



## Ray Alven Basden

June 2, 1936 - June 3, 2024

Dateline: Alton, IL Ray Alven Basden passed away on Monday, June 3, 2024, one day after his 88th birthday. He was born June 2, 1936, in Alton the son of the late James and Lena (Smith) Basden. He served in the US Army Reserves and worked for 36 years at what was Albrecht-Hamlin Chevrolet in Wood River. As a devoted fisherman and avid golfer, he enjoyed his retirement years on the many courses around the Alton area and after his cancer diagnosis in 2016, he was so grateful for all his good friends that ensured he could continue to do the things he loved. On February 23, 1957, he married Darlene Ray Fletcher and she survives. Also surviving are two daughters; Kathryn Dennis (Lawrence) and Rebecca Basden, three grandchildren; Matthew Dennis (Kelly), Erin Salkeld (Josh) and Samuel Dennis (Maddie), six great grandchildren; Jack Salkeld, Madelyn Dennis, Miley Salkeld, Emersyn Dennis, Blakely Dennis and Betty Salkeld, one brother, Timothy Basden and three sisters, Esther Parker, Barb Woods and Alice Gurley. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul, Eugene, Daniel, Andrew and four sisters, Marcella Parker, Marylou Ewing, Ruth Woods and Shirley Aud. In honor of Mr. Basden a memorial service will be celebrated at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com) The family is being served by Gent Funeral Home, 2409 State St., Alton, IL 62002



# Tribute Wall

GK

“*Darlene, it was so sorry to read of Ray's passing. I know you are surrounded with good friends and family. Ray had the nicest smile and was always friendly. I know you will miss him deeply. I pray God will watch over you and the family and give you peace and comfort.*”

Gaylene Kinder - June 22, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DL

“*Ray and my Dad, Ed Lane, worked together at Albrecht for many years. Dad thought alot of Ray. He was always kind,friendly with a welcoming smile when I'd drop by the lot. I know all will miss him! My deepest sympathies. Donna Lane*”

Donna K Lane - June 15, 2024 at 05:36 PM

TM

“*It was an honor to know Ray. He was truly loved by so many and will be missed.*”

Tess McCormick - June 13, 2024 at 08:28 AM

SB

“*Darleen, i am so sorry to hear of the passing of ray*”

sammie borst - June 11, 2024 at 06:02 PM

SB

“*Sammie Bprst lit a candle in memory of Ray Alven Basden*”



sammie bprst - June 11, 2024 at 06:00 PM

RB

“ *What a Great guy was Ray, always with a smile. Condolences and prayers to family.*

*Rich  
Bartosiak*

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**Rich Bartosiak** - June 07, 2024 at 11:25 AM

BH

“ *Our prayers and condolences to Darlene and the Basden family. Always will remember Ray having a great smile when you met him. May he Rest in Peace.*

*Buck and Jean Hord  
Palm Bay, Florida*

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**Buck and Jean Hord** - June 06, 2024 at 09:43 AM

ML

“ *Ray, I just want to say Thank You so much for all of the great memories I have from my childhood and how much of a blessing you and Darlene were to us growing up! You will be missed dearly. Darlene, Kathy and Becky, we will be praying for you. With love, Michael and Anita Lucas and family.*

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**Michael Lucas** - June 05, 2024 at 01:36 PM

DN

*I was a volunteer at Alton Memorial hospital I got Ray many sodas and bags of chips. He was a real trooper. I also knew him from years ago. I bought cars from him and he also lived up the street from me when I was growing up. Prayers for Darlene and the rest of his family. God bless*

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**Darlene and Mick Newman** - June 05, 2024 at 10:09 PM