



Alfred "Coach Al" Warywoski

May 19, 1946 - March 26, 2022

Al Warywoski passed with grace and dignity March 26, 2022, at Linda Manor in Leeds surrounded by family. He was born May 19, 1946, in Northampton to the late Alfred and Sophie (Adamski) Warywoski.

He attended Northampton Schools before proudly earning a Bachelor of Science CUM LAUDE from Springfield College in 1969.

Al enjoyed reading, exploring New England with Vermont holding a special place in his heart and coaching and mentoring his students and teams. He loved sports, was able to answer obscure sports facts and enjoyed his \$5 bets with friends.

He began his teaching career at Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield from 1969-1978 thanks to Bill Messer who has remained a very good friend and mentor. Al moved on to Smith Vocational in 1978 until he retired in 2002. He coached JV baseball at Smith Voke and freshman football at Northampton High School. As a Phys Ed teacher at Smith Vocational he was known to arrive early and open the gym for students to shoot around before class, always had a pocket full of quarters for the soda machine, handing out clappers and being someone, his students could turn to for advice or a listening ear. Al was tough but fair to all students who crossed his path.

Al is survived by his daughter Chelsea Warywoski of Leeds, his brother Peter and his wife Christine of Lee and his partner Kathy McCarthy of Greenfield and his goddaughter Cathy Andrulis of Golden CO. He leaves behind a nephew and his family, and many cousins. He also leaves several close friends who became like family and many, many others whose lives he touched in various special ways.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Linda Manor and Pioneer Valley Hospice & Palliative Care.

Calling hours will be Sunday, April 3, 2022, from 3-6 PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 Damon Rd., of Northampton. On Monday April 4, 2022, there will be a calling hour from 10-11 AM; followed by a Prayer Service beginning at 11AM. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Masks are necessary to attend the calling hours and service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Coach Al's name to Springfield College Athletics or Pioneer Valley Hospice & Palliative Care at 329 Conway St, Suite 2, Greenfield MA 01301.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Calling Hour

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Prayer Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Al was a classmate at Hamp High, class of 1964. Always a great kid and even better man! Rest In Peace, my friend.* ”

Roy Gutfinski - April 03, 2022 at 07:17 PM

JM

“ *I had coach Al as a gym teacher my freshman year at smith vocational. He was a great guy ! He will be missed by many including his best friend and daughter Chelsea!* ”

jesse montgomery - April 03, 2022 at 06:11 PM

JP

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this and very sorry for your loss. He was a great coach who always seemed to care about his players and students. I will miss his blunt but kind words of wisdom from SVHS and the Office. Sending Prayers.* ”

John Polito - March 30, 2022 at 03:55 PM

HE

“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked with Coach for years at Smith Voke and he was the most kind, fair and a wonderful person! The world needs more “Coach Al’s” to spread cheer and happiness! I will always remember his wonderful smile. ❤️* ”

heather - March 29, 2022 at 06:43 PM

AC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I got to know Al through my sister Peggy Chereski Ensor. Great guy.. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.* ”

Angie Chereski - March 29, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred "Coach Al" Warywoski.*



March 29, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *A wonderful man, he will be missed. Prayers of strength offered to you . -Holly and Steven Martineau*

Holly - March 29, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Al was a good man who lived his life with quiet dignity.*

Jane Nagle & Ed Shaughnessy - March 27, 2022 at 09:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear coach was an amazing gym teacher loved my four years with him as Smith Voc.*

Jodi Tardy Barrineau - March 27, 2022 at 05:47 PM



So sorry for your loss! Thinking about you and your family at this difficult time!

karen standafer - March 29, 2022 at 01:56 PM

LT

“ I was privileged to know Coach in the mid 70s at Pioneer, but got to reconnect with him a few years back ... celebrating his 70th birthday ... (thank you Chelsea for reaching out) ... I feel so blessed that I got to know him on a different level with the Tyler boys again, decades later! He was just the funnest storytelling man with a zest for life with such pride. He loved you so, Chelsea! ❤️

Laurie Tyler - March 27, 2022 at 02:32 PM

JK

“ I'll never forget coach Al he and we're close we had so much fun gym class he was such fun I knew him personally and I'm broken coach thanks for letting help set up gym class I'll miss seeing you slinging drinks at office love ya always you will never be forgotten rest easy coach

Janine kozlakowski - March 27, 2022 at 12:28 PM

PB

“ Thank you for all fun in gym class and always having changed or the coke machine God bless you coach Al

Peter bates - March 27, 2022 at 11:42 AM

PB

Change for the coke machine

Peter bates - March 27, 2022 at 11:45 AM

BR

Coach Al was one of the finest people I've had the pleasure of knowing. He truly was a teacher/coach in every sense of the word. If he saw something in you he made sure to push you to be the best version of yourself whether it was on the field, in gym class or in life. I had the honor to know Coach outside the walls of school and I am a better person for it. Some people leave an imprint on your life and Coach Al was definitely one of those people for me. His tie-dyed flag will fly forever. RIP Coach.....you will be dearly missed

Brian Redfern - March 28, 2022 at 08:32 AM

LG

Chelsea, it was my pleasure to have known your dad for the past 15 years. He always showed a genuine interest in what I was up to whenever we met. I could clearly see how popular he was with his bar customers, friends and former students - they were always laughing, reminiscing and smiling when he was around; and he never stopped smiling when he looked at you. He's smiling down at you now, I'm sure. The two of you were a great mutual support team over the years. Thank you for introducing us.

Larry Gould

Larry Gould - March 29, 2022 at 04:11 PM