



# Alfred "Essie" Essenwein

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**A**lfred (Essie) Essenwein was born on February 6, 1931 in Kittanning, PA. He was the older brother of Jeannine and Bob. On December 29, 1951 he married Cecelia (Cile) Slagle and they began their loving journey of 61 years together. They were blessed with seven children; Sandy (December 1952-July 2007), Nancy (1954), Mike (1956), Tim (1957), Sue (1960), Diane (1963), and Mary (1968). Essie and Cile moved to Pinellas Park, FL in 1963 and Essie went to work for Hoods Dairy in St. Petersburg, FL. In 1980, Alfred began a 20 year career with the City of St. Petersburg, retiring in 1998 as a Supervisor with the Public Works Department. Essie and Cile's children gave their parents thirteen loving grandchildren currently between the ages of 18 and 39. In 2010, they were blessed with their first great-grandchild.

Essie enjoyed college sports, especially University of Florida basketball and football, and was the number one Pittsburgh Steeler fan in Tampa Bay. Eating out at new dining establishments in the bay area was one of his favorite past times and cooking at home was always a passion. He was known for making delicious cheesecakes in a variety of exotic flavors. For many years, Essie enjoyed playing cards with his many friends and also was an avid reader. His ability to remember books and authors and relate detailed story plots always created great dinner table conversation. Essie also loved music, especially the big band sound which he played on his trumpet in the high school band and Fireman's Band while living in Pennsylvania. Essie was one of the friendliest people you could meet and easy to talk to, especially if you wanted to talk about the Steelers. There was not a nurse, waiter, therapist or door-to-door salesperson that did not remember their encounter with Essie.

Essie worked hard to support his wife and children, often working two or three part time jobs in addition to his full time job. He instilled that same work ethic in all of his children. Although he worked hard over the years, his family has many memories of



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good times and shared laughter. He will be greatly missed by his wife, children, grand-children, great grand-children and friends.



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PJ

**Phil Jardine** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you, may god bless.

November 14 at 1:29 AM

PS

**Paul Shaner** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Paul & Joyce Shaner & family

February 12 at 6:28 PM

SM

**Sally Millican** posted:

Jan & Mike, So sorry for your loss. Sounds like I missed knowing a special man. RIP

February 12 at 5:11 PM

RE

**Rick Enderle** posted:

I was so lucky to know essie

February 12 at 2:10 PM

DC

**Debbie Cousins** posted:

Aunt Cile and Family, Uncle Essie will be missed dearly. I will always remember him making his great cheesecakes and him and his steelers, whom he loved . May your children and their families bring you comfort by sharing memories of uncle essie. Take one day at a time . You will get through this. Love you so much Aunt Cile, anything needed I am here for you !! Debbie ,Mom,Mary Beth , Denise and Dave

February 12 at 5:24 AM

CZ

**Cathy A. Zimmerman** posted:

I am sorry for your family's loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

February 12 at 2:43 AM



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DM

**Debi, Paul & Jessi Mccabe** posted:

Our prayers are with all of you. What a wonderful man, neighbor and friend. Jessi will surely miss him and being able to come just pop in and visit. Cile, we are here if you need anything. And I must add...we were one of the lucky ones to have gotten one of his cheesecakes! We love you!

February 12 at 2:25 AM

KH

**Krystale, John, Colton, And Sierra Hohn** posted:

We will miss you Uncle Al.

February 11 at 8:17 PM

RE

**Robert And Shirley Essenwein** posted:

You will be forever missed. We will always hold you in our hearts.

February 11 at 8:13 PM

LO

**Lori** posted:

Mike and Jan, David and I would like to express our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad. We will continue to remember you family in our prayers. Love, Lori and David White

February 11 at 12:26 PM

RE

**Richard & Ellen Essenwein** posted:

Uncle Al, Although you will be missed, I will always remember your last visit up to K-town. As long as your memories are in our hearts, you will never be gone. Richard

February 10 at 3:46 PM



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CE

**Cathy And John Evans** posted:

Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss and the heartache we feel for you and your family. We hope the love that surrounds you with family and friends will help ease your pain during this most difficult time. Mr. Essenwein was a wonderful man and we always enjoyed seeing him and Mrs. E at Mike and Jan's house. We also always knew there was an awesome cheesecake in the fridge when we saw their car. We were privileged to help Mr. and Mrs. E celebrate their 50th anniversary and the love between the two of them, as well as within the family, was uplifting. Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. With much love and sympathy, John and Cathy Evans

February 10 at 12:42 PM

BM

**Bob Mallon** posted:

Al was a great guy. We worked together at city hall and kept in touch all these years after I moved to Minnesota. Him and Addie another co-worker are up there in heaven now. I going to miss him.

February 10 at 12:07 PM

JE

**John Jessica Trevor Essenwein** posted:

You'll always be missed !!

February 10 at 10:20 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alfred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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