



Albert Leo Massoni

December 8, 1942 - February 23, 2021

Albert Leo Massoni, born December 8, 1942, in San Francisco, CA, died suddenly at his home on February 23, 2021, in Chestertown, MD, where he lived with his wife, Carla Wilcox McWilliams Massoni, of fifty-one years.

Al was a loving husband and equal partner in all aspects of his shared life with Carla. He was an unequalled father who adored and cherished his children. As a grandfather, he doted on his grandchildren. With his friends, he often traveled, shared a meal, or enjoyed playing bocce – all the while engaged in meaningful conversations and hearty laughter. He was charming with a quick and lovely smile. A consummate host, he relished bringing people together in celebration. Al was brilliant in the kitchen, regardless of whether it was a simple dinner or a holiday affair. He had impeccable taste in art and friends and was intelligent, passionate, and exceptionally considerate with those he loved. Equally private and reserved – to be in his inner circle was to be bathed in his love, concern, and attention. Al loved the home he built with Carla and the time he spent with his family and friends. He was among the finest of men, and his loss is profound.

From the countless hours dedicated to his children to his career as a public policy advocate in Washington, DC, he championed education at all levels. As an international consultant, he focused on environmental policy and sustainability. He led his company's four-year U.S. Agency for International

Development project in Jamaica that crafted critical environmental policies and legislation for the country to protect air and water quality and create a system of national parks and reserves. He was instrumental in the early development of Washington College's Center for Environment & Society, and most recently worked as a consultant with The RNA Institute College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Albany, SUNY. His volunteer work for the Sultana Education Foundation from its inception to his current work as the incoming Chair of the Lawrence Wetlands Preserve Task Force brought him immense joy. A man of great integrity, Al was deeply devoted to social and humanitarian causes. His curriculum vitae tells the story of an engaged citizen, someone who strove for equity and who passionately pursued causes he cared about. His was a career path of "ands," never resting, never a challenge he didn't take on.

His life with Carla and their family was one of deep love. They shared many adventures, and Al was always planning for more. He loved to travel, and valued time spent with his family above all else. He was thoughtful, caring, and continuously learning; curious about the world and his loved ones and what they valued. Al built a beautiful life for himself and his family; a beautiful and thoughtful life that was cut too short.

Al is survived by his wife Carla; his children, Anne, David and Stephen; his grandchildren, Luca and Olive; daughter-in-laws, Marianna and Rachel; his siblings, Michael and Paula; countless nieces and nephews; as well as the close friends he considered family.

A celebration of Al's life will be held at a future time.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer a donation be made in Al's name to the Sultana Education Foundation's Lawrence Preserve Project (sultanaeducation.org).

Services will be held privately.

Tribute Wall



“ *Albert Leo Massoni*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Albert Leo Massoni*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Albert Leo Massoni*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Al was a wonderful kind and generous person. Great sense of humor and very in love with Carla and his family. We met Al and Carla when they did their wine dinners at the Imperial hotel and also because we purchased lots of art from Carla's gallery. We became friends through this and many visits to Chestertown. He will be missed in the community and by friends he made everywhere.*
Sheila David

sheila David - March 06, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *We are sending the entire family love, strength and peace. He was a gift to all while here but still a gift to all for the future. Fondly, Lex Fry and Miles Barnard*

Alexa Fry - March 02, 2021 at 04:58 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashley lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni



Karen Ashley - March 01, 2021 at 11:52 AM

HM

“ Our condolences to dear Carla and all of Al's family. We will miss his strong and gracious presence.



Howard & Mary McCoy - March 01, 2021 at 09:23 AM

RK

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Carla, David, Anne and Stephen. Al inspired all of us to be and do better. I was so, so young when working at the Imperial Hotel and he was always there to mentor and offer advise. I will always have a place in my heart for him and the Massoni family,

Robb Kimbles - March 01, 2021 at 06:57 AM

SC

“ From Winston Salem we send our heartfelt condolences and many, many thoughts to you Carla, David, Anne and Stephen. Bill, Susan and Clara



susan and bill chaze - February 26, 2021 at 03:20 PM

LB

“ *Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni*



Larry Beck - February 25, 2021 at 08:08 PM

JF

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Al Massoni.*



Jen Friedman - February 25, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ *very saddened by the loss of your dear Albert, I offer my heartfelt condolences to Carla, David and Anne. Francesco Gaioni*

Francesco Gaioni - February 25, 2021 at 04:55 PM

CR

“ *My fondest memories out of all the Restaurants I've worked come from working at the Imperial Hotel, from the guests, the impeccable wine dinners with Al and Carla at the helm and most importantly to the life long friends and Staff. My heart goes out to you Carla ,Anne, David, and Stephen.*

Chuck Reeser - February 25, 2021 at 04:34 PM

KR

“ He paved the way for a lot of young people, taught integrity, hard work, and being part of a team. He will always hold a special place in my heart. Love to Carla, Dave, Stephen and Anne ❤️😭

Kim Roberts - February 25, 2021 at 04:12 PM

MM

“ Maureen Malley lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni



Maureen Malley - February 25, 2021 at 03:28 PM

MR

“ Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - February 25, 2021 at 11:54 AM

MV

“ MJ Veverka lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni



MJ Veverka - February 25, 2021 at 10:43 AM

LP

“ *Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni*



Lee Phillips - February 25, 2021 at 10:03 AM

RR

“ *We have lost a gentle, generous and gracious gentleman who made the world a much better place. R.I.P. Al. It has been an honor.*



Richard & Caitlin Rosenberg - February 25, 2021 at 09:27 AM

BL

“ *Carla and family,
I am saddened to hear of Al's passing. You
are all in my prayers.*
Brenda



Brenda Lyons - February 25, 2021 at 08:25 AM

MS

“ *Mary Simmons lit a candle in memory of
Albert Leo Massoni*



Mary Simmons - February 25, 2021 at 06:36 AM

MS

*Dear Carla,
"Angels don't always have wings" but now Al has his. I am so very sorry for your loss, and I am sending my love to you and your family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.
Love you, Mary*

Mary Simmons - February 25, 2021 at 06:42 AM

JB

“ Carla I am so sorry to hear about Al....sending hugs and prayers



Joyce Benton - February 24, 2021 at 08:13 PM

SQ

“ SaraBeth & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni



SaraBeth & David Quinn - February 24, 2021 at 07:22 PM

MM

“ Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni



mark mumford - February 24, 2021 at 07:12 PM

TB

“ *Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Albert Leo Massoni*



Thelma Bright - February 24, 2021 at 04:36 PM

TB

So sorry; prayers for the family at this sad time.
Bill & Thelma Bright

Thelma Bright - February 24, 2021 at 04:38 PM

MM

My thoughts and prayers to all my Massoni friends.

mark mumford - February 24, 2021 at 07:13 PM

PH

The Heckles family sends our deepest condolences to Carla and all the Massoni family. Al will be truly missed.

Paul Heckles - February 24, 2021 at 07:57 PM

JM

I am in shock. My deepest condolences to all. I am lucky and blessed to have known him....

John Michael - February 25, 2021 at 08:41 PM

DS

Al was one of my dearest friends for many, many years. I think of him every day.

david Schreiber - January 31, 2022 at 08:26 PM