



Allen E. Botimer

April 27, 1932 - May 2, 2013

Allen E. Botimer, 81, passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2013 in Park Ridge, IL. He was born April 27, 1932 in Defiance, Ohio and had been a resident of Libertyville since 1961. Allen was a veteran of the US Army, having served during the occupation of Europe in Austria and Italy. He held a bachelors degree in music education and a masters degree in history from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. He taught at several school districts, including Stevenson High School and later Robert Morris College in Chicago. He was a member of the Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Grayslake. Allen was also very interested in music and enjoyed playing the trombone. He was a member of several bands, and also "Windjammers Unlimited" an organization dedicated to the preservation of circus music.

Surviving are his wife Dorie Botimer; 2 sons, Greg Botimer and Ted (Monica) Botimer ; 2 grandchildren, Alex and Nathan and his brother, Don (Carol) Botimer.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 pm Tues. at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wed. May 8, 2013 at Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 32475 Alleghany Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. Memorial contributions made to his church would be appreciated. Info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Allen Botimer--gentleman, scholar, colleague, friend, who enriched the lives of all who knew him. He lives on in so many with whom he shared so much.Dave Hanson

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“ Allen Botimer lived his principles. He loved to learn and loved to teach. The world is better for his having been here.

Peg Ransom - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

Paulette Peters - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ I didn't have the privilege of knowing Mr. Botimer, however, I'd like to share some comforting words from God's word The Bible. Read Rom.5:21 and Eccl.9:5,6. If you're interested in more words of comfort, write B. Hill; 23100 S. Wentworth Ave; Steger, IL 60475.

B. Hill - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Al was always one of the good guys. Please accept our sympathy....Al will be remembered as a positive person!Bill and Pat Kirchherr

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MT

“ Allen always cared about others and, therefore, we cared about him. He was kind, enthusiastic, helpful and gentlemanly. We'll miss him, as will his loving family.

Meg and Phil Tomlin - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Dorrie. We enjoyed having you and Allen with us at the Consort and please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sally Craig - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM

JP

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies. Joe & Alex

Joe Palmaccio - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM

PB

“ Dorie, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed meeting Allen and know you will miss him terribly. I am out of town and wish I could be there for you. Peg B

Peg Bilkey - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM

AB

“ 10 THINGS WE WILL REMEMBER MOST ABOUT YOU
GRANDPA: 1. your smile 2. your laugh 3. your singing 4. your trombone playing 5. your animated story telling 6. your willingness to get down on the floor and play with us 7. taking long walks with you 8. marching with you 9. reading books with you 10. most of all: loving you

Alex and Nathan Botimer - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM

MF

“ Dear Dorie,

My sympathy to you and to your family on the loss of your husband and father. I know that Allen will be missed.

Marge Ferruzzi

MARGARET FERRUZZI - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ *It was such a treat to perform next to al & his trombone playing. his kind words always encouraged us. His prose enlightened us.*
George & "Sam" Hankinson

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LG

“ *Mr. Botimer was one of our very favorite teachers of all time. His enthusiasm, knowledge and good cheer was an incredible inspiration. He will be sadly missed in this world.*

*Blessings,
Lisa Bade Goodwin and Pat Goodwin*

Lisa Bade Goodwin and Pat Goodwin - June 29, 2018 at 02:23 PM

TH

“ *Allen was my Freshman dean and Senior history teacher at Stevenson High School. During the past several years, he was also my fellow musician in a few area concert bands. I'll miss his warm Reagan-esque smile, his friendly demeanor, his epic storytelling, and his lovely trombone playing.*

Tom Huber - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

BB

“ *How fortunate we are that Allen was one of the first people we met when we moved to this area and joined the CLC Concert Band. He never failed to be gentle, caring and kind to everyone - and he was a versatile and skillful contributor to the music he loved to play and hear.*

Bob and Susan Beutel - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

BM

“ *Alan was one of the greatest teachers I ever worked with. A gentlemen with the highest moral character. His contributions to SHS could never be measured. I am sorry for your loss.*

Bob Mackey - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

JF

“ As a young teacher at Stevenson, Al made an impression on me that changed my outlook on life. I learned we had the ability to make positive choices in everything we do. He had the courage to stick to his beliefs, and share enthusiasm wherever he went. I'll never forget walking down a hallway while approaching Al from a distance. His greeting always left you feeling better than you did just a moment earlier. The world and I will miss Al. My prayers and thoughts are with the Botimer family.

Jim Feurer - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

CD

“ I will always remember Al as a wonderful teacher and person, showing kindness and respect to every person that he met.

My classroom was next to his, and during my free time, I often stood by his door to listen to his lessons, and he sometimes used my classroom to keep his various 'costumes' for his classes.

When Al ate lunch with us, he always stood up when a female came to sit down or stand up to leave...a true gentleman!

My thoughts and prayers are with the Botimer family.

Caryl Jo Dagro - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

KH

“ *My sympathies to Dorie and her family on the loss of Al. Al was always a gentleman and a leader of our Waukegan High School Band. Al was an excellent trombonist and I enjoyed learning from him as a second position member to him. He would come to Sarasota to play in a circus band for several years. Fortunately, I was able to listen to great circus music when visiting with Dorie and him.*

May God bless you, Dorie, as you go thru these trying times.

Ken Hollmann - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

RU

“ *Dear Dorie and the Botimer family--please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Allen. He will forever be in my my memory as he was a mentor and leader to many of us at Stevenson---faculty as well as students. Allen was a warrior in the sense that he would rather go down fighting than sacrifice his integrity or deep moral convictions. He genuinely cared about others. That was evident in all of his actions. He will be sorely missed but his spirit and soul will continue to live in so many of us. Most sincerely, Ron Urick*

Ron Urick - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

JC

“ *Allen was like a father to me when I started teaching at Stevenson High School. The first year, which was my first year of teaching, I would stay after school for an hour or two talking with Allen about the day's events, and just history in general. He was very caring and knowledgeable. Allen remained my mentor and friend until he retired. Allen was The Best of The Best, the ideal teacher and a wonderful person.*

Joe Cecchini - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

TD

“ I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Botimer was a class act all the way. He was always so upbeat. He was strict but fair. I'm a better person to have known him. God Bless.

Tell Draper - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM

JC

“ Dear Dorie, Ted and Greg... I was so saddened to hear of Allen's death. As I looked to sign the guest book for someone else, I ran across it. I have great memories of living across the street from you on Prairie Ave. and also babysitting for you guys during the mid-1960s -- hard to get you to bed, as I remember, but your folks were very tolerant of my lack of babysitting skills. (I hope I have been a better father!) I have no idea what you are doing with your lives, but I hope they have been wonderful. Your dad was a great guy. I've lived near NYC since 1977, but I generally get back to L'ville every 5 years or so for H.S. and Northwestern reunions.

John Cline - April 27, 2018 at 06:31 AM