



Albert A. Demarest, Jr.

April 23, 1939 - July 29, 2020

Albert Aloysius Demarest, Jr., age 81, beloved husband of Mary Deas Demarest, died peacefully on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 from complications of Parkinson's Disease.

Al was a native of New Orleans, LA, and attended St. Francis Xavier Elementary School in Metairie. He graduated from Jesuit High School and Loyola University, where he made lifelong friends. He was a proud member of Sigma Alpha Kappa fraternity and participated in ROTC, where he became part of the Pershing Rifles drill team. Following his college years, he served in the US Army and was honorably discharged in 1963. Three years later he met and married his wife Mary, and their adventure together began. Their early years involved moving to St. Louis, MO, Dallas, TX and Madison, CT, after which they returned to Metairie and eventually to River Ridge where they spent many years growing their family.

A devout Catholic, Al served in a number of parishes in a wide range of committees and community service outreach. He also spent a year as President of the Parents Club at St. Mary's Dominican High School. But his favorite volunteer positions were those that benefited Jesuit High School. He was part of a committee that helped his Class of '57 meet for a lunch that recurred once a month for over 40 years. He was also a devoted Class Leader in Jesuit's annual phone-a-thon for the Living Endowment Fund and was honored by the school in 1995 for his loyal service.

Al was a patient and loving father to his four children: Jennifer (Don) Jones, Katie (Josh) Cummings, both of Metairie; Albert, III (Elizabeth) Demarest, of Grapevine, TX, and Melissa (Christopher) Cormier of Lafayette, LA. He was also a doting grandfather to his grandchildren: Emily and Hunter Jones; Colin and Brody Cummings, Nathanael, Benjamin and Gisele Demarest, and Hayden, Molly and Lucas Cormier.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Albert, Sr. and Katherine Quealy Demarest; his brother and sister-in-law, J.Paul and Joan Demarest, his brother John David Demarest, sister-in-law Carter Demarest, his nephew Paul George Demarest, and his step-brother

Jack Demarest. He is survived by his brother Kenneth (Angela) Demarest, sisters-in-law Peggy Demarest and Janice Demarest, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as numerous friends that were like family.

Al was known as a quiet man with a sharp and sudden wit, especially among those who knew him best. He was a loyal friend and was devoted to his faith. He was greatly loved by all who met him.

A private service will be celebrated in Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel in Lafayette on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. Deacon Scotty Baudoin with Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lafayette, will conduct the services. Because of the current restrictions regarding the Coronavirus, visitation and attendance will be for immediate family only. Inurnment will take place at a later date. For friends and family unable to attend the service, you may watch the funeral service LIVE on Monday by clicking the link below and joining Mr. Demarest's Memorial Facebook group. The video will be available at service time.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlDemarestJr>

The family would publicly like to thank the staff and administration of Garden View Assisted Living facility and especially the amazing staff of the River Oaks Retirement Manor, for their compassionate care of Al during the final stages of his illness. They would also like to most sincerely thank Hospice of Acadiana for their presence and tremendous support of the entire family during their most difficult moments.

In lieu of flowers, we encourage donations to the following: Jesuit Living Endowment Fund, 4133 Banks Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70119, Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston Street, Suite 200, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70503, or to a charity of your choice.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

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Events

AUG **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel
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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - August 01 at 04:09 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute full of love and smiles for a man who is well-loved and a life well-lived. Rest in peace, Uncle Al! Love Kathleen Legrand

Kathleen Legrand - August 03 at 10:44 PM



“ Mary, we have such wonderful memories of you and Al at Dominican High School! We are so sorry for your loss. May your remembrance of your happy years together be a source of comfort to you. May he rest in Christ's peace!
Love and prayers,
Sister Angeline and Sister Dominic Savio

Sister Angeline Magro, O.P. - August 02 at 07:45 PM



“ Demarest Family:

I am one of Al's Jesuit 1957 pals who congregated for a luncheon once a month for 30 years. He was our leader and a great friend. He loved this group and would show up even in a wheel chair toward the end. Rest in Peace, Al. THE CLASS OF 57 WILL MISS YOU!

