avid golfer, fly fisherman, hunter, sailor and pilot, Fred shared his lifelong love of sport and the outdoors with friends and family.

In addition to his wife, Fred is survived by daughter Mindy Aldridge of Rosemont, Pennsylvania, her husband Steve King and her daughter Katharine Mancini; and son Richard Aldridge of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, his wife Kris and their children Hank, Eliza, Bo and Evie.

Fred's burial will be private. A memorial service will be held at Episcopal Church of The Redeemer, 230 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 6th at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Fred's enduring allegiance to the Episcopal Academy, the family is asking that donations be made to The Aldridge Family

Scholarship Fund – IMO Fred Aldridge, The Episcopal Academy, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1785 Bishop White Drive, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *To Family and Friends of Mr. Fred Aldridge,*

May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of good friends. Our entire staff would like to extend our heartfelt condolences.

*Joe & Ann Lamb, Family and Staff
Joe Lamb Jr. and Associates*

JODIE HERMAN - September 17, 2018 at 09:58 AM

GK

“ *So very sad to hear of Fred's passing. Our condolences to Lex and the entire family. My childhood memories (all very fun!) are mixed with those of adulthood, when he was able to be a mentor to me as I entered the legal profession and continued with my career as a lawyer. A caring and insightful godfather and role model. He'll be missed. With love, Gretchen and Bob Kelly*

Gretchen Kelly - September 17, 2018 at 09:00 AM

JL

“ *Our love and blessings to Lex and Family. Memories of Fred and Larry growing up together in Wayne are too many to write here but they are vivid in Larry's memory. He is sad tonight to know that his childhood buddy is gone. Although we have lived away from the Philadelphia area for many years, we have sweet memories of early married life and times together with Fred and Lex. May God Bless you and give you peace.
Our love, Larry and Jean Lengel.*

Jean Lengel - September 16, 2018 at 08:30 PM

DG

“ There are so many memories of Fred it is hard to know where to start. It seems he was there from Day 1. Here are a few that stand out:

- Watching him playing bridge with my parents and learning the game from his table talk.
- Playing doubles tennis with him and my dad.
- Hanging out with the Aldridge family - Lex, Fred, Mindy and Richard many many times at our pool.
- Chasing a runaway sheep during a rainstorm.
- Taking orders from him while trying to figure out what I was doing on his sailboat. (And then drinking beer and relaxing on that same boat while he wasn't telling me what to do.)
- Hearing anecdotes about practicing law, which inspired me to go into the profession.

He had a big heart and will be missed.

Dan Goldstein

Dan Goldstein - September 14, 2018 at 04:29 AM

MS

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Aldridge family on your incredible loss. Fred has always inspired each of us to live up to the charge in our Scout Oath: To help other people at all times. His leadership and friendship will be missed, but his impact will continue in the countless good works of the young people he has helped throughout a lifetime of service.

Our prayers and admiration remain with your family at this time on behalf of our 16,000 Scouts.

-Mark Saxon

Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA

Mark Saxon - September 13, 2018 at 02:55 PM

WL

“ Had the privilege of serving on the Episcopal Academy trustee bd for many years.

Always enjoyed his wit, insight and his common sense.

A life well lived.

Bill Lamb '58

william h lamb - September 13, 2018 at 02:50 PM

SG

“ Fred was my dearest friend. We both married Bryn Mawr women in 1957 and grew close and closer as the years past.

We had many great times together, whether it was our long 60 year bridge game opposing the Bryn Mawr "girls" ... or traveling to fun places with them... or fishing and hunting ... boating etc., cooking Thanksgiving Day dinner together and 1,000,000 other joyful times that we joked about and recounted.

We debated and we disagreed about some "stuff", but NEVER with any animus or anger.

Fred was always available, reliable and ready to help with whatever task or favor when I would ask for his help.

I miss him.

Samuel A. Goldstein

Samuel Goldstein - September 13, 2018 at 02:22 PM