



Albert Rudman

November 14, 1928 - September 21, 2013

Al Rudman was born in New York on November 14, 1928, the son of Hungarian immigrant parents Sandor and Rose Rudnyanszky. He grew up in Chicago, graduating from St. Philip High School in 1945. At age 16 he enrolled in Indiana University, majoring in journalism. After one year he enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17 and served 14 months in Italy. Al was honorably discharged in 1947, receiving the Army of Occupation and World War II Victory Medals. He returned to Indiana University in 1948 and majored in Geological Sciences. While a student, Al married Bertina Blauch and in the following years they had three children, Philip (now deceased), David and Lynn (Newton). He received his B.S. (1952) and M.S. (1954) degrees, specializing in Geophysics. After graduation he accepted a position with Carter Oil Company (now Exxon) working in oil exploration for three years in the southern states. He then returned to Bloomington and worked as a geophysicist with the Indiana Geological Survey from 1957 to 1965. While working with the Survey he received his Ph.D. degree in 1963. In 1965 he accepted a faculty position with the Indiana Department of Earth Sciences. Al was a faculty member for 33 years and was highly regarded as a teacher and researcher in the field of applied geophysics. He published over 70 papers and abstracts and directed theses of numerous graduate students. Even after

retirement as Emeritus Professor of Geophysics in 1998, he taught occasional courses, served on graduate thesis committees and regularly attended geophysics seminars. After retirement his last years were happily spent at Indiana University events, playing bridge, tennis, jogging, visiting his family and travelling with his longtime partner Joan Lauer. Of special importance to Al were frequent visits with his grandchildren. Al's friends remember him as energetic with a sense of humor and an enthusiasm for life. He is survived by his sister Jo Stockwell of Florida, his son David of Boulder, CO, his daughter Lynn Newton of Santa Barbara, CA, his partner of 25 years, Joan Lauer and his five grandchildren Andrea, Peter and Sam Rudman and Daniel and Benjamin Newton. In lieu of flowers Al asked that contributions be made to the Albert J. Rudman Geophysical Fund through the Indiana University Foundation (account number P37AS17129, PO Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402) or to the Amyloidosis Research Project through the Indiana University Foundation - Indianapolis (account number 032MPAT059, PO Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266). A memorial service to celebrate his life will take place later this year.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Jean and I regret that we will be unable to attend the memorial service for Albert Rudman on Sunday. He was a friend and colleague for more than fifty years and we miss him. We send our condolences to his family and friends from Maurice and Jean Biggs.

Maurice Biggs - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

CH

“ Dear Family,

I only knew Dr. Rudman peripherally. He was a most kindly man. He was interested in my geoarchaeological research and shared his office with my papers and me at one time in his retirement. His presence will be missed!

Christine Shriner - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

CH

“ Al's smile warmed everyone and everywhere around him. His positive attitude of life will long live in each of us. I was so glad and fortunate to have him around during my study in the geophysics group. He will be missed!

Chengliang Fan - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

AN

“ Al was a wonderful partner, father and grandfather. I know you will all miss him.

Anita Klein - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

GE

“ Our condolences to Al's family. Dr. Rudman was a very positive, very supportive professor who always taught with great enthusiasm. He will be deeply missed.

Gerald Galgana - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

KA

“ I was so sorry to hear of Al's death. I work at the Geological Survey and for many years he would stop and talk with me for a few minutes. He was a very nice person. I also knew Philip from grade school and high school.

Kathy Shaffer - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

MA

“ So sorry to hear about Al's passing
He was always very kind and happy
To talk to me I will miss him
David and Lynn it was very nice to meet you
And yours

*Mark Powell (the guy that drove the truck to boulder
And Santa Barbara*

Mark Powell - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

JT

“ Dear Joan,
Please accept our sympathy and help us extend our condolences to the rest of the family.

James and Tomilea Allison - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM