



Andrew J. Melton, Jr.

October 15, 2014

Andrew J. Melton Jr., 94, former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Dean Witter died at his home in Tequesta, FL on October 15, 2014. Mr. Melton enjoyed a distinguished career on Wall Street. In 1946 he joined Smith Barney & Co. After 25 years with the firm he joined Dean Witter. In 1978 following the merger with Reynolds Securities Mr. Melton was named Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive of Dean Witter Reynolds. After Sears, Roebuck and Company purchased Dean Witter Reynolds in 1981, he became Chairman of Dean Witter Funds, a position he held until 1992. Raised in Bay Shore, NY, Mr. Melton graduated from Villanova University in 1942. He was commissioned an officer in the United States Marine Corps, serving in both the Pacific and Atlantic Campaigns during World War II. He was recalled to active duty in 1950 during the Korean Conflict. He was discharged from the Marine Reserves as a Major. Mr. Melton's engagement with the professional community included terms as President of the Investment Bankers Association and the Bond Club of New York. He also gave of his time and organizational talents to his local community. His positions included Commodore of the Bay Shore Yacht Club, President of the Southward Ho Country Club also in Bay Shore, N.Y. Since retirement he lived in Dorset, VT and Tequesta, FL. His greatest joy was following the activities of his very large family. The word patriarch describes his role and the respect he enjoyed. Mr. Melton was pre-deceased by his beloved wife of 55 years, Mary Ann Melton, as well as his five sisters and four brothers. He is survived by his loving

companion, Barbara Fazio, and his eight children, Diana Melton Lemmen of Bremen, Germany; Andrew J. Melton III of New York, NY; Colonel Robert S. Melton, USMC (Ret) of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; Karen Melton Fox of West Palm Beach, FL; Marjorie Melton Field of Jupiter, FL; Sandra Melton Lessing of Cold Spring Harbor, NY; Michaelle Melton Stott of Riverside, CT; and, Edward L. Melton of Darien, CT. He is also survived by twenty-three grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter on Friday, October 17th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Christopher Catholic Church, 12001 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound on Saturday, October 18th at 11:30 AM followed with military honors conducted by U.S. Marine Corps. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Patrick's School, 9 North Clinton Ave., Bay Shore, NY 11706.

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew J. Melton, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *To the Melton Family,
Mary and I often think of Andy and Mary Ann. We are very sorry to hear of Andy's passing. Mary, my wife, and I had the privilege of knowing both Andy and Mary Ann while they spent time vacationing in the Florida Keys. I was Andy's man Friday while he and Mary Ann were visiting in Marathon. I took care of their boats and condo while they were absent . I will never forget every time I would stop by to see Andy, Mary Ann would refer to me as her very best new friend. I was extremely appreciated of their friendship. We always looked forward to their arrival and hated it when they left. From a layman's standpoint it always seemed like Andy was on top of his game. I remembered that he would always have 5 freshly sharpened pencils and a note pad next to his phone. It is a sad day to have lost another wonderful person.*

*Best Regards to the Melton Family
Cleve and Mary Sibley*

Cleve and Mary Sibley - Marathon, FL - friend - December 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *To the Melton Family,*

We were very saddened to hear of the recent loss of your Dad. He was a true gentleman whom I admired, respected and enjoyed interacting with while growing up in the Bay Shore area. He had warm, engaging, easy going personality and a wonderful low key sense of humor. Your Dad was a mentor to many young people who were positively influenced by his strength of character and solid values of faith, family and friendship. He leaves behind a wonderful personal and professional legacy.

You all are in our thoughts and prayers, especially during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

With sympathy and love,

Paul and Carol Cuddihy

Paul and Carol Cuddihy - Vienna, VA - Friends of the family - November 27, 2014
at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Andrew, was a truly exceptional individual. We are neighbors in Dorset Vermont. He and I met several years ago and he explained how the former owner of our home, ELM Miller, his boss at the time attracted him to Dorset to work on our property. Andrew told me that as a result of that he came to love the area and later acquired substantial property abutting the Miller property.

I will never forget the day he took me out on his land vehicle and drove around all of the property. He was so proud of the area that he was busy developing and it was a truly exceptional experience. When we returned I learned that we were both graduates of the University. At the time I had no knowledge of how successful it been in his business career, but it was evident that family was his most important value.

Although I have not seen him in several years we will certainly miss him as he was a giant of a man. His grace, kindness, and interpersonal skills are quite evident during our brief acquaintance.

May he rest in peace, he certainly deserves it. Dick McDonough

Dick McDonough - Dorset Vermont, VT - Neighbor and Dorset Vermont -
October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Andy was a long time scholarship supporter to long trail school in Dorset, vt. I always enjoyed my time with him. My respects to his family.

david Wilson, headmaster emeritus, Its - dorset, VT - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our friend and neighbor. We live above his home on "His road" Long View Lane. He was a wonderful friend and was a joy to work with while we were building our house. We last saw him in Aug and he said he was not feeling very well. In Sept Drew contacted us and told us about his illness. We hope he didn't suffer and we will miss him. When any of you are up this way please come up and meet us. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Sincerely Carol & Barry Patterson

Carol & Barry Patterson - Dorset., VT - Friend and neighbor - October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So very sorry to have been out of town for a family wedding and thus missed the services. Would have made every attempt to be there otherwise.

Having met Mr. Andy Melton on many occasions, I can say from the bottom of my heart that he was, without any doubt, the definition of a perfect gentleman!!!

My prayers, thoughts and warmest wishes go out to the entire family.

Jeff

Jeff Harris - Jupiter, FL - Friend of the Lessing family - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Having had the good fortune to know and work with Mr. Melton since the mid 1970's I can truly say that he is one of my heros. A great husband, father, and grandfather, a wonderful community and business leader, a wise and compassionate boss and mentor. Most importantly, ahumble, loving and spiritual man. A truly fine example of the greatest generation. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Jeffrey and Barbara Rettaliata - Bay Shore, NY - Friend - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our Condolence to Bob and the whole family on the passing of your father I am sure that such a great patriarch of a large family will be missed by you all Love to your all Carl and Halina

Carl Hansen / Halina Keeling - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Friends - October 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ we are very sorry about andy's passing.maureen and ray haag4

maureen and ray haag - bay shore, NY - friends of family - October 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ To the Melton Family,Our warmest condolences, wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.Mr. Melton was a honorable and respectful man.I leave you with this poem:"Friends are the pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes they lean on you, and sometimes it's just enough to know that they are standing by." Author UnknownGod Bless

Elizabeth Tovar - Hacienda Heights, CA - None - MS employee - October 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM