



Samuel M. Altdoerffer

November 27, 2010

Samuel Martin Altdoerffer, 84, of Lancaster, PA and Delray, FL died November 26, 2010 in Boynton Beach, FL. He was the son of Frank Henry and Barbara Eshelman Altdoerffer. He was the husband of Nancy Bomberger Altdoerffer with whom he celebrated 61 years of marriage in June.

Samuel graduated from Manheim Township High School in 1944. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II in the Pacific Theater from 1944-1946. He was a communication staff specialist of LST Group 9 in the invasions of the Phillipines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the occupation of Japan. After returning from war, Sam attended and graduated from Franklin & Marshall University, B.S., Class of 1950.

Sam was a leader in the radio communications field as he and his father constructed and owned Peoples Broadcasting Company, licensee of WLAN AM & WLAN FM from 1946 until 1997. He was involved in the Conestoga Publishing Company, publishers of The Lancaster Advertisers and The Suburban Times in Lancaster from 1954-1956; built and operated Cable systems in Lancaster area from 1965 to 1968, then merged to form Cable Associates, 1968-1979. He purchased Radio stations WRUN & WKGW-FM, Utica, NY, March 1985.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Hamilton Club; Director of

Communications for Lancaster County Emergency Management Department and Lancaster Red Cross; Past President of the Lancaster Rotary Club, the PA Association of Broadcasters, the PA Associated Press Broadcasters Association and the former Chairman of the Board of Conestoga Savings and Loan.

Other Boards he formally served on were: the PA Cable TV Association; the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce; Muscular Dystrophy; Rockford Foundation; Trustee of the YMCA; Elder First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster; Past President of Donegal Society; and The Blind Association.

In Florida, Sam was President of the Delray Dunes Investment Club and served on the Board at the Delray Dunes Country Club. He was also a member of the Delray Beach Club.

Sam was a member of the Lancaster Country Club and active in golf, tennis and was a member of the Court Jesters. He was a member of the Tucquan Club along the Susquehanna River and enjoyed fishing, sailing in the Caribbean and boating on various lakes.

Sam is survived by one daughter, Nancy and her husband Joseph Jones of Vero Beach, Florida and three sons; Samuel and his wife Urszula, Frank and his wife Ellen of Lancaster, PA and Jack and his wife Debra of Whitesboro, New York. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild; Joe Jones, Andrew Jones and his wife Jennifer; Samuel Altdoerffer and his son Sam, David Altdoerffer; Matthew Markowski, Martin Markowski; Lauren Altdoerffer, Drew Altdoerffer; Trip Altdoerffer; Allison Altdoerffer; and Cathryn Altdoerffer.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service to celebrate Sam's life at First Presbyterian Church, 140 E Orange St., Lancaster, PA on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2010 at 2:00 pm with Rev. Randy Riggs officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on FRIDAY at 1:00 pm until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 140 E Orange St., Lancaster, PA or the Rotary Foundation of Lancaster, PA, PO Box 1387, Lancaster, PA 17608-1387.

A private family interment will take place in Lititz Moravian Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel M. Altdoerffer*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *The Hartmans are saddened to learn of Cousin Sam's death. He was always a friend to all and neighbor to our dear mom and dad, George and Lucy Hartman. Our love and prayers with Nancy and her lovely family.*

Blessed Holidays.

love, wilsie hartman

wilsie hartman - December 07, 2010 at 05:36 AM



“ *To the Altdoerffer family,
I was surprised and saddened to hear of Sam's sudden passing. I have only known Sam for a few years, but he was always a true gentleman and appeared to be well-liked by everyone who knew him. I know he enjoyed spending time fishing in his boat on the river and enjoying the fellowship at the Tucquan Club. He will be missed!*

With Deepest Sympathy,

John Moose

John Moose - December 04, 2010 at 12:17 AM

EW

“ Dear Nancy, Frank, Sam, Nancy, Jack and the entire family,
I am so saddened to hear about Sam. He was almost my second
Father throughout all the my years of working at WLAN. While I had
planned to attend the memorial service, my health is not great and
so I will not be able to be there. Please know that you are all in my
thoughts and prayers. I still can't beleive Sam is gone. To me he
was always a gentle soul and I loved working for him and getting to
know the whole family.

