



## Alvin "Al" H. Schiffman

May 6, 1936 - June 8, 2020

WORCESTER - Alvin "Al" H. Schiffman, 84, of Worcester, Mass., passed away on June 8, 2020. He was the son of the late Maxwell I. and Lillian Goldstein Schiffman of Bayside, N.Y. Al is survived by his wife of 31 years, Lili Schiffman of Worcester; son Cary M. Schiffman, wife Cheryl of Hudson, N.H., grandson, Maxwell; son Rickey B. Schiffman and wife Lauren of Westborough, Mass., grandsons Will, Sam and Ben; daughter Aimee L. and husband Christopher S. Robinson of Melrose, Mass., and grandsons Lyric and Justice. He also leaves Lili's daughters, Beth, Wendy, Caren, and Jordana and their children. Al also leaves behind several cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Al graduated from Bayside High School, Bayside, N.Y. in 1955 and briefly attended the University of Miami. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1956, was initially stationed at Fort Devens, Mass. and subsequently in Hawaii as Military Police in the United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC). Al always jumped at the opportunity to share that he once kicked Frank Sinatra and his manager off Waikiki Beach.

He was a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, and Sinatra's "New York, New York" was Al's favorite song for obvious reasons. Al dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player and tried out for the Brooklyn Dodgers in an attempt to fulfill that dream. The Dodgers passed on Al, so he spent several years playing softball in Central Massachusetts leagues and once faced Eddie Feigner's "King and his Court." Al's interest in hockey was strengthened by his sons who played, and he established the Worcester County Referees Association (WCRA), jokingly known by its unofficial motto, "We Can't Ref at All."

Those who knew Al will remember him for his affinity for telling jokes and sharing stories.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, Mass. 02452 or AMVETS, 4646 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD, 20706.

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“ Since he was my brother- in -law I have vivid memories of spending many holidays with he & Lili when they visited us in Toronto. He had vivid memories of his beloved Yankees and longed for an egg-cream which could only be made using U-Bets chocolate syrup to be authentic. Failing that , he loved drinking real seltzer water. We both loved baseball and always together with Lili's brother, Marty, regaled each other with our baseball memories. Every one who came in contact with him could not help but to be instantly entertained by his stories,not the least of which involved his many contacts with the then chairman of the Yankees organization whose name escapes me. I for one will miss him.

**Arthur Kates** - June 15, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ Arthur, I believe you mean Author Richmond of the Yankees. Sorry for your loss. We all will miss him. .

**Sheila S. Schiffman** - June 16, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ Sending Comfort, healing, love and prayers to all those who loved and knew Al and have fond memories of him. In the darkest hour the soul will be replenished and given strength to endure. May the memories be a blessing and hope it helps to know how much others care.

**Sheila S. Schiffman** - June 16, 2020 at 06:10 PM