



Hugh "Woodie" Lange

September 2, 1933 - June 21, 2020

Portsmouth - Hugh Woodie Lange "Woodie", 86, of Alfred, NY, passed away peacefully on Father's Day, June 21, 2020 at the Wentworth Senior Living facility in Portsmouth, NH after an extended illness. Woodie was a devoted father and grandfather, a loving husband, an enthusiastic golfer, an avid sports fan, a profound lover of the outdoors, and a dedicated administrator at Alfred University.

Born on September 2, 1933 in Belle Vernon, PA, he was the son of Hugh Henry and Catherine Frances Lange. He attended high school in Belle Vernon before graduating from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, and completing his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh.

He began his professional career at the Federal Reserve Bank in Pittsburgh, and then moved on to the business office at Carnegie Mellon University, also in Pittsburgh. Woodie interviewed for a position at Alfred University in 1970 and fell in love with the town and the idea of raising his family in the Alfred community. He accepted the offer to become Controller, and stayed with the University until his retirement in 1998.

Woodie loved his home and life in Alfred. He was especially proud of the barn he designed and constructed with his family, and endlessly enjoyed the woods and pond on his property. He spent countless hours coaching and attending his children's sporting and other activities. He instilled in them a deep love of family, passion for hobbies, hard work ethic, and unwavering generosity. Woodie was tightly woven into the Alfred University community. Staff, faculty, and students alike would call him by name and stop to talk wherever he went on campus, and he was notorious for his dedication to the football team and for arriving hours before the game to claim his seat. Woodie was also a dedicated communicant of the Alfred Union University Church. His other passions included woodworking, genealogy, a late-life love of gardening, and of course, the Pittsburgh Steelers. After retiring, he enjoyed golfing, visiting family, attending sporting and music events, becoming an ice cream connoisseur, and traveling with his wife of 16 years, Susan Clinger Lange ("Sue"), who survives him. For health reasons he spent the final

years of his life in Portsmouth in her loving care and devoted company.

Woodie is also survived by his former spouse, Carol Reed Lange, and their five children and partners: Cathy (Jeff) Long, Linda (Bob) Malecky, Bob Lange (Michel Rondon), John (Jacqueline) Lange, and Scott Lange. He deeply loved and greatly enjoyed his twelve grandchildren, who loved him greatly in return: Kelly, Katie, and Molly Long; Bryan, Nathan, and Maggie Malecky; Nicholas, Brooke, and Ethan Lange; and Cameron, Peyton, and Sawyer Lange. Woodie likewise embraced and loved Sue's three children and spouses: Beth (Jim) Benson, Jean (John) Yorio, and Cheryl (David) LaPrade. He was fortunate to be part of their lives and families and to enjoy an active and loving relationship with Sue's seven grandchildren: Jamie and Kelly Benson; Jordan, David, and Sara Yorio; and Ben and Matthew LaPrade. Woodie is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Woodie was preceded in death by his parents, a brother John "Jack" Lange, and a sister Wilma Heasley.

The family will hold a private ceremony, but please visit www.remickgendron.com to view Woodie's memorial website and share condolences and memories on his tribute wall. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the [Alfred Union University Church] www.unionuniversitychurch.org 29 N. Main St, Alfred, NY 14802), or a charity of your choice.

Comments



“ Dear Lange Family: Woodie Lange was an original, the complete package I would say. He was a huge part of the University's life during his employment there and, as the posts here attest, equally as important in the life of the larger Alfred community. Two qualities that stand out for me are his sense of humor, his intelligence (he was really really scary smart) and his work ethic. OK, that's three, sorry. Woodie's laugh at a good joke and at the crazy stuff that life brought along always struck me as being the bedrock of a totally well-adjusted man. On a personal level, I will be forever grateful for his support and friendship during the time we worked together. One of a kind, a truly wonderful human being. Woodie, we love you and we will miss you.
Peter Fackler

Peter Fackler - July 04 at 02:47 PM



“ John, please accept my condolences on the passing of your father. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your entire family. God Bless.

Teresa Gaisser-Bent
Auburn, NY

Teresa Gaisser-Bent - July 03 at 12:45 PM



“ My sympathy to you Sue and family. Woodie was such a wonderful boss. He cared about all of us. He meant a lot to me. He was one of a kind. You made such a great couple. Phyllis Russell

Phyllis Russell - June 30 at 07:39 PM



“ Dear Sue and family, So sorry to hear of Woodie's passing. I am sorry that I didn't have the opportunity to get to know him better. With all these tributes sure he was a very special man. Our sincerest condolences to you and your family and all others who knew him so well. With deepest sympathy, blessings and love, Gil & Marilyn Stebbins

Marilyn Stebbins - June 29 at 03:21 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Woodie's passing and express our deepest sympathy to Sue and to the whole family. Woodie and I worked together at Alfred University for only a few years before his retirement, but we were neighbors living near Alfred for the past 25 years. From Woodie and Carol's generous welcome visit to our house in 1995 to a wonderful Holiday dinner at Woodie and Sue's home in more recent years--and everything in between--we could not have asked for or ever wanted better neighbors. I will miss Woodie's kindness and sense of humor. We are so glad we had a chance to get to know him.

Larry and Jan Casey

Larry Casey - June 29 at 08:40 AM



“ It's difficult to express the loss I feel. He was so good to me personally and our family generally and I will forever be grateful. I can still see him so clearly ... with his big smile, terrific wit, and always a deep sense of caring. Though I hadn't had the pleasure of seeing him in a good many years, I still feel that without him I've lost an important part of my world. Some of my happiest years at AU were when I worked with and for him.

My deepest sympathy to Sue and the family ... and to all of us who loved him dearly. He will truly be missed.

Joyce Rausch and the entire Rausch family.

