



# **Alfred David DiVencenzo**

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### **A**lfred DiVencenzo Obituary

Alfred David DiVencenzo, 64, of Grafton Township, died July 24, 2018. He was born July 12, 1954 in Medina, OH and lived in Grafton Twp and the Grafton/Elyria area his whole life. He was a 1972 graduate of Midview High School and received an Associates Degree from LCCC in 1974. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Education at Bowling Green State University in 1976 and his Master's Degree in Education at Kent State University in 1981. Al was an educator in Lorain County for 30 years at various school districts including North Ridgeville, Keystone, and Educational Service Center of Lorain County 1976-2005 and an Adjunct professor of education for Bowling Green State University Firelands Campus in Huron from 2004-2018. Al's favorite hobby was being a tree farmer. He operated a Christmas tree farm where he gave back to the community. He pioneered the concept of a "Scholarship Forest" of cut trees where a portion of the money paid for each sold tree went to a cause. Hundreds of dollars have gone to the endowment funds of the Midview Local Schools, the Grafton-Midview Public Library, North Ridgeville City Schools and St. Peter's School in North Ridgeville. Al has been on the Ohio Christmas Tree Association Board of Directors since 2010. He volunteered to represent the OCTA at an ag booth at the Ohio State Fair for more than 20 years. Al participated in Operation Evergreen where Ohio Christmas trees are sent to troops overseas. Al was on the Lorain County Farm Bureau Board for 12 years. He was president on the county farm bureau for 6 yrs and was now an Ohio Farm Bureau State Trustee (since June, 2014) representing Lorain, Erie, Huron and Cuyahoga Counties on Farm Bureau's state level and has been a state delegate on the national level. He sat on the State of Ohio Public Works Commission Natural Resource Assistance Council for District 9 representing Farm Bureau in Lorain, Huron and Medina Counties. Al has been the advisor of the Belden B's and G's (formerly known



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as the Belden Boys) for 45 years. He started with the group right after he graduated from high school in 1972. He was still an advisor even though his own children are well beyond the 4-H age. Some of the kids in the club are the children of former club members. Al was an active member of the Grafton Knights of Columbus Council #8369. He held every office in the organization and is currently the financial secretary and in charge of the monthly newsletter. He belongs to the Fourth Degree Council #3019 of the K of C in North Ridgeville. Al was a Parish School of Religion teacher at Assumption Church in Grafton in 1992. He progressed to become the principal of the Assumption Church PSR program until the Church merged with another Grafton church to become Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Al is currently a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Valley City, OH. We have been blessed that Al was an avid blood donor and was able to be a postmortem donor to Lifebank. Al is survived by his wife of thirty five years, Beth (nee Snider); sons, Alfred E (Valerie) of Ravenna and Joseph L (Hannah) of Grafton; daughter, Teresa of New York City; mother, Wanda DiVencenzo (nee Kobak) of Grafton; parents-in-law, Edward and Janet Snider; sisters, Lois Stoll (Bob) and Jan O'Dell (Tim); brother, David DiVencenzo (Marlita); grandchildren, Danica, Wyatt, Caleb, and Carmella; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred Edward DiVencenzo. Friends will be received Sunday, July 29, 2018 from 2:00 PM-5:00 PM at Avon Oaks Country Club 32300 Detroit Road Avon, OH. A funeral Mass will be Monday, July 30, at 9:30 AM at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church 1800 Station Rd. Valley City, OH. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of Al's favorite causes: Operation Evergreen. Donations (checks) can be made payable to: OCTA, Operation Evergreen Ohio Christmas Tree Association, 6870 Licking Valley Rd Frazesburg OH, 43822 [ohiochristmastree.org](http://ohiochristmastree.org) or Lorain County 4-H Endowment Checks to: The Ohio State University Lorain Co. 4-H Endowment ? OSU Extension Lorain Co. 42110 Russia Rd. Elyria, OH 44035 or Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, "Growing Good Campaign" Checks to OFB Foundation 280 N. High St. 6th Floor Columbus, OH 43218. Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Elyria assisted with arrangements. SERVICES Visitation Sunday, July 29, 2018 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Avon Oaks Country Club 32300 Detroit Road Avon, OH



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Memorial Service Monday, July 30, 2018 9:30 AM St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church 1800 Station Road Valley City, OH

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Alfred David DiVencenzo, please visit our floral store.

