ALAN B. WILLIG

Of Little Falls, NJ died on Saturday, September 26, 2015. He was 76 years of age. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Benjamin Willig and Bessie Cohen. He was a graduate of Central High School (Class 206). He received Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from Villanova University. Alan enjoyed a more than forty year career as a theatrical agent. He worked for Hesseltine Baker, Alan Willig Associates, The Tantleff Office, HWA, and Don Buchwald & Associates agencies. His client list included Philip Bosco, Elaine Stritch, Joe Morton, Christopher Reeve, Kevin Gray, Mark Jacoby, Joan Collins, and a host of talented Broadway stars. For a large number of years, he was assistant producer at Philadelphia's Playhouse in the Park. He also was an instructor of English at Baruch College in New York and at the University of Puerto Rico. Alan also worked in the School District of Philadelphia and with the Philadelphia Drama Guild. In recent years, he was in great demand to teach classes in auditioning and career management at many New York theater training schools. His theatrical career began as an actor and he had the good fortune to be a member of the American Shakespeare Festival Company of Stratford, CT in 1961. Alan was an avid supporter of the arts, a long-time subscriber and patron of the Metropolitan Opera, NJPAC, New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, Irish Repertory, and numerous other drama organizations. He had an unabated love affair with everything British, especially the London theater and traveled there numerous times. Alan is survived by his lifetime companion, Dennis Cafiero, of Little Falls; his sister, Sandra Friter and his brother-in-law, Barry Friter of Doylestown, PA; his nephew, Eric Rubin, and his wife, Jennifer; and his niece, Stefanie Rubin along with numerous loving friends, clients, colleagues and students. He was predeceased by his brother Harvey and his stepmother, Dorothy Willig. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 4, at 12 noon at the Plaza Jewish Community Chapel, 630 Amsterdam Avenue (91st Street), in New York City. Friends and family will be gathering at 11am.

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