

Alfred Michael Vize

September 1, 1939 - November 30, 2020

Alfred Michael “Al” Vize passed away at his home in Saint Augustine Beach on Monday, November 30, 2020 at the age of 81.

Al was born September 1, 1939 to Alfred E. and Bridget “Della” (O’Reilly) Vize, both formerly of Ireland, in the Bronx, NY.

Al was retired from the NYPD 112th Precinct. His jovial nature and twinkling blue eyes led him to play Santa Claus at precinct Christmas parties. Proud of his Irish heritage he learned to play the bagpipes – ultimately becoming a member of the NYPD Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.

Upon retirement, he and his beloved wife, Jo-Ann, left Long Island, NY for beautiful Saint Augustine Beach, FL. He joined the local Fraternal Order of Police Lodge NY 3100, played golf, and enjoyed trivia night with his wife and friends on team W.W.C.

He enjoyed a good story, wove many a tale and could deliver a punch line like a pro. His cordial, out-going demeanor would turn strangers into friends throughout his life.

Al is survived by his cherished wife, Jo-Ann, whom he met in a Bronx candy store and married in 1963; loving daughters, Kathleen and husband, John J. Schoendorf, Kelly Ann and husband, Michael V. Landolfa; his adored grandchildren, John Alfred and Bridget Schoendorf, Michael P. and Kaitlin Landolfa; and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents, brother, Jack Vize and sister, Theresa Burke.

Visitation will be 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 3, 2020 at the St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine.

Funeral Service will be held Friday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Father Jared DeLeo officiating.

In keeping with the CDC Coronavirus guidelines every attendee must wear a mask and the number of attendees may be restricted. We ask that if you are at high risk, feeling ill, or traveling from an area with a high level of infection, please do not attend the service. Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019> .

St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of his arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 11:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfred Michael Vize



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 04, 2020 at 04:30 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 11:38 AM

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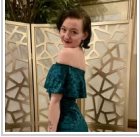
I will always remember him as a happy and always smiling and a big laugh. He will be missed. Arleen Amoroso and family

Arleen Amoroso and family - December 03, 2020 at 06:09 PM

RL

♥️ *A beautiful and loving tribute to wonderful and fun-loving neighbor. He was a true Patriot who Honorably served his Country. Al was a loving and devoted husband to his beautiful wife Jo-Ann, a loving Dad, and Grandfather. "Eternally Rest In Peace" Al 🙏*

Rosemary Lepper - December 03, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *It's been almost two years, but I love you and I think about you everyday, grandpa. I so desperately wish that Heaven had visiting hours, especially now, because I am 8 months away from getting my Master's and I could use a pep talk from you to keep going (even though you weren't thrilled that your granddaughter was going into a "dangerous" field).*



I felt you at my graduation from Siena; I was wearing your cross as I walked across stage, and will wear it again when I graduate from UAAlbany.

You were felt by all at John's wedding, as grandma had given John your wedding band to wear.

We all miss you more than words could describe. Thank you for being the best grandpa I could have asked for.

"Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same that it ever was.

There is absolute unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you.

For an interval.

Somewhere. Very near.

Just around the corner.

All is well."

Bridget Teresa - September 15, 2022 at 03:31 PM

CL

“ We lived next to your family on Brixton Lane from 1974-1976 and Kelly and I were childhood friends. I was shocked and saddened to learn about Al's passing and I just wanted to let you know that even though I had only limited interactions with Al, I feel my life is better for having known him. His smile and love of life will stay with me always. There was much laughter in our house on Brixton Lane whenever Al and Jo-Ann came over. My mom and I last saw him in 1997 when we visited Al and Jo-Ann in St. Augustine but he never lost touch with my mom. He sent Christmas cards every year which we looked forward to receiving. Please know that I am thinking of you all at this time.



Christine Lovasz-Kaiser - January 02, 2021 at 12:52 PM

DL

“ What a beautiful tribute of Uncle Al! I will never forget your smile that shined through the twinkle in your eyes, your famous perfectly crafted mustache and your constant jokes. You were so fun to be around and loved by so many. I still cherish our family Christmas celebrations at Uncle Johnny and Grandma Olga's house with the whole big NY fam together! Such special memories that I will cherish forever. So happy you and aunt Jo Ann moved on to create a beautiful retired life in St. Augustine and glad my girls got to meet you! You will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts. Sending love and prayers to Aunt Jo Ann and family. Love, Danielle

Danielle lee - December 03, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JF

“ To the Vize and Extended family,

Warmest regards and good thoughts for all and up-front apologies for the posting. However, since during trying times attendance in person is limited alternate means is required. Rest assured, I would say all of this in person with more reckless abandon and poetic license at an Irish Wake to anyone

Someone may have asked me, and my sisters, through the years “Who is that guy there with the mustache? He’s a riot, he says that he’s a relative of yours. Well, the guys are 100% Irish, 25% Puerto Rican and 25% Spanish on your Father’s side.”

As a little kid, I answered

– “He’s the Chief of the NYPD, he goes to all the big ceremonies, know he hardly works because he makes a point to be at all the family events”

As a teen, I answered

- “The story is a little bit long and confusing but suffice to say, he is a close family member, just ask him, he’ll tell you.”

As an adult, I answer

- That’s my Uncle Al, one of the finest men I know.”

He will be missed always and thought of with a smile as he moves on to join his Mom, Dad, Jack and Theresa and countless others dear to him including Jenny, Grandpa Felix, Uncle John, Billy Winn, Roy Siebert and Joe Finn

Rest In Peace Big Al, thinking good thoughts Jo-Ann, Kathleen and Family, -

from

Joey Finn – Al Vize’s Nephew

and The Entire Extended Finnborg Family

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand. – An Irish Blessing

TRIVIA SECTION - In honor of WWC - I was a guest member and Al told me to sit between Grandma Olga and him 😊. Come to think of it, I'm not sure if we answered any questions.

[Notes – All are eligible, but game is skewed for Billy Winn and up in A, and John might know a little but let's just say "Kids 50 years and older. Answers to be submitted to joseph_finn@cox.net and Patty Steinman for computer. I am as an IoT expert.]

1. Who would Al and, more importantly, Jo-Ann tell you was the loudest person related to them when they were younger? CHOOSE ONE.

- a. Billy Winn*
- b. Jamie Vega*
- c. Kaitlin Landolfa – "The Mouth of the South"*

2. SAT Question – FILL IN THE BLANK

- Jo-Ann told it to Kathleen and Kelly Ann as _____ is the

**Bonus – Brutus was who? How many brothers and sisters did Caesar have?*

3. True or False –

- My family had a Ford LTD or Multiple Ford LTD(s) when I was a kid –

**Bonus – Name the colors yours and those of the other families had*

4. Draw Lines to Match the NAME and COCKTAIL – [Note – Multiple Names to a single Cocktail]

- Al Vize - Beefeater Martini Straight Up with Olives

- Joe Finn - Rheingold

- Olga Mujica - Wild Turkey Over

- Billy Winn - Bacardi & Diet Coke

5. ESSAY QUESTION / ORIGINAL JOKE WRITING – A Cop, a Butcher, a Technician, an Accountant and a Lawyer walk into a Bar called the 9-11 in the Bronx and the Cop says.....

Joseph Finn - December 03, 2020 at 08:07 PM

JV

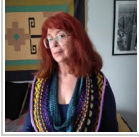
“ I always looked forward to hearing Uncle Al's infamous story telling when we would visit in Florida.. me and John would listen to him talk about his career in the NYPD for hours!! I'll never forget some of the crazy things he told us he had seen.. Always such a jokester and always good for a perfect mustache and a silly shirt! Uncle Al was a stand up man, a family man who will be missed very much. I cherish the memories I have with him. RIP

Jamie Vega - December 03, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ Rest in peace. May your memories be a blessing.

Clare Cohen - December 03, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *Clare Cohen lit a candle in memory of Alfred Michael Vize*



Clare Cohen - December 03, 2020 at 04:19 PM

FB

“ *Dear Jo-Ann & Family:
We haven't known Al that long. He made us feel welcome and part of his extended family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Fran & Silvio*



Frances L Bosi - December 03, 2020 at 01:42 PM

DS

“ *Looking at all these beautiful pictures and wishing I could be there with you all.
So many wonderful memories...Disney 1976, holidays, summers in Long Island and later in St. Augustine... One that comes to mind that made us all laugh was when Danielle announced she got her blue eyes from Uncle Al!
His beautiful Irish smile and terrific sense of humor will live with me forever.
Keeping you all close in my heart and prayers today and always.
Wish I was there with you now. Love you all very much*

DAWN STOECKELER - December 03, 2020 at 01:37 PM

JW

“ I will always remember your stories of what happened on the job as a police officer. They were always so engaging, even when I was a child.

Reflecting back on my specific memories of uncle al. One of the most special was in the past 5 years. We went out to sunset grille and he invited us back after and served us liquor that he had from the night him and aunt Joanne got married. Wow was that special



John Winn - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 11:22 AM

SA

“ I remember Al playing the bagpipes on Webster Avenue, acting as the doorman for the Vize dog Ceaser, and telling the most ridiculous jokes, which you could only laugh at. In St. Augustine, I learned from him that Florida's Dunkin' Donuts were not as good as NYs. (Must have been the water.) It was always fun to be a guest member of WWC at Trivia, and to enjoy his cooking. I'll miss you, Al. Love and condolences to the entire Vize family, especially my WOW friend, Jo-Ann.

Susan Appel - December 03, 2020 at 10:56 AM

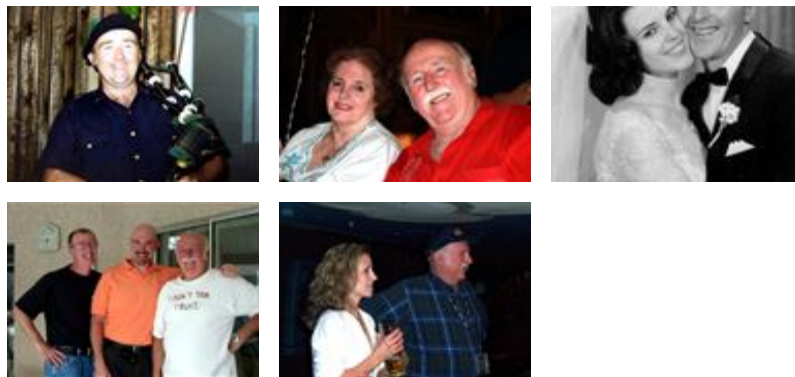
EV

“ Rest in peace, Uncle Alfie. You were great man and one of the funniest people I ever met. Our lives were better for having you with us. Heaven just became a louder, funnier place now that you've arrived. Make 'em laugh like you did here!

ed vize - December 03, 2020 at 10:43 AM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ I fondly recall many funny stories by "Uncle Al and memories of his visits to the Vize's in Mount Vernon, as well as his hospitality the few times I was lucky enough to tag along to his house. Rest in Peace and condolences to "Aunt Jo-ann" and the rest of his family.

Ed Adinaro - December 02, 2020 at 09:21 PM

CM

“ Working with Al was always upbeat. Never angry, never mean, he was funny but knew his job. He's is probably challenging St. Peter at the Gate right now, but he'll get in. Hope to see you again Al. Have a cigar and rum & coke waiting for me. Bye for now.

Cliff Mariani - December 02, 2020 at 08:55 PM

JS

“ His nephew Al and I were partners, MVPD. "Uncle Al", as I was introduced to, was a proud NYPD cop and a gentleman! My sincerest condolences to his entire family and the NYPD family he spent so many years with.
James Spellman-New York

James Spellman - December 02, 2020 at 08:32 PM

PW

“ Always smiling, always a new joke to tell, and the best "chop breaker" in the game, you brought so much joy to all of us, your memory will always have a place in my heart. Rest in peace Uncle Al - *Patty-Ann*

Patty Winn-Steiman - December 02, 2020 at 07:53 PM

LM

“ Love always, Mom purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alfred Michael Vize.



Love always, Mom - December 02, 2020 at 07:47 PM

LX

“ Love the greater Winn Clan xoxo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alfred Michael Vize.



Love the greater Winn Clan xoxo - December 02, 2020 at 07:24 PM