Wayne Weilbaecher

Wayne Weilbaecher - August 02 at 11:51 AM



“ Mary, we were so lucky to have found that ONE man that God sent to make our lives just so much happier and richer! Having your best friend as your mate is a blessing not too many ever receive. I know how much you will miss him, and pray that the love of your family will make it just that much easier for you to accept. He is in a much better place, free of all pain and distractions. You will see that he is still looking out for you from Heaven - it will become evident in your everyday life. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

Pat Corona

patricia corona - August 01 at 06:23 PM



“ 194 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - August 01 at 04:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert A. Demarest, Jr..



July 31 at 07:30 PM



“ Mary, L.G. And I are so sorry for your loss! Will keep you and your family in our prayers. Al was a real gentleman. Always enjoyed seeing you both! I told one of my sons yesterday that I will always remember his smiling face! The picture you posted is the smile I'll remember. Both my sons, Beau and Chris send their prayers and condolences. Love, Lena.

Lena Webre - July 31 at 11:46 AM



“ Mary, I'm so sorry to hear of Al's passing I know this has been a long and difficult journey but now he is at peace.. I didn't know Al well but remember how cheerful and kind he was when he would help at RRAA events.You two always seemed so much in love, I know you'll miss him very much. May thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Peg Carbo

Peggy Carbo - July 31 at 10:56 AM



“ Mary, We send much love to you and your family during this difficult time of loss. You know that we loved Al so much and have wonderful memories of all of the fun and crazy stuff that we did together in the Greens. What great times we had! Mexico, Dinner club, Murder mysteries—you know and remember them all! We miss you and hope that one of these days our paths will cross again. May God be with you and the entire Demarest family. I know that Al is in Heaven already enjoying his rewards of being a good and faithful servant. Love and hugs, Gayle and Donald

Gayle Smith - July 31 at 09:58 AM



“ My Family and I are sending Healing Prayers and Love to Al and his beloved Family, especially my dear friend and colleague, Mary. I met Al when I had my first job just after my graduation in 1968 from Newcomb College Art Department as a Draftsperson for Thomas J. Moran Printing Company. Later, after I became a certified Educator in Art, I became friends with Al's wife Mary when we taught in the same program. Mary and I attended graduate school together long after we had graduated from college. All of the husbands of our grad school group, The Stoneware Roses, were so supportive of our goals. I was very saddened when I first learned of Al's challenges due to his Parkinson's disease. Mary was an incredible caregiver throughout Al's days, as always. I will always remember sweet Al's smile and his friendship. I am grateful that he is at peace now and not enduring pain and suffering.

Candy Ulmer Cranch, M.Ed., NBCT - July 31 at 08:29 AM



“ Judi Baynes purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Albert A. Demarest, Jr..



Judi Baynes - July 30 at 06:39 PM



“ When I was a little girl, I was in awe of Uncle Al, with his movie-star good looks, style and humor. What a beautiful family he and Aunt Mary created! God bless you all, my dear aunt and cousins, at this difficult time. Please know that you are all in my prayers.
Much love,
Hilary and Thom

Hilary McGraw - July 30 at 03:32 PM



“ Love you, Cuz

Jennifer - July 30 at 10:02 PM



“ Jennifer and Family, we are so sorry to hear of your lindescribable loss. You all are in our prayers for strength and may the confort of sweet memories bring you comfort at this difficult time.

RobinLee Fitch and Dan Jones - July 31 at 07:09 AM



“ I didn't now Al well, but he was always welcoming and gracious when I visited with Hilary. The pain from your loss of a life well-lived will in time be replaced by wonderful, never-to-be-forgotten memories. God bless Al and all his family. Thom McGraw

Thomas C McGraw - July 31 at 09:25 AM



“ A beautiful service and a memorable eulogy by Jennifer You are all in our prayers. Love, Barra & Kay.

Barra Birrcher - August 03 at 12:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert A. Demarest, Jr..



July 30 at 03:02 PM



“ Mary I just read the obit on my friend with that smile I will never forget. I enjoyed him so much when I coached him in Rock Steady Boxing. I always enjoyed the big grin on his face. Take care. We will keep in touch.

Alina and Irby Bourque

Alina - July 30 at 11:51 AM



“ My deepest condolences the the Demarest family . I will always cherish the times spent with them growing up and they always opened their hearts and home to me.

With love, Kevin Handy

Kevin Handy - July 30 at 01:34 PM



“ Thank you, Kevin!

Jennifer - July 30 at 10:03 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Albert A. Demarest, Jr..



July 30 at 11:41 AM