



Earl J Maddalena Sr

June 13, 1934 - March 15, 2018

Earl James Maddalena Sr. 83 of Daphne, Al. passed away on March 15, 2018. Earl was born in West Warwick, RI to Latonia & Alice Maddalena on June 13, 1934.

After graduating from Coventry High School Earl joined the US Marine Corp, Semper Fi, where he proudly served his country for 4 years. After leaving the Marine Corp, Earl went on to graduate from college and begin his career as a teacher at Bellport High School and start his most fulfilling career as a basketball coach. Earl was a Varsity Basketball coach for 18 yrs. He retired in 1981 to begin a second career as a dairy farmer in Lisbon, NY. Earl enjoyed boating, playing golf and spending time with his grandchildren.

Earl is survived by his wife of 56 years, Alice Maddalena, one daughter, Elizabeth Bedinger (Robert) of Spanish Fort, AL, 3 sons, Earl Jr. and James (Chrystie) of Brookhaven, NY, Steven (Vanessa) of Westminster, CO and 6 grandchildren, Manet, Jennifer, Katelyn, Christian, Nicole & Megan.

Memorial service will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Lung Association would be appreciated.

Arrangements entrusted to Cason Funeral Service, Foley, Alabama

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 4. 2:30 PM (CT)

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort
34904 AL-225
Spanish Fort, AL 36577
(251) 625-1338

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Earl as a family friend and basketball coach. Coach Maddalena was my coach at Bellport for the 66/67 & 67/68 seasons. 66/67 was an especially memorable season, as we won the Port Jefferson Christmas tournament and went on to the County playoffs. That season really put Bellport basketball on the LI map. With Randy Smith and the Tyler brothers I mostly sat on the bench that year but have always felt it was a great experience to be part of that. Coach was what they would call "old school" today, stressed playing good defense and "if you make your free throws you'll be in every game." And he could work the refs as good as anyone! My senior year he arranged for the team to go to Rhode Island - where he was from - to play in a tournament. He drove us all up there in a school bus and took us on a tour of URI, where he had gone to college. A fun trip and great experience - I was always very appreciative of him taking us. That same season he also suspended me for a game because I didn't get a hair cut (yes - different times then). I get a laugh out of that when I think of it now but there was definitely a lesson learned.

My condolences to the entire family.

Rest in Peace Coach.

*Ray Viola
BHS '68*

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