



Albert N, DeBlois

December 24, 1941 - September 19, 2015

ALBERT N. DEBLOIS

1941-2015

LEWISTON, Maine - Albert N. DeBlois, a lifelong resident of Lewiston, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Sept 19th, with his wife and three children by his side. He was born in Lewiston, on December 24, 1941, the son of Arthur and Anna (Bédard) DeBlois. He was a member of the 1960 graduating class at St. Dominic Regional High School. In 1959, Albert enlisted in the US Army and during this period of time his life was transformed by an automobile accident that took from him three of his limbs but could not take his spirit and zest for life. His entire adult life was driven by an indomitable spirit that overcame his physical impairment. He maintained an active and engaged lifestyle by seeing life through a window of all that he could accomplish rather than that which he could not. After his return to Lewiston and reconnecting with lots of friends, Albert married Constance J Aube, the love of his life, on September 1, 1962, and they recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. He began his career in electronics by working for Bates Electronics in Lewiston. He went on to work for Sanders Associates in So. Portland and attended the University of Southern Maine for engineering. He later worked and retired from Digital Equipment Corporation in Augusta. Albert was a lifelong member of the Disabled American Veterans and a longtime parishioner at St. Philips Church in Auburn.

Albert was a loving husband and father of three children. He was a kind, generous and nurturing father who taught his children to have faith in God, patience, persistence, and tolerance. He taught them to be compassionate and loving and to persevere in the face of adversity. He had a wonderful sense of humor and shared lots of laughter and fun with his family and friends. He became a role model to many people, inspiring them with his courage and relentless determination. Albert is survived by his wife, Constance DeBlois; three children: Robert DeBlois of Auburn, Diane (DeBlois) Bonsey and her husband Michael of Reading, MA, and Michael DeBlois of Portland; five grandchildren: Alexa, Kendra and Eva Bonsey, Zachary DeBlois and Bethany Saindon and her fiancé Nick Lavoie; a sister: Annette Bourque and her husband Roger of Hobe Sound, FL; four sisters-in-law: Fern Lavalley, Laurette Drouin, Jackie King and her husband Mike, and

Sylvia Aube.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Robert and Raymond DeBlois.

The family would like to thank Dr Michael Lemieux, Dr William Lee, Dr Cynthia DeSoi, Dr Kevin Kruse, the staff at Togus VA Hospital, and the staff at Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice for their extraordinary care and compassion, and the many other healthcare providers who were of service to Al over the years.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com DEBLOIS died in Lewiston September 19th, Mr. Albert N. Deblois age 73 years a resident of Lewiston.

A Mass of Christian Burial honoring Al's life will be celebrated 11:00AM SATURDAY September 26th at St. Philip's Church. Interment with military honors will be held Wednesday 2:00PM September 30th at the Maine Veterans Cemetery Chapel Mt. Vernon Rd., Augusta

Memorial donations in Al's memory may be made to the Brain & Behavior Foundation 90 Park Ave., 16th floor New York, NY 10016

Family and friends are invited to visit Friday September 25th from 2-4 & 7-9PM at the PINETTE DILLINGHAM & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway Lewiston, 784-4023

Tribute Wall

SD

“ Dear Mrs.DeBlois and family, I was saddened to hear of the passing of your wonderful and inspiring husband. As I read all of the condolences, I am touched to know that not only did he touch my life with his wonderful smile and his positive attitude he also touched many lives. I always looked forward to seeing him and sharing a warm smile and meaningful conversation. I will always remember his kind gentle soul. May you and your family find comfort with the love that he had for you. God Bless.

Sarah E Dillingham-Waterman - September 29, 2015 at 09:50 PM

TC

“ We will miss seeing him at the carwash. He was a inspiration to all of us. We would like to give our thoughts and prayers to his family.

