

tennis through her sheer determination and “never say die” attitude.

On December 27, 1994 Arlene had just finished playing some tennis, and was settling down for a cup of coffee with her friend Louise. She spoke her final words, “I feel dizzy”, and collapsed. No amount of CPR could revive her. A devastated family descended upon Oneonta, for the funeral and final arrangements.

Most of the family had departed when Robert, too, died 9 days later on January 5, 1995. The family reconvened, now in total shock. Both Arlene and Bob were cremated, and at Bob’s wishes there was no formal memorial services for him.



*The photo on the left show Bob and Arlene, just weeks before their early deaths in late 1994 and early 1995. The photo on the right shows the immediate family in the aftermath: Carl and Alan standing in the back; Mark, Phil, and Laurie sitting in the front; Scott kneeling behind Mark, and Mary and Lynn sitting on the piano bench behind Laurie.*