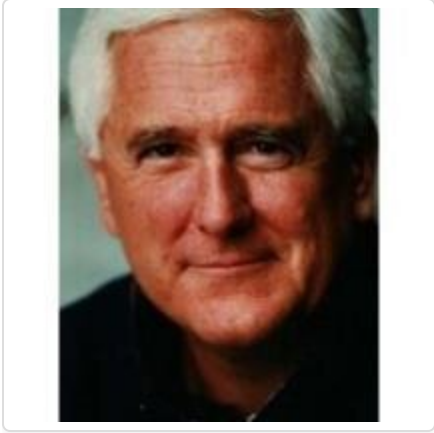




Alfred Jordan Doust

March 11, 1942 - August 4, 2015

Alfred J. Doust, known by his friends as "Taffy", was an avid skier and loved to hunt and fish. In his high school years, he won NYS championships for track and skiing. He spent time training with the French National ski team at the L'ecole Nationale du Ski in Chamonix, France in hopes of heading to the Innsbruck Olympics. He graduated from Nottingham High School in 1959, Syracuse University in 1965, and served in the US Army after college. He married a fellow Syracuse University graduate, Linda Esposito of Irvington, NY, and had two children, Tiel Doust Wadland and Alfred (Alfie/Al). They live in Massachusetts with their spouses, Scott and Sheila (Reeves) respectively.

He loved skiing so much that his daughter's first pair of skis were the cut off tips from a pair of his old wooden skis. Alfie would be on his back as he led Tiel down the slopes, until he decided Alfie needed to ski before he could even walk. Taffy was the first NASTAR pacesetter in the area when he was the Ski School Director at Song Mountain in Tully, NY. In later years he thoroughly enjoyed 10 years of coaching the Colgate University ski team. Course setting was an "art" in which he took great pride. He loved getting out on the hill to study the mountain. He always set an interesting course, as well as a challenging one. Taff always took pride in his team, win or lose and followed their lives long after they graduated. Taff's adventures took him and his family briefly to Telemark Mountain in Hayward, Wisconsin where he headed up publicity.

When not skiing the slopes in Central New York he spent many good times hunting and fishing with King Sheldon and Tony Denison. In fact, maybe it was Kelly, the family's German shorthaired pointer (a great hunter) that held the main attraction between the threesome. Taff was a born teacher, and introduced his family to all manner of outdoor sports in which he so loved to participate. Whether it was golfing, canoeing, water skiing or sailing on Cazenovia Lake, there was a sport for every season. The family hiked the Adirondacks as well as into beautiful Delphi Falls. He trailered his motorboat everywhere; exploring all the Finger Lakes, Lake George and the St. Lawrence River. He even brought the boat to Key Largo, FL for a few years where the entire family spent time scuba diving. Those experiences created amazing memories.

In Taff's childhood years, he and his father, Dr. Alfred W. Doust, his mother Ruth, brother Dick, sister Cindy, and various aunts, uncles, and cousins, spent many happy times vacationing and exploring the Adirondacks. In later years, he took his own family to the same spots and mountains to enjoy the same experiences he did as a kid.

Doust Design/Build was a well-known and respected land development and construction company. Land conservation was as important to Taff as it was to the community, and he left behind a legacy of many beautiful homes in Cazenovia and the surrounding area. His homes were built with views and strategically placed windows with the path of the sun rising and setting in mind. He used the best materials and structural integrity possible. Upon retiring, and with his children living, working and raising families in Boston, he and his then local artist wife Linda, set off in a 42 foot motor home, traveling up and down the Eastern seaboard from Maine to Florida exploring beautiful places and doing art shows. For many years it was a wonderful time filled with adventure and many new friends made along the way.

Taffy was 73 years of age when he died at home in Manlius, NY on August 4, 2015. He was the son of Dr. Alfred W. Doust and Ruth Jordan Doust of Syracuse, NY and older sibling of Richard W. Doust of Lafayette, CA and Cynthia D. Meyer of Wilmington, VT.

No services are planned. His family will celebrate his life in private.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfred Jordan Doust*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - August 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Us young guys always looked up to gentle Taffy in high school.*

August 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Taffy, the older brother of my classmate and pal Cindy, was the heart throb of many Nottingham High School girls. He was always kind to us, didn't ignore us youngsters.
Love and prayers to you, Cindy, at this sad time in you life.
Sally Hilfinger Tomb*

August 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *The five children of Robert D. and Ellen P. Fairchild: Peter, Jennifer, Nick, Emily and Mary Ellen, mourn the death of Taffy, a gifted athlete and our fondly remembered neighbor on Hurlburt Road, Syracuse.*

*Pete Fairchild
Hampton, VA*

August 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM