



George H. Balfour

May 30, 2007

George H. Balfour, Jr., 75, of Camillus passed away Wednesday at Francis House surrounded by his family. Born in Watertown, he graduated from Clarkson University with a BS in Business Administration in 1954 and later served in the US Army. George was a 50 year Mason belonging in Watertown, Camillus and Marcellus. He served as treasurer of Morning Star Lodge #524 F&AM in Marcellus. He was member of Central City Chapter #70 of Royal Arch Masons and #25 Knights Templar. He was a 50-year member of Shriners joining in Media Shrine in Watertown and was Past Potentate and Treasurer of Tigris Shrine. He is a permanent contributor of Shriner's Hospitals for Children and member of Syracuse Court #79 Royal Order of Jesters as well member and past president of Onondaga Hill Masonic Club and Masonic Veteran's Association of CNY. George was also a past president and treasurer of New York-Ontario Shrine Association. He was involved in Shrine Golf and Shrine-Mason Bowling Leagues. George was past president and treasurer of Institute of Management Accountants. George was an active member, usher and former Vestry member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He liked to travel, play golf and most importantly spend time with his family. Surviving are his wife of 49 years Joanne Rantanen; three daughters Elizabeth A. Balfour of Manlius, Mary J. Balfour of Ithaca, Gwen E. (Peter) Crossett of Fayetteville; a sister Mary Bachner of Dryden; loving grandfather to 14 grandchildren, Laura, Christina, Michele, Elizabeth, Diana, Elaine and Louise, Alexandra, Violet, Andris, Britta, Peter, Michael and Melissa; two nieces and a nephew; his

brother-in-laws John (Marion) Rantanen of Ithaca and Edward (Patricia) Rantanen of Binghamton. Services are 11:30 am Saturday at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5402 West Genesee St., Camillus with Rev. Craig Swan officiating. Calling hours are 4 to 7 pm Friday at B.L. Bush & Sons, 10 Genesee St. in the village of Camillus with a Masonic Service to follow. Private burial in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown. Contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, 516 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104 Please sign his guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Dear Beth and family. I was sad to hear about your dad / husband passing away. I guess we are getting to that age. It's such a tough time. Here's to hoping that the memories will make you smile. Chin up. I remember your dad Beth as a gentle giant. We were always afraid of him because he had such a tough exterior and then he'd be chuckling in the front seat of your car about something we'd tell him. I'm sure he will be missed.

Sheryl Price / Lepkowski - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Joanne, Beth, Mary & Gwen, I am sorry for your loss and you have my deepest sympathy. I will continue to pray for you during this difficult period. I was fond of George and he will be missed.
Sincerely, Bob Rood

Bob Rood - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ We are so very sorry that we missed the calling hours of George and the opportunity to express our sympathies to his family. We did not know him, but we do know his daughter Gwen. A child is often the measure of a man or woman, and given the gracious and lovely woman he raised, George must have been a giant of a good man. Our prayers are with his family, whom we are sure George prays for himself, even while in the brilliant and wonderful light of his God and Christ. Please accept our most heartfelt and deepest sympathies.

Jim and Karin Evans - June 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Ill. George was a great Past Potentate and Treasure of Tigris Temple. He will be missed. Paul J. Altenburg PP and Lady Patricia*

Paul Altenburg - June 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *George what a great friend and fun person to be with. Will miss you on all of our juster trips we had together ,he was a great room mate. Every one will miss you. LEW*

Lewis paradise - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I just missed by minutes the calling hours to personally express my deepest and sincerest sympathies on your loss. I've known George for many years as members of the NAA (now IMA). I was looking forward to our annual Past Presidents meeting this June 21st. He will certainly be missed by the group and me in particular. Please accept my condolences.*

Richard E Silverman - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time and sending my condolences for your loss. I'm know the last few months have been difficult for all with his illness, but try to remember the good times also. With sympathy, Priscilla*

Priscilla Nicotra - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Joanne, We remember the apartment on Grand Street in Newburgh and you and Ginny and Gail working together all the way back to the 50's and all that has happened since then. George, that good and kind man, is at rest, and God bless him for all the good he has done in this world. Our prayers are for you and the kids, grandkids, and all.*

Roger & Ginny Stark - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *Dear Joanne, Beth, Gwen and Mary Our very deepest sympathy to you on our loss of a very special man. Our thoughts and many prayers are with you.*

gail and bill reilly - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *My sincere thoughts of sympathy go out to the family of George H. Balfour. He is now at peace after a long and courageous journey.*

Stephanie Pregent - June 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM