



Mr. Andrew L. Fennelly

November 9, 1938 - May 21, 2013

Andrew L. Fennelly, 74 of Whitcomb Lane in Claremont, NH died Tuesday (May 21) at his home. He was born on the rock-bound coast of Maine in Southwest Harbor on Mt. Desert Island on November 11, 1938 the son of Thomas E., Sr. and Clara (Turner) Fennelly. For many years his grandfather was the lighthouse keeper at Bear Island Light off the coast of Northeast Harbor, Maine. Andrew attended Ellsworth High School and Northeastern and Boston universities. While in school he appeared on the evening television news hour for a year and had a speaking part in the 1956 movie "Carousel" starring Shirley Jones and Gordon MacRae, and in the 1957 movie "Peyton Place" starring Lana Turner. Mr. Fennelly possessed three decades of specialized knowledge and experience in various areas of gerontology and long term care. He served as president and director of the Maine Health Care Association and as program chairman for the New England Hospital Assembly while at the same time serving on the governing council of the American Health Care Association. He also served as national president of the American College of Health Care Administrators, a professional association representing more than 7,000 long term care administrators. As state president of the Florida Assisted Living Association (FALA, 1992-1995), he was instrumental in securing the original Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver for Florida residents. In June 1997, he became the first in Florida-and one of the first 44 people in the United States to become a Certified Assisted Living Administrator (CALA) under the standards of the American College of Health Care Administrators. He served as an advisor to the White House Conference on Aging, and presented a paper at the International Congress of Gerontology in Hamburg, Germany ("Assuring Competency in Long-Term Care Administration"). He has written articles on training techniques that have appeared in national publications and is listed in Who's Who. For 18 years, Mr. Fennelly owned and successfully managed a nursing home that rated in the top 10% of facilities providing excellent care in America. For eight years, he managed assisted living facilities in Florida and New Hampshire. From 1998-2000, he spearheaded the development of the first modular assisted living facility for Senior Services America. Throughout 1999, he was in New Hampshire overseeing the development of The Pines of Newmarket, a facility that was built, licensed, and occupied within 115 days from the pouring of the foundation. From 2000-2002 he was involved with Community Care Alternatives, a management company,

for which he was instrumental in the construction, licensing, and administration of The Arbors, an assisted living facility in Ormond Beach, Florida. At the same time, he was the manager of Oceans IV, a 114-unity, luxury beachfront condominium complex in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. He founded Secure Care Systems, Inc., which developed the first electronic system for monitoring wandering residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. He was the company's CEO and also its national sales manager, developing both a sales team and a nationwide distribution network. The company was acquired in 1988; it is now an international company. At the same time, he served three years on the Research and Technology Committee of the American Society on Aging. Mr. Fennelly was hired as President and CEO of Interactive Video Resources (IVR), a company associated with Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Florida. IVR developed interactive laser-disc technology for training health care workers. Mr. Fennelly oversaw the writing of the scripts, filming, development of the product, and bringing the product to the national market. The 1995, the Andrew F. O'Connell Award, given by Catholic Charities Elder Affairs of Palm Beach County, Florida was one recognition of Mr. Fennelly's efforts. "This award is bestowed on citizens who have undertaken great personal sacrifice to assist the elderly in the diocesan family in a variety of areas. Each recipient, in his own way, has generously given the good stewardship of time, talent or treasure to improve the lives of elder individuals within our great human family." -Bishop of Palm Beach. Mr. Fennelly retired in April 2002 and moved back to New England. In August of 2002, he came out of retirement to become the Executive Director of the Claremont Housing Authority in Claremont, New Hampshire. He also founded Fennelly Farms, a purveyor of specialty jam and jellies. He is survived by a son, Shawn Fennelly, Wayland, MA; three daughters, Stacey Fennelly, Fairlee, VT; Allyson Royer, Stratham, NH; Erin Nunn, Raymond, ME, 10 grandchildren, a brother, Thomas Fennelly, Jr., Bangor, ME; his longtime friend, Eric Zengota, Claremont, NH and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Richard Fennelly, Sr. and two sisters, Janet Gray and Carole Clarke. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Friday at Holy Martyr's Church, 266 Foreside Rd., Falmouth, ME. Interment will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Falmouth, ME. Friends may call at the Roy Funeral Home, 93 Sullivan Street, Claremont, NH on Wednesday evening from 6 – 8 pm. and from 5 – 8 pm on Thursday evening at the Conroy-Tully, Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State St, Portland, ME. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Cemetery

Pine Grove Cemetery
9 Waites Landing Road
Falmouth, ME, 04105

Events

- MAY 22

Visitation

06:00PM - 08:00PM

Roy Funeral Home
93 Sullivan St., Claremont, NH, US, 03743
- MAY 23

Visitation

05:00PM - 08:00PM

Conroy-Tully, Crawford Funeral Home
172 State Street, Portland, ME, US, 04101
- MAY 24

Service

11:00AM

Holy Martyr's Church
266 Foreside Road, Falmouth, ME, US, 04105

Comments



“ Dear Fennelly Family, I knew Andrew from my employment helping individuals over 55 years old with employment and training. He was a wonderful person who cared about his community and I will miss our frequent talks. My husband loves his jellies! I will always remember his spirit, I am so sorry for your loss. Lori Mahar, National Able Network

Lori Mahar - June 03, 2013 at 01:39 PM



“ To the Fennelly family: My heart is filled with sadness at the passing of dear Andrew he was always such a mentor to me in my business and such a kind hearted friend. Our conversations were always wonderful and sincere. I am so sorry for your loss. My world was a better place because of Andrew. His kindness, and words of encouragement and direction will stay with me forever.
Dana Sonia
Gift Baskets by Your Design
Chichester NH

Dana Sonia - May 31, 2013 at 08:16 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Andrew L. Fennelly.



May 29, 2013 at 09:02 AM



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Dear Fennelly Family,

I had the honor of knowing Andy through my beloved husband, Jack Clarke. I always looked forward to time spent with Andy because it would always be memorable. Jack enjoyed him so much and always had stories to tell about their times together.

I share your loss, and, on behalf of Jack's memory, offer our sincere condolences.

Shawn & Lisa, thank you for continuing to share your family with me through your Christmas picture cards. What a special legacy your boys are.

Best Regards,
Fran Clarke



Fran Clarke - May 24, 2013 at 10:39 AM



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Whenever he had to pee, he told me " I've got to see a man about a horse"

-Andrew Joseph Fennelly, his grandson

Andrew Fennelly - May 24, 2013 at 06:23 AM



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Such an accomplished, elegant and interesting man. His presence will be missed. He contributed so much to others. My heartfelt condolences to Andrew's family and friends.

Ditha DeSimone

Ditha DeSimone - May 22, 2013 at 02:43 PM



“ Our heartfelt condolences go to Andrews' family and friends. Andrew was a bit of a mentor to me as we progressed from the idea of opening a spice shop to the reality of opening it. His advice and wisdom were invaluable to us, and I always enjoyed our conversations. I'm going to miss him!

David & Ingrid Lucier

Claremont Spice & Dry Goods

David Lucier - May 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM



“ Richard Fennelly Sr. Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mr. Andrew L. Fennelly.



Richard Fennelly Sr. Family - May 22, 2013 at 11:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Andrew L. Fennelly.



May 22, 2013 at 09:35 AM



“ Andrew will be missed my condolenses he has touched many lives.

Michelle Parker - May 21, 2013 at 10:53 PM



“ Stacey, Eric and the rest of the Fennelly family - We are carrying heavy hearts by the sudden passing of Andrew. I first met him at the Chamber where he served as our board member, and becoming the chairman of the Claremont Home Show for several years. An instant friendship had developed and networking our businesses began. We even got to meet a few of his grandchildren at the various craft fairs we all did. Mike and I are really going to miss you. God has a great place in heaven for you!

Michael and Susan Sadonsky - May 21, 2013 at 04:32 PM



“ Andrew will be missed at Marion Phillips. I had many conversations & laughs with him. He was a well spoken man, yet could laugh and enjoy a good story. I had the chance to meet 2 of his grandsons, who were delightful, he was a proud grndpa. Peace & Prayers as the family transition through his passing.
Charlotte Stevens

Charlotte Stevens - May 21, 2013 at 04:23 PM



“ Andrew will surely be missed, my condolences to his family and friends.

Rosemary Alicea - May 22, 2013 at 08:22 AM