



Allan Frederick Guy

September 2, 1965 - August 20, 2015

Allan Frederick Guy, beloved son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and remarkable friend to many passed away at his home in Manassas, Virginia on August 20, 2015.

Though born in Bethesda, Maryland on September 2, 1965, Allan was a true Virginia gentleman. A third generation artist, illustrator and designer, Allan lived and worked for most of his life in Old Town Manassas, Virginia.

Allan is preceded in death by his father, Richard Guy who also was a renowned artist.

His survivors include his mother, Shirley Guy, his sister Marianne Pendlebury (Steve), brothers Stephen Guy (Kristy), Clayton Guy (Angel), nieces and nephews Michael Pendlebury (Teresa), Laura Delaney (CJ), Julia Guy, Chase Bailey, Evan Guy, the extended Root family, and special friend Cynthia Roman and her son Tyler Knight.

Allan graduated from Osbourn High school in 1983 and served as class president during his senior year. During his college years at East Carolina University, Allan authored and illustrated a comic for the school newspaper called "Walkin the Plank". After graduation with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1987, Allan entered and won a competition to redesign the Pepsi soda can resulting in the "Cool Can" issued for the holidays. This recognition jump

started Allan's successful career. He moved to Connecticut to live with his brother Clay and work in Manhattan. Allan had 12 years experience with midtown Manhattan firms, as Design Manager for Lipson, Alport, Glass and Associates, one of the nation's top brand identity firms, and the Senior Designer for Gianninoto Associates, one of the oldest design firms in the country.

Allan worked with many national and international companies, including Bacardi-Martini (for whom he designed Bacardi Limon, the top-selling new-spirits brand of the decade), Brown-Forman Worldwide, Jim Beam, Hiram Walker, Cadbury Schweppes, A&W Root Beer, Sara Lee Coffees and Teas, and Chock Full o' Nuts, among others. His design for the Chock Full O' Nuts coffee can featuring the skyline of New York City with the Twin Towers, has become a collectable item.

After moving back to Manassas, Allan formed his own studio, Allan Guy Design and Illustration (A. Guy Studio), specializing in premium branding and packaging for regional wineries, distilleries and historic organizations. Some clients included: King Family Vineyards, Philip Carter Vineyard and Winery, Ingleside Winery, Paradise Springs Winery, Christensen Ridge Winery and Potomac Point Vineyard and Winery. In addition to designing the branding for Silverback Distillery, KO Distilling, Chesapeake Bay Distillery, Beach Spirits, Catoctin Creek Distilling and Wild Scotsman Whiskey, he designed premium decanter packaging for the historic George Washington Straight Rye Whiskey and Martha Washington rum, both distilled at Mount

Vernon,
Virginia. His label and bottle design for Silverback Distillery's Beringi Vodka recently won a Bronze Medal at the 2015 San Francisco World Spirits Competition for Packaging Design.

A painter in oils and watercolors, Allan used fly-fishing trips and favorite locales as inspiration. He had a special love for the family retreats: a lakeside cabin at Deep Creek in Maryland and Greystone in the Catskills of upstate New York. Allan loved nothing more than to take off to rural locales and photograph or simply enjoy the history and beauty of the area. He rode across the country in his Jeep bringing back visions of a beautiful world. Allan saw the world in all its beauty and color.

His current art show, "American Geography", is hanging in the North Gallery of the King Family Vineyard until August 31 and will be moved to Silverback Distillery shortly thereafter. It is a collection of oils and watercolor inspired by his travels in the Mid Atlantic states and features bolder colors and a looser style of painting. "Not so tight" as Allan described it.

Allan loved gardening, history, genealogy, fishing and the town of Manassas. Civic and community organizations that Allan was associated with were: the Old Town Business Association, the Manassas City Police Association, the Manassas Battlefield Trust, Historic Manassas and the Manassas Museum. In 2012, Allan designed the logo and banners for the Sesquicentennial of the 2nd Battle of Manassas, and bottled a special wine label that was served at the commemorative event. Currently you can see two of Allan's paintings on banners flying from lamp

posts in Manassas, along with his father's banners. They are a fitting tribute to father and son artists and their close relationship.

He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his love of family, his intelligence, his southern charm, kisses on the hand and his love of conversation (never short!) "Uncle Owl" to his nieces and nephews, he was known for wild jeep rides, fishing expeditions, and crazy Christmas gifts.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations to go to the following organizations:

Historic Manassas-The Banner Project
9431 West Street
Manassas, Virginia 20110

(A way to support local artists)

The Manassas Museum
901 Prince William Street
Manassas, Virginia 20110

(A way to support local history, a love of Allan's)

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 6-8 PM where a celebration of life service will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
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Tribute Wall

CY

“ Still missing you every single day. Reese is still with us and so are you.