The Rausch Family - June 28 at 07:07 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Lange and Clinger families from the Strong family. So many years we were in Alfred together and you added so much to our lives. I can still see Woodie in Carnegie and on campus, always with a big smile. We think of you all so fondly, so many memories, such great memories—Carol, Sue, Mike's good friend Bob, the Clinger girls, friends to Mike and Amy, all of you. We are grateful for having known you all, we grieve with you, and we send our very best wishes,
Susan, Paul, Mike, and Amy Strong

Susan Strong - June 28 at 02:35 PM



“ My prayers are with and your families Sue. He was a good buddy and he will be missed. Sue if I can help in any please call.

Joe Fasano - June 28 at 11:08 AM



“ Woodie was a Saxon through and through and his contributions to Alfred University will be remembered for generations. Deepest condolences to Sue and his loving family on his passing. The picture is exactly how I'll remember Woodie, with a big smile on his face, always ready to share a good word and a thoughtful exchange.

Paul Vecchio - June 28 at 09:00 AM



“ Woodie Lange was a great mentor. I have him to thank every day when I was forced 40 years ago to choose a retirement plan and I didnt have a clue. He was my guide. We created some powerful stuff together as an administration at AU . I am proud to count him among my lifetime friends. May you RIP Woodie. I will miss you.

Connie Beckman - June 27 at 03:21 PM



“ Sue, I've thought of you and Woodie daily through this pandemic. I'm sure it has been very hard on both of you. You were so devoted to Woodie and kept him engaged and interested in life for many years. His passing is difficult I know, but he is at peace now and can further enjoy God's love. I miss seeing you and would like to reconnect if possible. Monicak-h@comcast.net. Take care of yourself. Monica Kelliher-Hamby

Monica Kelliher-Hamby - June 27 at 02:04 PM



“ As a colleague and friend, Woodie was always there for you to provide support and assistance with good humor. His dedication and genuineness were never in question. He instilled in others a sense of personal integrity and honesty which served the University exceptionally well during his tenure there.

Maxine and I cherish the many years we shared our social life with Woodie and Sue and Carol. The fun times card playing, traveling, sharing meals, and watching our children grow up in Alfred. The fond memories will always be there of the many endearing encounters and caring friendship. Rest in Peace our friend.

Maxine and Don

Maxine and Don King - June 27 at 01:44 PM



“ June Field lit a candle in memory of Hugh "Woodie" Lange



June Field - June 27 at 12:12 PM



“ I was so saddened to learn of Woodie's passing. We worked in the same building for almost the same 28-year time period; the first two years in the same office. What a steady, devoted, even-hand at the Controller helm; kind and good humored. Sue and Carol, please accept my deepest condolences.

June Field - June 27 at 12:15 PM



“ I worked with Woodie for 10 years.He was always helpful and gave freely of his time.Condolences to the Family. A good man who cared, and you could trust with anything you owned.

Doug and Judy Burdick

Doug Burdick - June 26 at 10:55 PM



“ Sue, my condolences to you and the family. Woodie was a fair man to all. I always enjoyed running into you and Woodie around town. Take care.

Beth Cartella - June 26 at 09:16 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this. Mr Lange was the best boss I have ever had. Condolences to his family

Debbie horton

Deborah Horton - June 26 at 05:02 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Woodie truly was a part of the Alfred community and those of us who were lucky enough to have known him are truly blessed. My thoughts are with you at this time.
Jacque Friend

Jacqueline Young - June 26 at 03:56 PM



“ Sending sympathy, much love and peace to Carol, Cathy, Linda, Bob, John, Scott and your families. Thinking of all of you.
Susan Reed and the Dau cousins.

Susan Reed - June 26 at 02:25 PM



“ For Sue and Carol, and also for Bob Lange, I am so terribly sorry to hear the news of Woodie's death. I knew Woodie for all the years he worked at Alfred University. He was a good man....Alan Littell

Alan Littell - June 26 at 01:26 PM



“ My condolences goes out to Mrs.Lange and The Lange Family. May Woodie rest in peace and rest well in heaven. He was a true friend to The Alfred Community.

Samuella Tuffour - June 26 at 10:16 AM



“ I send my deepest condolences to Sue and the family. Whenever I am asked who had the greatest impact on my professional life Woodie is who I mention. He was a great supervisor, mentor, supporter, and friend. I am blessed to have been able to know him and have so many wonderful memories. I always joked that he hired me because he felt sorry for me when he found out I wrecked my car on the way to my job interview. He gave me the start to a great career in higher education.

Jane Gilliland - June 26 at 08:30 AM



“ Woodie coached out son Scott's little league team. I will always remember his kindness and patience. Both Harrie and I send our deep condolences.

Bev Stevens - June 26 at 07:40 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Woodie was my first 'boss' at Alfred University. He was a tough boss, a perfectionist, but a sweet, caring man, who always put family (and he treated his staff like family) and students above all. He taught me so much, from his work ethic, the way he cared about the students, his family, and the way he stood up for his staff. I worked under Woodie for almost 12 years and will never forget him. He was a great man, with a big heart. I remember the year we got him a singing telegram for his birthday... and the year I made him a cake and put so many candles on it the sprinklers went off in his office.... I made him a cake one year that resembled his pond that he loved so much,... Good times....

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Mary Lou Coleman - June 26 at 07:37 AM



“ I will always think of Woodie with fondness and gratitude. The world will surely miss the kind and generous man. My sympathies to Sue and his family Dawn Dowdle

Dawn Dowdle - June 26 at 07:36 AM



“ We send our condolences to Sue and all of the family. We new Woodie through AU and he was a good friend. He will be missed. Irvin Saxton and Susan Peck.



Susan Peck - June 26 at 06:41 AM