



Graeme W. Dalzell

April 6, 2009

Graeme W. Dalzell Graeme W. Dalzell, founder of the Colts Boys Club in Yonkers, New York, passed away on April 6, 2009 surrounded by his loving family, at Tidelands Hospice, in Georgetown, South Carolina. He was born in Yonkers on April 4, 1923 to George and Florence Dalzell. He had two brothers, Gordon and Robert and a sister, Violet. He was a high school basketball and track star for Yonkers High School. He played basketball for the US Marine Corps during World War II. He founded the Colts Boys Club in 1949 and ran it for the next 20 years. They will be celebrating the club's 60th anniversary on April 10th. He was awarded the Yonkers Recreation Commission Award in 1956 and was the first recreation director for the town of Clarkstown, New York. Graeme was instrumental in helping 32 young men and women obtain athletic scholarships due to his friendship with many coaches. He was a business agent for Local 501 for 16 years, which, at its peak had over 1000 members. He was vice president of the Westchester Building and Trades Organization. He held 45 local, county, regional, and national awards. He was on the Coastal Carolina College Board of Directors CINO Club. In Westchester County, he was named Man of the Year in 1976 for his work with United Cerebral Palsy. Graeme was inducted into the Westchester Sports Hall of Fame in 1984. He won more than 100 medals through his participation in Senior Olympics competitions and still holds many records in several of those events. He was a member of Belin United Methodist Church. Graeme always felt a sense of civic duty and showed this

through his many charitable acts. He loved to tell stories and make people laugh. Graeme loved working with children and was a sports enthusiast his entire life. His love for the game of basketball created the foundation of his competitive nature and his enjoyment of teamwork and just hard work in general. He was very proud to be a marine and a basketball player. His three sons all played basketball and went to college on athletic scholarships. It seems somehow fitting to mention that the North Carolina Tar Heels held a commanding lead in the final game of the NCAA tournament, as Graeme in the company of his family, passed peacefully into the hands of God. His first wife, Phyllis, his brother Gordon and sister Violet preceded him in death. He married Eliza Sloan in 1978. Eliza and Graeme enjoyed 30 years of matrimony and together participated in Senior Olympics events as well as a number of community activities in New York and South Carolina. He is survived by his loving wife, Eliza, son, George Susan; daughter, Margaret Rouley and husband Brian son, Richard and wife Barbara; son, Jon and wife Maya; stepson, Gary Sloan and step daughter, Heather Sloan; ten grandchildren; two great grandchildren and a brother, Robert Catherine. Services will be held later in Yonkers, New York. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Tideland's Hospice, 2591 North Fraser St., Georgetown, South Carolina, 29440 or Belin Methodist Church Land Acquisition, PO Box 528, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. Sign a guest book at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Liza, I just saw this notice and I'm so very sorry. I loved Graeme and so did my Dad. I can only imagine the trouble the two of them are getting into now! Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy Philo##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ Though I haven't seen him for many years, Mr. Dalzell was a great friend and mentor to me when I was younger. I'll never forget those times we spent watching Myrtle Beach Blue Jay games together or the small gifts, such as baseball cards and autographed balls, that always made a little boy smile. My heartfelt condolences to you, Eliza, and the family. -Christian Massey##imported-begin##Christian Massey##imported-end##

July 21, 2009 at 08:39 AM



“ Sorry to read of your passing Brother. I too was a member of Local #501 in White Plains. My condolences to the family you surely will be missed.##imported-begin##Frank Passarelli##imported-end##

May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Eliza, Sincere sympathy on the passing of Mr. Dalzell. We lost a great person and our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. Chris Clow White Plains, NY##imported-begin##Christina Clow##imported-end##

April 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Graeme Dalzell was a very close friend to our family in Red Hook, NY. His son, Jon, is especially important to my parents, Jack and Ann, and my siblings, Kevin and Kathleen, with whom he grew up with. Graeme's love of youth sports continued into his involvement with the Red Hook Little League and his enthusiastic personality was always large! Graeme had a significant role in my life including the introduction that gave me my first job as a banker - a career that continues today. He even invited me to live with Eliza and him, when I started that first job, until I found an apartment in Westchester. He was always good to me and my family and he will be missed! Michael##imported-begin##Michael Gilfeather##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Margaret and Richard Alexander##imported-end##

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“ The city of Yonkers, IBEW Local 501 now Local 3 North and all the kids that are better today because of Graeme have lost a great friend.He will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Henry A. Jamin Jr.##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss Eliza. Graeme was a personal friend as well as a client and I will miss him too. Ron Gaynor##imported-begin##Ron Gaynor##imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to read about Mr. Dalzell. I loved seeing his sweet smile and kind spirit whenever he came into Dr. Graham's office. He was a very special guy. My prayers are with you and the family. Carole Adams, RN##imported-begin##Carole Adams##imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Eliza and family... we will miss Graeme very much and send our love to you and the family during this sad time... Caroline, Joe, Jack and Emma xoxo##imported-begin##caroline##imported-end##

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