



Allen Byron Tuetken

March 15, 1942 - February 5, 2023

Dateline: Godfrey

Allen Byron Tuetken, 80, died Sunday, February 5, 2023 at his home in Godfrey. Born March 15, 1942 in Alton, he was the son of Robert and Velma (Fenton) Tuetken. Allen served in the U.S. Army and graduated from S.I.U.E. in 1970. He earned his master's degree from Illinois State University. He joined the Alton Police Department as a dispatcher on June 20, 1960. In 1963 he became a patrol officer for the Police Department and retired in 1992 as a Captain. Upon retirement from the Alton Police Department, he taught law enforcement at Lewis & Clark Community College. He and fellow police officer William Fitzgerald co-founded the Alton Road Runners in 1972. Surviving are Jinny Tuetken of Alton, a daughter, Alison Stansberry (Mike) of Stratford, CT, a son, Jonathan Tuetken (Jessica) of Godfrey, six grandchildren, Ryan, Madelyn, Luke, Alex, Nik, and Cora. Also surviving are a brother, Robert Tuetken of Bethalto, and three sisters, Linda Rushing of Alton, Barbara Kay Orr (Charlie) of McPherson, KS, and Dr. Rebecca Tuetken of Iowa. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 18, 2023 with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308 at Gent Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GT

“ I got to know Allen working at Community counseling center as he was a security officer back in 2000..
We became close friends ... We both called each other from time to time, just to catch up on things..
I can't explain how shocked I was to see, that my good friend is no longer with us..
I know his family is really Grieving right now and so sorry.
All I can say is I'm so sorry for your loss, he will be missed very much from all family members and friends... He was a great man in every way,
Allen my friend I hope one day we can meet again in heaven.

Gene Trail - February 18, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ I lived next door to Allen and baby sat Alison and Jonathan. He was an outstanding Resource Officer at Alton High. He will be greatly missed.
Tammy (Clayton) Buzan

Tamara Buzan - February 17, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ Al was a good friend. Wonderful sense of humor and a great humanitarian. We met when he was school resource officer for Alton HS and I was directing te band. As life moved on for both of us we maintained contact although less frequently. Congratulations on a life well lived in dignity. Rest in God's peace Al.

Bud Shultz - February 17, 2023 at 07:29 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Williams (Barbara Fisher) sends prayers and sincere Condolences to the family and friends.*

Barbara Williams (Barbara Fisher) - February 17, 2023 at 12:09 PM

VJ

“ *I remember Mr. Tuetkan as a police liasion, I believe was his title at Alton High School in the mid 70s. The girls had a crush on him & he was a nice guy. Rest In Heavenly Peace Sir.*



Vicky Jackson - February 17, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Allen Byron Tuetken.*



February 16, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allen Byron Tuetken.*



February 14, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen Byron Tuetken.*



February 12, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Allen's passing. We had some great times at the races and Alton Road Runners events over the years. Probably the best were at the Alton River Road Runs and St. Patrick's Day Runs in St. Louis, because that was always held near Allen's birthday. He was a great man and good friend. My sympathy and prayers go out to Jinny, Alison, John and their family, and close friends of Allen. He will be missed, but the stories and his memory will carry on.*

Pam (Branch) Barnett

Pam (Branch) Barnett - February 08, 2023 at 05:12 PM



I was so shocked and saddened to to hear about Allen. He was such a wonderful guy and always on the upbeat about anything and fun to be around. My condolences to the family and all the classmates of 1960 I no we all going to miss him. Sorry I can not be there for the service

Sandra Dunbar Czerny

Sandra Dunbar Czerny - February 09, 2023 at 11:32 PM

RT

What a shock to hear of Alans passing so suddenly. He was a great friend and laughably fun to golf with, what an amazing three iron he had. And of course he was the life of the party on our many trips to Mexico. Nobody loved a dirty monkey more than Alan, of he loved all the resort inclusive drinks. He was one of a kind and thank God we got to enjoy his company as much as we did. Unfortunately we cannot be there for the funeral as we will be out of the country but our thoughts and hearts will definitely be there.

Ray and Michele Todd

Ray Todd - February 10, 2023 at 01:26 PM

PR

I grew up with him going from grade school to HS. Always cheerful and smiling. I knew his family well. He will be missed. So sad to hear his passing.

Pat Jarrett Rust

Pat Jarrett Rust - February 14, 2023 at 09:56 AM