The Yvons Carwash Crew - September 26, 2015 at 12:41 PM

BG

“ la famille de Eugène Bédard & Aurore Guérard Sincères condoléances a toi Constance et a toute la famille. Nous sommes avec vous en pensées et en union de prières. Bon Courage .Nous vous aimons beaucoup.
Monique,Gilles,Cécile&Bruno,Pierrette&Léon,Marie-Rose&Robert

Bruno Cécile Bédard Gaudin - September 25, 2015 at 12:20 PM

DC

“ Connie and Family, Dot and I are so sorry to hear about Al, he was an awesome lifelong friend and an inspiration to any he met. Our thoughts and prayers are for your Family. We pray that the good Lord will give you and your family peace and comfort at this time. Love Dan & Dot Cunliffe

Dan Cunliffe - September 24, 2015 at 09:03 PM

GC

“ Mrs. Deblois, Mike, Diane and Bob; please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of Mr. Deblois. I have so many childhood memories and have told my children many stories such as his goalie skills every year at the Father- Son hockey game, his swimming ability and how long he could hold his breath, how fast he could go up and down the stairs to the basement, hiss snowmobiling rides and wrestling in the living room. He is an inspiration to so many. I will always cherish the memories I have of Mr. Deblois. You are all in my prayers.

Greg Cook - September 23, 2015 at 10:52 PM

EW

“ I am sorry to hear of Al passing away. I was in the Army Hospital with Al in Denver. We kept in touch over the years.(55)and we finally got tighter one time before one of us passed on. I am so grateful for having met Al and having him as a life long friend. He was a good and brave man. All my love to Connie and Family. Ed P.S I would be there If could.

Edward Witters - September 23, 2015 at 01:07 PM

RD

“ Our deepest sympathies to you Connie and family. Al was one of kind. Always smiling and upbeat. Since moving to florida I've missed our coffee meetings at "Simone's". He will be missed by everyone who were fortunate to have known him.

Ron & Maddy DeBlois - September 23, 2015 at 09:08 AM

IL

“ Sincere sympathies to Connie and family. Al was an amazing person and always such an inspiration every time I would meet up with him. I am sure that he has met up with Larry and will enjoy their new beginning in life. Take care and be strong in his memory.

Irene C Lemelin - September 22, 2015 at 06:09 PM

HB

“ Where Oh where shall I begin? Al came to Bates Electronics to study electronics with my brother Merle and I in a wheel chair. It was not long before he was the teacher showing us how to live while we showed him electronics. He studied on the second floor so he showed us how to climb stairs with no legs and only one arm but a spirit unbelievable huge. He was always smiling and trying to be helpfull to someone else. We learned to love the man. My brother and I could see a greater talent waiting to be unleashed so we let him go. He went on to greater things and made us so proud. I thank God for letting me know Al. God bless you my brother.

Hollis Bates - September 22, 2015 at 11:55 AM

PM

“ So sad to hear of Al's passing. What an exceptional human being he was! So full of courage and just a great guy. I'm sure he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Connie. Know that in time, the pain will ease and his spirit will always remain with you.

Pauline McKeone - September 22, 2015 at 10:51 AM

GB

“ Nice obit. Blueberry is as I remembered him. A funny and very smart guy. I remember the grill cheese sandwiches my mother made us in New Auburn. I wish him a pleasant journey. g

George Boisvert - September 22, 2015 at 08:20 AM

PK

“ AL has left a lasting impression on our lives by the inspirational way he lived his. The times we shared were always special; full of fun and much laughter. We will miss him always and never forget the impact he had on our lives. Rest in peace Al - we love you!

Paul and Kelvin - September 22, 2015 at 07:32 AM

GG

“ My deepest condolences to Al's Family. I'm sure Norm was there with open arms to welcome you to the kingdom of God. Al was an amazing Man may he R.I.P.

gloria gosselin - September 22, 2015 at 07:10 AM

MD

“ My deepest sympathy to Connie and the entire family. Al was a childhood friend and never to be forgotten. Madeleine Dionne Dupré

Madeleine Dionne Dupré - September 22, 2015 at 04:44 AM

DS

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Mr. DeBlois. I just learned of his passing and am truly saddened. It was always such a great pleasure to have interacted with Mr. DeBlois through the many years I have known him. This great man was certainly an inspiration to me and all that knew him.

David St.Pierre - September 22, 2015 at 03:38 AM

TN

“ Please know we are thinking of you all. He was such a wonderful and amazing man. I have many fond memories with him. From coming up to our camp and playing horseshoes, and being at my parents house. I am so grateful that through his wonderful son, Bob, who is a part of our family, that I was able to have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. DeBlois. He was such an inspiration. He will be missed, but never forgotten. So sorry for your loss.

Tina, Ron Nadeau - September 21, 2015 at 08:20 PM