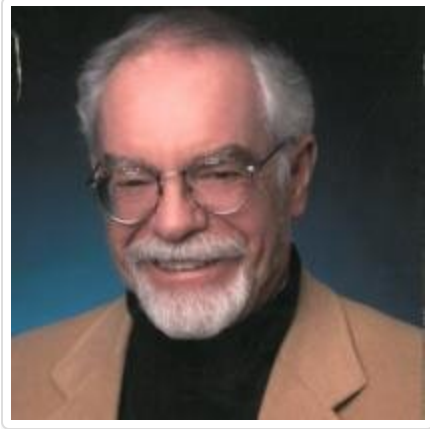




Dr. A.L. Clemmons

August 29, 2014

Dr. A.L. Clemmons completed his life's journey on Friday evening, August 29, 2014 passing away peacefully at the age of 80 in his home surrounded by the love and comfort provided by his cherished "rock", Judi, and his five precious 'baby girls'. Preceding him in death were his parents and his step-son, Kevin Petre. Survivors include his beloved wife and best friend of over 30 years, Judith; daughters, Jan Ridling (and husband, John), Wasilla, AK, and Beth Clemmons, Bloomington, MN; step-son, Greg Petre, Sedona, AZ; a grandson, Brandon Spencer, St. Louis Park, MN; a sister, Joan Rupp, Mahtomedi, MN, and several nieces and a nephew. Surviving as well are his 'baby girl' doggies, Mia, Emma K, Sophia, Tessa G. and Maddy Sue. Al was born in Virden, Ill., on May 2, 1934, to Elwyn and Marian Harney Clemmons. His childhood and youth were spent in Virden and Springfield, Ill. as well as in St. Paul, Minn, where he graduated from Central High School. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, then attended Macalester College where he received his undergraduate and graduate degrees. After his tenure as a history teacher and junior high principal, he obtained a Ph.D in educational administration from the University of New Mexico. In addition to his work as a teacher and principal in Minnesota, Al served as director of data management and legislative liaison under Leonard DeLayo and was Chief of Public School Finance for the State of New Mexico under Governors Bruce King and Jerry Apodaca. The last 29 years of his career were spent as a financial advisor to numerous school districts around the state; first with Quinn and Co. and

Southwest Securities and, for the last 15 years as a Senior Vice-President with G. K. Baum and Co, Investment Bankers. Al was a man of great intellect, a man of quiet dignity, integrity, and compassion who lived his life to the fullest. A Santa Fe Opera buff, who so enjoyed several outings to the opera each season; he also looked forward to his evenings in his beautiful gardens sitting with J and the girls sipping a fine Chardonnay from either Napa Valley or Sonoma County. His life was an incredible journey and those of us who shared it were blessed beyond words. And, so as we say good-bye to a truly remarkable man, our hearts are filled with sadness, gratitude and love. Godspeed, my dearest Alfie, you will live in my heart forever, soar with the eagles, love from your soulmate and the babies. The family wishes to thank Gentiva Hospice for their kind and loving care during Al's final days on his journey. Services are scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2014, 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1500 Chelwood Park Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made in Al's name to St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **11**. 3:00 PM (MT)

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
1500 Chelwood Park Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. A.L. Clemmons*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - October 01, 2014 at 03:56 PM

MA

“ *Mia, Emma-kate, Sophia, Tessa-grace, And lit a candle in memory of Dr. A.L. Clemmons*



mia, emma-kate, sophia, tessa-grace, and - November 08, 2014 at 07:25 PM

JC

“ *Judith Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Dr. A.L. Clemmons*



judith clemmons - November 08, 2014 at 07:23 PM

GM

“ Always a teacher and mentor to me during the 70's and 80's. He explained the "funding formula" to me and I wondered why others had so much trouble understanding it...He made it easy! He was always available to share info during our struggle to become our own district. Lost touch once Rio Rancho Public Schools was formed. But, I always called him on his birthday (same day as my son's..so I remembered). This year I was out of the country and missed his B-day and memorial service. Yes, he was remarkable. Hugs to the family. You were Blessed.
Thanks, Al, for the wonderful memories of accomplishing good things for our kids.

Glenda Mowry - October 27, 2014 at 04:24 PM

DP

“ Dr. Paula Papponi lit a candle in memory of Dr. A.L. Clemmons



Dr. Paula Papponi - October 03, 2014 at 10:01 AM

JW

“ A.L. was a mentor to many young school administrators in the state of New Mexico. Never pushy but always a fountain of knowledge and wisdom. He had a remarkable sense of humor and was always fun to be around! He will be missed! Our sympathy to the family!

Jack Wiley

Jack Wiley - September 09, 2014 at 08:55 AM

CE

“ Dear Judi,
My deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved Alfie. Al was such a talented and gracious man. We will all miss him so. May God comfort you and may your beautiful memories sustain you at this painful time.
Love,
Claire

Claire Evans - September 08, 2014 at 10:46 PM

CA

“ Cindy Alford lit a candle in memory of Dr. A.L. Clemmons



cindy alford - September 07, 2014 at 07:48 PM

MM

“ Al had the interests of New Mexico's children at heart while he was involved in New Mexico's Public Finance Division. His work was instrumental in equalizing the manner in which the public schools were funded. And that work, though modified, is still in effect today. I'll miss the humor and kindness.

Mick McMahan - September 07, 2014 at 05:41 PM

DG

“ On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

Dante Gutierrez-Zamora - September 04, 2014 at 03:39 PM

AL

Dear Buddy Al, Trust you and Oscar will sing great harmonies in Heaven without Judi and me interfering with our sub-vocal abilities. So many great times we've had together! Love and hugs forever, Ann and Os

ann list - September 05, 2014 at 11:49 PM