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## Tribute Wall

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MB

**Michaelene Brkich** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of this great loss. Al was so kind and wonderful, Always . Peace be with you all.

August 24 at 8:00 PM

KL

**Kimberly Lewallen** posted:

My deepest condolences to the DiVencenzo Family. I had the privilege of working with Al at the Ohio Veterans Home for many many years. He was affectionately known here as "The Birdseed Man." I looked forward to his smiling face, life stories and advice. He touched many lives and he will be greatly missed here at OVH.

August 6 at 8:00 PM

SA

**Susan, Tom, Wes, Ethan, And Megan Alexander** posted:

Beth, Al, Joe and Teresa, Our thoughts and prayers are with you, wishing you peace and comfort in your memories. We are so sorry for your loss.

July 29 at 8:00 PM

MH

**Marty Hitchcock** posted:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Al. My deepest condolences to his entire family. May the Lord bless each of you.

July 29 at 8:00 PM

JC

**Joe Cavanaugh** posted:

To the Divencenzos: I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you can focus on the good things in Alfreds life. I did not know him well but Ive seen how well he has raised Al and Joe. He should be very proud of that.

July 28 at 8:00 PM



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AM

**Andrew & Nilsa Misencik** posted:

We are saddened to hear the news of Al's passing. May GOD welcome him into Heaven with open arms.

July 28 at 8:00 PM

WS

**William E Skaggs** posted:

A man's legacy is shown by who he has touched in the years alive. Al has blessed everyone that knew him. Will be missed

July 27 at 8:00 PM

PF

**Peggy Poe And Family** posted:

Our condolences to the family of Al. He and his big smile will be missed. May fond memories help at this time. With deepest sympathy, The Poe Family

July 27 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Jody Babbits** posted:

I am saddened to hear that Al has passed. I knew him as a wonderful mentor in the Special Education Dept. in North Ridgeville City Schools. I have nothing but positive memories of Al and will remember him always with a big smile on his face. Al lived a life that is a model for us all.

July 27 at 8:00 PM

TB

**Terri Bates** posted:

I wish I had something that would help. I will simply keep you in my prayers.

July 27 at 8:00 PM

AG

**Anthony & Jennifer Grande** posted:

We are sending love and prayers with much heartfelt sympathy to Wanda and entire family, for the loss of Al. Anthony always enjoyed such interesting & enjoyable conversations with him. Our hearts are with all of you.

July 27 at 8:00 PM



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MB

**Marlene Brkich** posted:

So many wonderful memories for his family and friends to hold in their hearts. God Bless you all and bring you peace of mind while he holds Al in his arms.

July 26 at 8:00 PM

AB

**Audrey (Kessel) Benko** posted:

Beth, Wanda, Lois, David, Jan and family - I am truly sorry for the passing of Al. He was such a nice man and will be greatly missed. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks. May God be with all of you

July 26 at 8:00 PM

RB

**Roberta Woytach Nee Brown** posted:

Wanda and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Many condolences. Wanda you and I worked together my senior year at Midview High School, I am so sorry for your loss and to your family as well.

July 26 at 8:00 PM

BF

**Bev Keathley & Family** posted:

What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch. We may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say goodbye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget! In memory of a life so beautifully lived...a heart so deeply loved.... Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted"

July 26 at 8:00 PM

LC

**Linda Chapin** posted:

I will always remember Al's wonderful laugh. Whenever he observed my class for those official evaluations at Keystone Middle School, he would not sit in the back of the room with a yellow legal pad and check off lists, he had to be a participant in the class. My deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.