*With deepest sympathy and much love,
Ellen Wascou*

Ellen Wascou - December 03, 2010 at 01:09 PM

GR

“ Dear Nancy and Family:

It was with deep sadness that we learned of Sam's passing.

We have always enjoyed our friendship with you and Sam.

*Our prayers are with you and your family and trust that the Lord
will sustain you and your family during this difficult period.*

God bless,

Ethel and Sam Youse

Groff - December 03, 2010 at 01:52 AM

RS

“ *Dear Nancy and Family:
You have lost a true statesman.
Sam always looked so robust and healthy. He always warmly
greeted you with a smile.
You will warmly cherish and remember the good times you had with
him.
With deepest sympathy,
Ron and Dee Smith*

Ron and Dee Smith - November 30, 2010 at 02:54 AM

GR

“ *Sam was a very good friend. He had a wonderful life with a
wonderful wife and friend Nancy.*

*He did it all and then some. But, alas, he could not drink margaritas.
Memories and love from*

Gretchen and Tom Gieseey

Groff - November 29, 2010 at 11:29 PM

PB

“ Dear Altdoerffer family,

I was sad to read about the passing of Samuel M. Altdoerffer. I have fond memories of Sam from the days of growing up and playing in the Mondamin Farms neighborhood. We spent many days playing by the river and sledding on the Big Hill at the Altdoerffers. Sam always welcomed us with open arms. We also had some great times at the Memorial day picnic held on his property.

Recently I was at the Registration Table at Rotary and Sam walked in with a big smile and greeted me warmly as always. We joked about if Sam Sr. or Sam Jr. was going to pay. He was a genuine man who led a rich and full life. Sam was liked by everyone he touched and he will be greatly missed. Please accept our deep condolences.

Paul B. Murray and the entire Murray Family

Paul B.Murray - November 29, 2010 at 10:47 PM

PK

“ Dear Nancy, Sam, Nancy Jo, Jack and Frank,

Some of my fondest memories as a child were playing with you at your homes on Haskell Drive and then Hunsicker Road. Your parents were always so warm and kind to me and I remember your Dad so well in his den right off the TV room on Hunsicker Road.

I wish I could come to pay my respects on Friday but I will be out of town. However, I wanted to let you know how sorry I am that your husband and dad died and how much you all meant to me during our childhood.

Sincerely,

Peggy (Brown) Kay

Peg (Brown) Kay - November 29, 2010 at 05:00 AM

KZ

“ Ellen,

I was sad to read about the passing of your father-in-law. I wish for God's sustaining love for you and Frank as you grieve the loss of a loved one. God bless you always.

Ken Zieber

Kenneth W. Zieber - November 29, 2010 at 04:29 AM

TH

“ Hello family of Sam, I was surprised and sadden to read about Sam's passing. While heaven rejoices to have him home, we will miss him greatly until we see him again.
I, a fellow Rotarian admired his jovial personality and words of wisdom. In my experience, Sam lived his life as a true Rotarian, honest, true, and always looking out for others.
My prayers and thoughts are with you all as you work thru this sad time, support and care for each other and lean as you need on family AND friends. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support you.
Your friend,
Tracy Horst

Tracy Lin Horst - November 29, 2010 at 01:24 AM

SH

“ We deeply saddened by the news of Sam's death. He was a beloved and highly respected member of the Lancaster community.
Please accept our deepest condolences.
Sincerely yours,
Stefanie Valar and Ed Hauck

Stefanie Valar & Ed Hauck - November 28, 2010 at 08:35 PM