



Alfred Robertson

March 3, 2010

Alfred Charles Robertson, 74, of Cape Girardeau, Mo. passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at Southeast Missouri Hospital. He was born June 11, 1935 in Los Angeles, California, to Alfred Sebron Robertson and Irene Albertine Robinson Robertson. He married Mary Ann Rheinecker July 4, 1958 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Belleville, Illinois. He graduated from Nordhoff High School, Ojai California, in 1953. He entered the United States Air Force, attending basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, Radio Operators School at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, and Cryptographic Operations School, Scott AFB, Illinois. He spent 18 months with the Security Service at Elmendorf AFB and King Salmon AFB, Alaska. He became an instructor at the crypto school at Scott AFB, Illinois and moved with the school to Lackland AFB, Texas where he spent the remainder of his service. Alfred returned to school at Bakersfield College, California, Belleville Junior College, Illinois and Illinois State University where he obtained his bachelor and masters degrees. He became an instructor at Southeast Missouri State University in 1962. Later, he completed his doctorate at Oklahoma State University. He served on numerous committees at the college and university levels including chair of the Faculty Senate during the 1989-90 academic year. He also served as president of the Missouri Council for Geographic Education (1963-64); was elected secretary (1983-86), treasurer (1986-1989), and president of the Missouri Academy of Science (1992-93). He was elected Fellow of the organization in 1990. Dr. Robertson also gave climatologica1 presentations at

local, state, regional and national levels. He published several articles on the local climate and compiled two booklets, one illustrated, on weather records for Cape Girardeau. He presented climatic and weather related data to the local media for many years before retiring in 1998. He recently became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution due to genealogical findings that his great -great -great grandfather was a member of the Revolutionary War forces in South Carolina. He served as president of the St. Vincent de Paul Home and School Association and was on the parish council for a year. He was a member of the Men's Club of the parish and of the Executive Committee of Cape Girardeau. Alfred is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, and daughters Alana (Marc) Moehlman of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Beth Ann (Chad) Potokar of Pueblo, Colorado. He has three grandchildren, Lauren and David Litchliter and Olivia Potokar of Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Larry Gene Robertson of Bakersfield, California. Visitation will be Sunday, March 7, 2010 from 4-8PM at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with parish prayers at 7:00PM. Funeral Mass will be Monday, March 8, 2010 at 10AM at the Old St. Vincent Church in downtown Cape with Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. Burial will be at Green Mount Catholic Cemetery in Belleville, Illinois on Monday at 3:00PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Old St. Vincent Church Fund, St. Mary Building On Faith, or to the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ We were sorry to learn of Al's death. Kathleen has many warm high school memories of sports with your family. Rick always looked forward to seeing Al in Faculty Senate and on campus. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Kathleen Gambill-Sebby and Rick Sebby - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dr. Robertson. I took several of his classes in the 80's and he was one of my favorite teachers. He was such a kind man. He always made time for his students. You have my deepest sympathy.

Jane Nicholas - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Mary Ann, We were so sorry to hear about Al. He was just a great man. We will miss him too.

Hairport Girls - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Dear Mary Ann, Alana, Beth. I cannot express my condolences for your loss. I understand and share your tears and grief. You were our first (next door) neighbors we met on Janet Dr. in 1969 after we were transferred to Cape with Procter & Gamble. Please accept my very deepest sympathy as I know how painful it is to lose a husband and father. Sincerely, Barb Johnson

Barb Johnson - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ I'm sorry to read about Al. The short time I spent with him was as a student in a physical geography class at SEMO. I really enjoyed him as an instructor; a really nice guy!

Weldon Hilpert - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Wow, the things you learn about a guy that you wish you knew then. Al was unpretentious and likeable. I never knew about his remarkable background. I wish I had. I dealt with Al and Mary Ann for more than 20 years at Van Matre Buick in Cape. I am now retired. I don't miss the business but I do miss the people.

Dan Phelps - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of your father Alana and Beth. I hope to make it down to Cape to see you. With love,
Michelle

Michelle Knaup-Rogers - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Maryann and Girls: Was so sorry to hear that you lost Al. I hope to get to the funeral home on Sunday. If I do not, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. 1962 was a long time ago, but we will always have a connection due to our kids. Again, I am so sorry. I know exactly how you are feeling.

Judie Herbst - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM