



Maurice (Moe) Leonard Veralli

July 20, 1926 - July 11, 2020

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Was born July 20, 1926 in New York, NY, the only son of Leonard Veralli and Emma Fenz. His younger sister Edna Vlahakis currently resides in Holiday, FL. Moe grew up in New York City, playing handball, baseball and softball. An avid sports fan he would go to the Polo Grounds as often as he could to watch the New York Giants and Willie Mays. We're not sure he ever forgave the Giants for moving to San Francisco, so he immediately became a NY Mets fan when they were formed. He was drafted into the Army in 1950 and was stationed in Germany for 2 years. Upon returning to the states he used the GI bill to obtain an electrical engineering degree from City College of NY. Moe worked for Bell Labs, Western Electric and AT&T until his retirement in 1990. He met Janette Porter McDowall while working at his part time job in Manhattan and they married September 8, 1956. In 1961 the family moved to Bergenfield, NJ where they raised 4 boys, Bruce, Glenn, Robert and David. Moe's job with AT&T was relocated to Atlanta, GA in 1982, where he began to earnestly play tennis. Janette moved to Longview in 1988 when David graduated high school to be closer to her granddaughters. Moe joined her in Longview when he retired. He loved to play games with all his grandchildren and enjoyed attending their extracurricular activities. He quickly joined a group of retired men who played tennis regularly and played until a heart issue sidelined him in 2006. He and Janette always enjoyed returning to New Jersey to visit family there.

He is survived by his wife Janette Veralli, sons Bruce Veralli (Annette), Glenn Veralli (Karen), Robert Veralli (Chris) and David Veralli, grandchildren, Anna Veralli, Sarah Veralli Quick (Donnie), Taylor Veralli, Gillian Veralli, John Veralli and great granddaughter, Norah Quick. He is also survived by his sister Edna and numerous nieces and nephews. The family will hold a private graveside service at Rosewood Park Cemetery.

Comments



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed seeing Moe when I went to visit Daddy at Buckner. Most of the time, he seemed to be happy. At lunch one day, I mentioned that his wife was from Scotland and he just laughed and was so happy about that.

Susan Wilson - July 24, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ thank you so much

Bruce Veralli - July 27, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ Uncle “Reece,” as I called him, always fostered and encouraged my love of sports, especially baseball and softball, and it’s a good thing, because my dad, though he had many skills and talents, was just not into sports. But my Uncle, he knew lots about baseball, baseball teams, and baseball players. He was a ball player, and would gladly share his skill and knowledge. I became a Mets fan early on, and remain a Mets fan to this day, because of his influence!!!

My Uncle taught me how to play wiffle ball in our backyard, pitching to me until I could smack the ball well enough to compete with my brother, cousins, and the neighborhood boys, who always appeared whenever they heard that distinctive wiffle ball sound. My brother reminded me today, that Uncle “Reece” also outfitted both of us with our first baseball gloves, from his collection of ball gear.

Even when I was grown my Uncle would always ask about my rec and travel softball teams, what positions I was playing, and how I was hitting. He encouraged me to keep playing, and I did, on three continents, while assigned overseas!

The last few times I visited my Uncle in Texas, besides discussing Major League Baseball, we would study a map of Germany, and he would share stories of his time there while in the Army. I would show him where I had lived and visited, and he would show me all the places he had been in both Germany, and Switzerland where he had traveled to track down the Feutz relatives.

Rest in Peace, Uncle “Reece.” I’m pretty sure you’ve already found the ball fields, tennis courts, where they keep the good desserts, and more than few squirrels to feed in Heaven!

Laura Vlahakis - July 16, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ Moe was the best father-in-law a girl could ask for! He welcomed me into the family and our relationship was filled with jokes & laughter. He always genuinely seemed happy to see me but especially when I had baked him an apple pie! I truly appreciate the wonderful grandfather he was to our daughters. Their mutual love for one another was always quite evident. My life has been truly blessed by knowing & loving Moe. Love from your daughter-in- law, Annette

Annette - July 15, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ He did love your apple pie, Annette!!!

Laura - July 17, 2020 at 08:41 PM



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Bruce - July 14, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ Moe was the best father I could have asked for. Of course it doesn't hurt that I loved to play ball and have almost the identical personality (why waste food?). He was a dedicated father who had all the time in the world for me. He loved to laugh and we always had fun together. One of my favorite memories as a child was going on a Western Electric canoe trip on the Delaware River. Dad usually saw the funny side of life, so an outdoor adventure by a bunch of city-dwelling engineers was non-stop hilarity. I'll never forget the Kentucky Fried Chicken pieces floating past us down the river. Another fond memory was playing outfield for his softball team. It was an honor to watch the old master on the mound using body english and his knuckleball to strike out the younger guys. And he got such a kick out of it when I ran down a couple of fly balls. “Young legs” he said laughing.

Glenn

Glenn Veralli - July 14, 2020 at 08:58 PM



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bruce - July 14, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Papa Moe could always beat me at tennis, no matter how much he aged. He taught me so much and laughed often.



sarah - July 14, 2020 at 10:51 AM