Cynthia - April 06, 2024 at 02:19 AM

MF

“ Matthew Brower & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Allan Frederick Guy.



Matthew Brower & Family - October 05, 2015 at 10:58 AM

LS

“ My husband Warren and I were fortunate enough to live next door to Allan on Taylor Street for 10 years. It was more than just a "Hi, neighbor" relationship. Allan was our friend, always ready to drop what he was doing if we needed a hand. We had many long conversations about a great variety of topics; native plants, Manassas, Scotland, or how our careers or studies were progressing. Allan genuinely enjoyed interaction and it was a pleasure to live next to someone so friendly. It was our desire to keep the friendship alive even after we moved to North Carolina last May. We truly thought Allan would visit one day and maybe even go to England to sail the canal boat with Warren. It is still so difficult to accept he is gone.

Lora Sharkey - October 03, 2015 at 02:21 PM

CC

“ We meet Allan in 2005, he had just relocated back to his home town from NY. We were looking to design our marketing logo and wine labels. We did a marketing study together with students from George Mason University on what labels grabbed your attention on the shelf. We had alot of fun designing and drinking wine..all part of the study! After we defined our logo and trademark tendril we jumped into a special Pocohontas label for the 400 year Anniversary of James Town. Allan especially enjoyed this project with all the tribal research and the specialty ceramic bottle we chose. We spent alot of hours over the next 10 years adding new labels to our line up, all of which Allan designed. I still have a couple of designs that we did early on for future wine labels...so through his art, Allan will live on at Potomac Point Winery.



cindi causey - October 03, 2015 at 01:57 PM



I love this. I have such fond memories of being with Allan and PPV&W from the very, very beginning.

Cyndi Lou - October 07, 2015 at 03:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Allan Frederick Guy.*



October 03, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ *The sun is not as bright, the flowers don't smell as sweet with our friend gone. Ethan and I will miss his smile and sense of humor. Allan was a wonderful and kind person, We spent many weekends together cheering for our boys in basketball and talking. He made our life better, he was our dear friend, greatly loved and never forgotten.*

Kelly Poole - October 01, 2015 at 09:34 PM



I never read this until now. It's beautiful.

Tyler Knight - April 06, 2024 at 02:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allan Frederick Guy.*



September 30, 2015 at 09:39 AM

JC

“Allan and I were neighbors for the three years I lived in Manassas. He had such a friendly and approachable presence about him, always taking a few minutes to stop and chat. We talked everything from cats to the fifth season, the yin and yang energy of late summer that most people don't acknowledge. When he would thin his lilies he put them out in a tub to share with whomever happened by. I'll bet his lilies are all over town. Allan loved animals and understood my angst when one of my cats went missing. He asked if he could help and dug under a shed for me to look for her because I didn't have the upper body strength. She wasn't there, but the story has a happy ending, because I found her a couple of days later in a neighbor's garage. My first order of business was to put a note on Allan's door, because since he told me that as an artist he kept "unique" hours, I didn't want to disturb him. But I knew he truly cared and would want to hear the good news. After advising him on a couple of issues he was having with one of his cats, I found a thank you note on my porch and a token of his appreciation: a keychain he had designed for the Manassas 150th Civil War anniversary celebration. I will treasure it always.

Jennifer Conger - September 29, 2015 at 11:01 AM

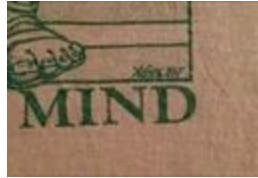
LR

“My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I was so sad to hear the news. Allan was an extremely talented and kind man. I had the pleasure of working with him on several projects. He had some of the best ideas, things no one ever thought to do before. It was clear he was passionate about his work. I never had the pleasure of meeting him in person, but I will never forget his voice or his beautiful work.

Lisa Roman - September 23, 2015 at 03:32 PM

SP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:09 PM

SP

A close up of the way Allan would always sign any works he did in College. It's a little hard to make out since this shirt is nearly 30 years old, but if you look closely, you can see he wrote A Guy 87'. He would almost always put the year next to his signature.

Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:41 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:07 PM

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The back of the shirt

Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:36 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:06 PM

SP

This was a shirt that Allan designed for the fraternity. He did this without any input from the brotherhood. When he introduced the shirts to us for the first time, we all said that Allan captured the true essence of exactly who we were as a fraternal brotherhood. There is much more here than a picture, and Allan was a master at adding small clues to his works, and in this case, clues that only the brothers would understand. This was just one of his many gifts.

Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:34 PM



This is awesome!!!

Cyndi Lou - September 22, 2015 at 05:32 PM

SP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:00 PM

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This is one of Allan's fraternity composite pictures.

Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:21 PM



SO HANDSOME!!!!

Cyndi Lou - September 22, 2015 at 05:32 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 10:26 PM

SP

I'm pretty sure this was the year that Allan won the Pepsi "cool can" contest.

Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:20 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 10:22 PM

SP

This is the Emblem of Delta Sigma Phi. Allan painted this on the wall of the main hallway in 1987. It remains there to this very day. It represents the bond of brotherhood. Allan was a true and faithful brother. YITBOS A. Guy, now and forever.

Steve Parker - September 18, 2015 at 11:19 PM

JA

“ *My heart is diminished by this news. I have the most sincere condolences for his family. Though I knew him only briefly, I experienced even, in those few encounters, his compassion, warmth, and humor. I counted myself lucky any day I spent time in his presence. Know that he will be missed by even the most casual of acquaintances. Jerry Abrams*

Jerry L Abrams - September 08, 2015 at 05:34 PM

RB

“ *We are thinking of all the love ones, and hope that time and wonderful memories help to ease the pain. We feel privilege to have met Alan. Robert and Susana*

Robert and Susana Barolin - September 04, 2015 at 11:36 PM

JC

“ *June Chapman lit a candle in memory of Allan Frederick Guy*



June Chapman - September 01, 2015 at 06:54 PM

JC

Dear Shirley, and all Allan's loved ones, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I hope you find peace and comfort in the beautiful things he created. God's love you.

June Chapman - September 01, 2015 at 06:58 PM

CG

“ *Our condolences to the family.*

What a kind, friendly and loving spirit Allan had. So many great things about his life going on and you'd never know it, because he was so humble. What an tremendous artist he was. He was always highlighting the good in everything and everyone around him.

He welcomed us to the neighborhood. Such a kind human being, extending his hand in friendship and pausing to share in our lives.

He played a part in our story. We will never truly get over that. The definition of a true friend.

We miss you Allan. Thanks for being there to welcome us.

In memory of Allan Guy, 2015. May God welcome you home as you so welcomed us this past year. May God bless you and your family.

Chris & Kim Goldsmith

Chris Goldsmith - September 01, 2015 at 12:16 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Photos He Liked Taken by Cynthia*



Cyndi Lou - August 29, 2015 at 09:46 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Photos He Liked Taken by Cynthia*



Cyndi Lou - August 29, 2015 at 03:10 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Allan and His Love for Animals*



Cyndi Lou - August 29, 2015 at 03:10 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Allan and "His" Arabian "Reflection Nemr"*



Cyndi Lou - August 29, 2015 at 01:07 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Allan and His Love for Animals*



Cyndi Lou - August 29, 2015 at 12:30 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *Allan and His Love for Animals*



Cyndi Lou - August 28, 2015 at 07:20 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Allan and "His" Arabian "Reflection Nemr"*



Cyndi Lou - August 28, 2015 at 07:14 PM

MG

“ Cynthia,

How incredibly difficult it must have been to write words expressing great joy found in a love like no other, yet feel its loss at the same time. You are very brave to confront such emotion.

You know that you and Tyler are blessed for having such love in your lives. That blessing will not always be easy to feel, for you or Tyler. But it is a blessing that changed your lives forever and will always be in your hearts. The three of you experienced a magnificent coming together, unique in all the world. That is so powerful. That is so true. You are better people for the time you had together, for this love changed you, and gave you parts of yourselves you might never have known.

I did not know Alan and yet, I know your love as palpable, even as an outsider. You will need time to heal this gaping wound, but you are a strong woman and will find your way. Be slow about it. Be kind to yourself and listen to no one. It is your path and your journey, although not a chosen one. One foot in front of the other is enough. All your wonderful memories will guide you, protect you and keep you safe from despair. I love the picture of the two of you. You both shine. When you feel like falling, look at that beautiful picture and your heart will smile.

"If SOMEONE loves a flower of which just one example exists among all the millions and millions of stars, that's enough to make him happy when he looks at the stars."

