



## Alfred O. "Al" Valentine

July 19, 1930 - May 25, 2015

Age 84, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015. He was surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 19, 1930, in White Plains, NY, to the late Alfred and Frieda (Ohrle) Valentine. On September 5, 1953, in Philadelphia, PA, he married Elizabeth "Betty" M. Goff, of Philadelphia, PA. They were happily married for almost sixty-one years. She preceded him in death on August 10, 2014. Al graduated from New York University with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and went on to work in management at Honeywell, Philco, Philco Ford, and Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1989. After retiring, Al and Betty spent a good portion of their retired years at their lake home, in Alpena, MI. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, and camping. He especially loved salmon fishing on Lake Huron on his boat, "The Betty V," and then preparing the catch of the day for big family meals that same night. He took great care of his garden and yard, planting and replanting trees. He enjoyed watching his green grass and trees grow while sitting on the back porch in Alpena with the love of his life, Betty. He will always be remembered for his devotion to Betty, his family, and friends. He dearly loved his grandchildren who were always a great source of pride for him, and they were loving, wonderful bright spots especially during the past several months. He was generous with his time and was always willing to lend a helping hand where needed. He is survived by his children Jan (Jamie) Roak and Mark (Ann), Jeff (Debbie), and Glenn (Marie) Valentine. Other survivors include his grandchildren Kate (Jason) Osbourn, Elizabeth (Richy) Kerry, Kevin Roak,

and Grace, Eric, Andrew, Stacey, and Brian Valentine and his brother, George Peter Valentine. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 5, 2015, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church located at 143 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI. His Memorial Service at the church will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at 10:30 A.M., with Rev. Jennifer Clark officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KA 66675. Envelopes will be available at the memorial service. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. To sign Al's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsalinel.com](http://www.rbfhsalinel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline  
143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Visitation

JUN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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143 E. Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://salinepres.org/>

## Service

JUN 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Remembering people who had a positive impact on my life. Al was one of those special people who you'd never forget. A genuine, kind and caring man. They don't make many of them like Al anymore. Cannot believe it's been 10.5 years since his passing.  
*Carter Bishop III*

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**Carter Bishop III** - October 05, 2025 at 11:01 PM



“ *Alfred O. "Al" Valentine*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Al at three different times at Ford. He was outgoing, friendly, easy going and had excellent leadership qualities. He had the ability to remain calm and even bring a little levity into things that were not always going as well as planned. He spoke often and was extremely proud of his family and all the grandchildren. He also showed an interest in others--he often asked about my family. I regarded Al as a real friend who will be greatly missed.*  
*Gene and Anita Corfman*

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**Gene Corfman** - June 01, 2015 at 08:28 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your father's passing. May you remember all the good times you had with him, Glen. Hugs and prayers are sent your way to you and your family. - Karen and John CROLY*

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**Karen Croly** - May 27, 2015 at 12:58 PM

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*Kids*

*I witnessed your father's Love for Betty several times I went down to see them last year. I'll miss seeing Al walking James Dr., where I could always get a wave, or go out to the street for a story Al had for me. We never did work on my fly casting. RIP A.I I pray you're back home with Betty.*

*Doug & Mary Ann Doneth*

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**Doug Doneth** - May 30, 2015 at 01:14 AM

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*I had the honor of living close to Al and will miss him greatly. People have told him that he always appreciated the little things I would help Betty and him with, but I gained more from his companionship, his wisdom and his ability to make me feel special in his presence. Al would always ask about my family and would share what his family was doing and his pride in their achievements. His love and concern for his wife, family and friends was always expressed in his words and actions. My dog Sam was very fond of Al. He would sit in the window watching over Al's house and would bark and then run to the door whenever he saw Betty or Al out. Al would always greet Sam and call him over, for a pat on the head or a throw of a stick. Al never had to give Sam a treat or food, Sam, like everyone else, just wanted to be in his company. Sam was trained never to leave my property unless Al called him over and Sam would sit in the driveway always waiting for his invitation. One day I was working in my garage with Sam laying by me. I took a break and realized Sam was no longer here. I called out for him frantically looking all around the property. He did not respond. I looked everywhere and Sam was nowhere to be found. I decided I needed help to search the woods and neighborhood and went to Al's door to seek his help. Al answered the door and I explained that Sam was gone and I needed his help. Al smiled and said "Come on in , don't worry". I walked with Al back to the family room and there was Sam, laying on the floor between Al and Betty. Al said he saw Sam standing out by the door and invited him in to watch the Tiger game with them. Sam didn't move and just wanted to lay there in their company. I miss my buddy Al but will always have fond memories of Al, his wife Betty and his wonderful family and the best memories will not be just one special moment or event, but just being in their company.*

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**Tim Gallagher** - June 05, 2015 at 10:12 AM