



Albert Carl. (Bato) Merulli

June 2, 2018

Albert Carl (Bato) Merulli, of Beaver passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on Saturday, June 2, 2018

He was the son of the late Andre Merulli and Anna Maria (Montanari) Merulli.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his step-father Joe “Jonk” Venetti. Five brothers; Roger, Robert, Cergel, Joseph and George, three sisters; Lillian, Eleanor, and Antoinette.

Albert was a member of St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Rochester.

Albert enlisted in the US Army and served fifteen months active duty in the Korean War.

After his discharge, Albert attended CCBC where he earned a degree in Criminal Justice.

He began his thirty-year law enforcement as a patrolman then eventually became Chief of Police for twenty years in Aliquippa during the time when the steel mills were booming and there was a thriving business community. He recalled escorting several presidential candidates and had many stories to tell about his experiences. During his time in the police force he received numerous honors; Policeman of the Year, Silver Star Award, Humanitarian Fellowship Award and was inducted into the Police Hall of Fame. After retiring from police work, he went to work in the Beaver County Jail as a corrections officer and was promoted to Sergeant. Albert was elected to serve as Constable for Brighton Township and was also a member of the Western Pennsylvania Chief of Police Association. Albert loved working with and mentoring young people. He was fondly referred to as “Chief” even after his retirement. Albert has a passion for horses and enjoyed trail riding with his wife and daughter. He will be truly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Andrea Merulli, a daughter and son-in-law: Lisa and Mitchell Baker, a granddaughter, Ava-Li Baker, two sisters, Clarice Venetti and Josephine Winger along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-4 & 6-8 pm. Departing prayers will begin at 9:15 am Wednesday in the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 am in St. Cecelia Church. Entombment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

The Beaver County Special Unit will provide military honors at the cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, Inc.
2026 McMinn Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001
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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Cecelia Catholic Church
628 Virginia Avenue
Rochester, PA 15074

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Albert Carl. (Bato) Merulli.*



June 04, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Albert Carl. (Bato) Merulli.*



June 04, 2018 at 10:36 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the Merulli family. I have a memory to share. When I was very young, Chief Merulli owned a house of which his backyard almost touched our backyard. This was up on Davidson Heights. We would watch for him to mow the grass and wave Hi. We (the neighborhood kids) would ride our bikes down past his house and wave hi. He'd say you kids be careful. We were so excited and proud that the Aliquippa police chief lived by us. You would've thought the president of the USA lived there.*

JENNIFER EATON - June 03, 2018 at 11:56 PM

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Andrea my friend, my deepest sympathies and love. Remember all the great times we had. Riding horses or learning to drive a stick shift. You are in my thought and prayers.

Linda Davis - June 04, 2018 at 11:13 AM