The Little Prince

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Marcia

Marcia Gray - August 28, 2015 at 02:58 PM

HS

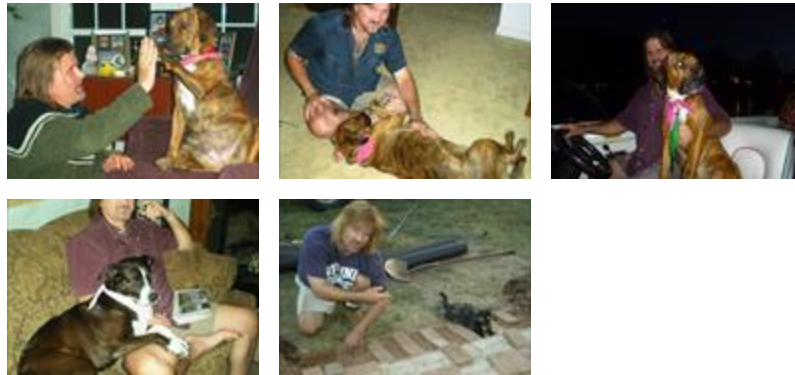
“ *Helga Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Allan Frederick Guy*



Helga Schwartz - August 28, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ *15 files added to the album Allan and His Love for Animals*



Cyndi Lou - August 28, 2015 at 01:13 PM



“ *27 files added to the album Photos He Liked Taken by Cynthia*



Cyndi Lou - August 28, 2015 at 12:43 PM

CR

“ Allan - Thank you for accidentally dialing my number when you were actually trying to reach your sister-in-law, Kristy. It blessed me with more conversations than we may have otherwise shared. Heaven is lucky to have you, my friend. Save a spot, a nice spot, with beautiful landscapes, for the rest of us... 'til we meet again. Hearts and prayers to family and friends, especially Cynthia and Tyler, whom I know are every part of you.
-Christi



Christi Fearson Ruhstorfer - August 28, 2015 at 08:45 AM

EC

“ Merciful Heavens! Such a fine young man! Such talent (and not just artistic). So much sorrow for you all. You know how much I admired him. Glad I was able to tell him when last I saw him.
Deep thoughts, gratitude, and serious prayers.
Betty Catron

E.R. Catron - August 27, 2015 at 07:10 PM



“ Your eyes, Allan: where I saw just Sky Meadows trees and grass, you saw bluebirds flashing in the sun; where I saw self-serving and fear, you saw opportunities for hope and love; where I saw just another sunset, you saw molecules ionized into scarlet and gold; where I saw just Old Rag rocks and trees, you saw Japanese gardens; where I saw a godless landscape, you saw the Noble Eightfold Path. Our world needs eyes like that, Allan, and yours will be sorely missed. Thank you for leaving the legacy you did, one seen only through eyes like yours...

Bob Root - August 27, 2015 at 09:41 AM

 Emily
Borens

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting this "Fine Virginia Gentleman" in person. I met him through the love in Cyndi's eyes and the stories she would share. I became friends with Allan because of her. Allan and Cyndi were always together having fun, going out exploring, going to concerts, they shared so much love and laughter. Love united his friends and family in life, as I hope that love will continue in his passing. Love shared is multiplied. Sorrow shared is softened. Please love and take care of one another as he would, in his honor. My prayers and sympathy goes out to Cyndi and Tyler, his mother, his whole extended family and friends. Peace

Emily Borens - August 26, 2015 at 06:16 PM

FN

“ Fran Newquist lit a candle in memory of Allan Frederick Guy



Fran Newquist - August 26, 2015 at 03:19 PM

CG

“ Allan will always have a piece of my heart. He was one of the most compassionate people I know. He stood firm in his beliefs, but would defend those beliefs in the most caring way ensuring not to hurt feelings of others. He had more talent than most can only dream of and I learned so much from him in our four years of art class and art club in high school. I am so grateful that we were able to re-connect through social media. Rest in Peace my friend..you will be missed!

Charlotte Geisler - August 26, 2015 at 10:53 AM

MD

“ *What a beautiful description of Allan and his life. We are still in disbelief and our hearts are with you all. We are here for you and want to do whatever is needed for you at this time. Our love to you, our prayers and our hearts are here for you. Love, Mary Ellen/Bob and all our family*

Mary Ellen Defibaugh/Kolakowski/Biggar - August 26, 2015 at 10:53 AM

LD

“ *Lynn (Davis) Dietrich lit a candle in memory of Allan Frederick Guy*



Lynn (Davis) Dietrich - August 26, 2015 at 10:46 AM

DM

“ *Denise Magee lit a candle in memory of Allan Frederick Guy*



Denise Magee - August 26, 2015 at 10:43 AM

DJ

“ I will always remember Allan as a very friendly, upbeat and talented person. He was always one of my favorite people in high school. I enjoyed running into him from time-to-time throughout the subsequent years -- he always greeted me with that wonderful smile! What a tribute it is to the kind of person he was, to know how deeply he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Guy family during this incredibly difficult time.

Dale (Potts) Jepson

Dale (Potts) Jepson - August 26, 2015 at 09:05 AM

 Cori
Dunn

“ Cori Dunn lit a candle in memory of Allan
Frederick Guy



Cori Dunn - August 26, 2015 at 08:18 AM

 Cori
Dunn

Cynthia, Tyler and Guy family.

Cori Dunn - August 26, 2015 at 08:21 AM



“ Dear Shirley, i.m so, so sorry for your loss. You probably don't even remember me...I worked with you at Piedmont Federal. My son shared this obit. On FB. Hold your memories in your heart and he'll always be with you.... take care, such lady..... Sue Larson

Sue Larson - August 26, 2015 at 07:50 AM

DH

“ Dear Shirley and Guy Family-Debbie and I are sorry to hear of your loss. Allan was a talented man and did so many great things in his time here.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Doug and Debbie Harvey

doug harvey - August 26, 2015 at 07:30 AM



Beverly
Ellis

“ Beverly Ellis lit a candle in memory of Allan Frederick Guy



Beverly Ellis - August 26, 2015 at 07:09 AM

LD

“ I remember that Allan always had a smile on his face and was so quick to laugh. His presence in the world will be greatly missed.



Lynn Buchholz Downs - August 26, 2015 at 06:12 AM

BC

“ *The world has lost a wonderful man & talented artist. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, loved ones and the community. My heart goes out to the Guy family. I've known the Guy's most of my life. I've always enjoyed Mr Guy's art and was proud of Allan for following in his father's footsteps, doing what he loved. May your sorrow be filled with the memories shared by Allan's friends & family. His legacy will live on in his art & designs. I will miss his smile and his new creations. Mrs Guy, Steve, Clay, Marianne and your families, please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss and to Cynthia & Tyler, as well!* *Bev (Frame) Calderoni*



Bev and Rob Calderoni - August 26, 2015 at 05:22 AM

BC

“ *Bev & Rob Calderoni lit a candle in memory of Allan Frederick Guy*



Bev & Rob Calderoni - August 26, 2015 at 04:43 AM

MS

“ *M. CoCo Saavedra lit a candle in memory of Allan Frederick Guy*



M. CoCo Saavedra - August 25, 2015 at 10:36 PM

RF

This is a terrible loss not only for the Guy family, but the whole town of Manassas and elsewhere. Allen was known to many. He was a likeable and talented person....everyone he met liked him. So sorry to see you go, Allen.

Ruby Frame

Ruby Frame - August 26, 2015 at 07:47 AM

BK

"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." -- Kahlil Gibran


These words apply so particularly well to Allan, one who has brought so much delight to so many. With his palpable passions for nature, history, and art, accompanied by his intense intellectual curiosity, deep insights, spirit of adventurousness, sportsmanship, humor, sincerity, and above all, his abundant capacity for complete compassion, delight accompanied Allan everywhere he went. He will forever be loved and missed.

*With Deepest Sympathy and Love,
Bobbi Krengel*

Bobbi Krengel - August 28, 2015 at 09:28 AM

MS

“ *My condolences. He will forever be remembered, and loved. Death is a transition. Life never ends.*

He loves his family, and friends, and don't be sad he will always be near. Blessings.....Nam Myoho Renge Kyo... 

M. CoCo Saavedra - August 25, 2015 at 10:32 PM

BH

“ I remember Allen as the "baby" of the family. Always running around and full of life. He definitely continued that as he grew in life. What a tremendous young man and all that he had accomplished in life. I know that he will be deeply missed by his family. My sincere condolences go out to the Guy family. May the good lord give you all the strength to help you endure this loss. You all have been through so much lately.

Ben Hynson

Ben Hynson - August 25, 2015 at 09:41 PM

KT

“ I remember in school how Allan was always quick to make you laugh. He will be greatly missed. Prayers of peace, comfort and strength for family and friends.

Kelly Crabill Thomas - August 25, 2015 at 09:38 PM

CW

“ I remember growing up and having Allen visit our home so many times and always was such a happy upbeat friendly outgoing young man. I am so saddened by his passing. My prayers go to his family.
Caryn Goessman Wells

caryn goessman wells - August 25, 2015 at 08:21 PM