July 26 at 8:00 PM



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KY

**Keith And Cathy Young** posted:

Beth and Family, We grieve with you at the loss of Al, such a wonderful man! He was a true example of what a man should be. We always enjoyed talking with him at our joint family gatherings. Hopefully your precious memories will help get you through these trying times. Please know that we are praying for you and Al, although we are sure he is reaping the rewards of his good life. Keith and Cathy Young (Tim's sister in Cincy).

July 26 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Jennifer Brown** posted:

I had the pleasure to have Dr. D as a teacher. He was so full of information and advice. He will be missed greatly and I am very sorry for your loss.

July 26 at 8:00 PM

MM

**Michelle Mitchell** posted:

Dear Beth, I am deeply sorry to hear about your husband. Its a hard time in your life, but allow time for healing. I wish my words can give you a little comfort. You are truly in my prayers and thoughts. Your friend, Michelle Mitchell

July 26 at 8:00 PM

AB

**Alan Binger** posted:

Al was one of the first people I met when I joined the Ohio Christmas Tree Association and we hit it off immediately. He was such an engaging and friendly man. I was fortunate enough to spend most of the day with him on Monday and it was such a great day setting up the trees at the Ohio State Fair. He left there very satisfied with another great looking exhibit. You will be missed my friend.

July 25 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Mary Ann Bliss** posted:

My deepest condolences to you and your family. My heart grieves for you but I also know that Al lived his life in a most honorable way that you and your family can be proud of. With prayers and love, Mary Ann Bliss

July 25 at 8:00 PM



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BK

**Barb Kowalski** posted:

Dear Beth, I am so sorry to hear of Als passing. Ken and I will keep you in our prayers. Fondly, Barb

July 25 at 8:00 PM

HN

**Heidi Wigand-Nicely** posted:

Joe and Hannah - I am so very sorry to hear this. My heart goes out to you and all the family. He sounds like a wonderful man and involved in so many causes. Sending my love - Heidi Wigand-Nicely

July 25 at 8:00 PM

LW

**Lindsey W.** posted:

He was always a kind and caring man. Mr.D you will be missed more than you know..

July 25 at 8:00 PM

AA

**Adrienne L. (Curney) Aguilar** posted:

I am absolutely in tears right now, I am so sorry to hear about Al's passing and so surprised. I saw Al at Keith's service and I was completely delighted to see him and get to speak with him. We saw each other as he was trying to enter the door, our eyes met and I kept thinking I know this man but why can't I think of his name? When he finally got over to me he asked "Adrienne?" and I said yes, and he said "Al DiVencenzo" I said Oh My Gosh! and we gave each other a big hug - it had probably been 45 years since we had seen each other! I was so incredibly happy to see him. I always enjoyed what little time I had had with the DiVencenzo family when I was growing up and have so many warm and loving memories of our times together. I hadn't known of all his wonderful accomplishments but I am not at all surprised. I am so thankful to have known him, and I'm so very sad for each of you who knew and loved him so. Big hugs to each of you even though you may not have any idea of who I am, I send my love. Sincerely, Adrienne

July 25 at 8:00 PM

JT

**Jim And Lynn Tipple** posted:

So very sorry for your loss ! Hugs and prayers to the family !

July 25 at 8:00 PM



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BM

**Barbara Farrar-May** posted:

Oh, Beth, I am so very sorry to learn about your loss. I am thinking and praying for you and your family. Please take care, Barbara

July 25 at 8:00 PM

AF

**Antonette Ferritto** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of this loss. May God be with your family at such a difficult time.

July 25 at 8:00 PM

DM

**Donna (Jenkins) Moore** posted:

I graduated with Lois...My love to all the family in this very difficult time..

July 25 at 8:00 PM



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