



Alan Y. Harrison

October 25, 1933 - April 21, 2024

Alan Y. Harrison, 90, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at Cedarhurst of Godfrey.

The family lost a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was born October 25, 1933, to Rolla Herschel and Sarah Evelyn (Young) Harrison.

Alan graduated from Alton High School in 1951. He attended Millikin University and graduated from Shurtleff College in Alton. He was employed by Alton Box Board which later became the Jefferson Smurfit Corporation. After 39 years of service, he retired in 1994 as Purchasing Manager.

He was a 42-year member of 12th Street Presbyterian Church, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812. He also belonged to The Eagles and the Alton-Wood River Sportsmen's Club. In his younger years, he enjoyed bowling, golf and racquetball. Alan was also an avid history buff whose interests were family genealogy, American Revolution history and local history. Family and friends were the highlight of his life.

He married Betty Bartlett on December 23, 1953 in Alton. This union produced seven children: Bart (Debbie) Harrison, Brett (Katherine) Harrison, Amy (Gary) Webster, Ben (Juliana) Harrison, Angie Sproull, Ned (Michelle) Harrison and Neil Harrison. He married Nancy (Blaine) Dillard on April 19, 1975 in East Alton. Nancy had two daughters: Julie (Jim) Yost and Joni (Dan) Murphy. All children survive, along with 18 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a sister-in-law, Judy Harrison. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, his

parents, a brother, John, a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Reverend George VanVoorhis will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Fosterburg Fire Protection District. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Funeral

APR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Archie & Amanda Speights planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Y. Harrison.

Archie & Amanda Speights - April 23, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alan Y. Harrison.



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MD

“ Deepest sympathy to the extended Harrison family. My most vivid memory of Alan was from my childhood on Jackson Street in Alton. I remember Alan tooling around in the family's VW van all the time. I was fascinated by their family car, so different from ours, a station wagon. Both families were large with a mix of boys and girls of similar ages. Many fond memories of playing together in our yards, the alley our driveways and sometimes even the brick street. Angie and I were often joined at the hip. Very fond memories of the entire family. My deepest condolences.

Mary Chappell Devona - April 23, 2024 at 09:19 AM

RB

Al was always there for our family. Every time we would visit, he and Aunt Nancy would always take time from their busy schedule to visit with us. He was so special, caring and intelligent. Always made everyone feel special and loved. Miss you so, but knowing you are reunited with your love....

Rhonda Battuello - April 23, 2024 at 11:08 AM

MB

Al was one of the nicest men I've ever met. He was kind, thoughtful and made everybody feel special. We need more people like Al in this world. My condolences to the Harrison family/extended family.

Mike Battuello - April 23, 2024 at 12:33 PM

SG

We met Al and Nancy 54 years ago. We started out working together and going to dances at the Civic Center. We began vacationing together, starting in the Bahamas in 1980. Since then, we took cruises to Nassau, Alaska, and vacationed in the mountains every year. We never lost track of Al, because all you had to do to locate him was to listen for laughter--and he would be in the middle of it. Al laughed not only with his face, but he laughed with his entire body. Our last trip back to Alton allowed us to stay with them for a few unforgettable days. Al was probably the nicest person I have ever met, and he and Nancy were a perfect pair. The world is a sadder place now that they are gone. Rest in peace, dear friends. Steve & Charlotte Gibbins, Jacksonville, Florida

Stephen Gibbins - April 28, 2024 at 03:24 PM

MP

Alan and I go all the way back to high school.....always a great guy, a friend to everyoneand the best cheerleader on the Alton High Squad.....saw him last at 60 year class reunion, kept in touch until about 2 years ago....I miss him ...!! MaryAnn (Baker) Perolio

MaryAnn Perolio - July 17, 2024 at 06:08 PM

KL

Al and I became acquainted through our mutual love of family history and genealogy. He and I swapped information over the years. We descended from the same great-great grandfather William Young, I from the marriage to Jane Paisley and He from the 2nd marriage to Levice Brown. My condolences to the family. The world lost a very kind man.

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Kim Young Law - September 13, 2024 at 09:43 AM