



Dr. Arthur R. Roraff

GILBERT, Ariz. — Dr. Arthur R. Roraff, 83, of Gilbert passed away May 20, 2014.

Born and raised in La Crosse, Art attended his beloved Aquinas High School before graduating from Loras College and Marquette University School of Dentistry. Before long, he had opened his dental practice in Scottsdale and married his wife, Rosalie Ann Nadeau. Art and Rosalie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past Dec. 28. A pioneer in dentistry, Art was a charter fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. His career in the Air Force included serving as special consultant to the surgeon general and he retired a full colonel only to become the chief dental officer for the Department of Corrections in Alaska.

If dentistry was his profession, baseball and photography were his passions. He cherished pitching in his early years and was a pitcher's greatest fan through to his later ones. His photo of record-breaking floods in Wisconsin landed on the front page of the Milwaukee Journal. After retirement, Art graciously volunteered his dental skills to the clinic at St. Vincent de Paul for a decade.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie; son, Arthur Roraff Jr. of Anchorage, Alaska; daughters, Carrie (Robert) McIntyre of Casa Grande, Ariz., Antonia (Matthew) Straley of Dearborn, Mich., and Jill Roraff of Palmer, Alaska; brothers, Phillip (Judith) Roraff of La Crosse and Thomas (Martha Marberry) of College Station, Texas; as well as seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Agatha (Brueggen) Roraff; and daughter, Camilla. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Americare Hospice Foundation of Mesa.