



Alan Lee Morrison

April 1, 1950 - January 28, 2022

Alan Lee Morrison, age 71, of Brooklyn Park passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on January 28th 2022 after courageously battling Lung Cancer for over five years. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Patti, daughters Carrie (Marty) Collova, Andrea (Bernard) O'Brien, grandchildren Berlyn, Chloe, Jameson, Mart, Sam and Lola, GrandDogs, father-in-law Richard Bialka and a large extended family including half siblings Al, Lori, Mark and Scott. Preceded in death by his son Michael Andrew, father Charles Skeels, mother Arlene Rakow Morrison, brother Gary Morrison and mother-in-law Millie Bialka.

Alan earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from the University of Minnesota. He served in the United States Army from 1972 to 1974 in the Special Forces Unit, but never experienced combat. He had a well-established career in the retail-grocery business until his retirement in 2012. He enjoyed his morning jogs and was an avid reader. On weekends he would retreat to the cabin, where often times you would find him out on the lake cruising around on his pontoon, or in nature enjoying wildlife, trees and observing bald eagles. He found much happiness in listening to music. He had an extensive collection of music on records, cassettes, CD's and his Spotify play list. Country, Americana, Blues and Classic Rock were some of his favorite genres. He was a wonderful grandfather and you would often find him attending many sporting events and dance recitals. A special thanks to North Memorial Health Cancer Care Center and Hospice Care. His family will

miss his gentleness, kindness and everlasting love. We will especially miss those beautiful blue eyes. We will continue to listen to his favorite music to keep his spirit close to us. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be directed to North Memorial Health Cancer Care or Hospice Care.

northmemorial.com

Celebration of Life will be held February 5th 2022 at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior to service at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Ave NE. Minneapolis with a reception to follow. Private burial will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on a later date.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-1999
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-1999
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Alan Lee Morrison in memory of Alan Lee Morrison



Washburn-McReavy - January 31, 2022 at 12:11 PM

MH

*Dear Patti and family,
I was present with you on the "live stream" this morning. The service was so beautiful and what a wonderful way to honor and reflect on your beloved husband (father and grandfather). The songs were so touching. "I'll Fly Away" always brings the tears for me. I just want you to know I hold you in prayers and my heart and send prayers of strength in the coming days, comfort and peace from your long hard walk together.
Love and Hugs to all,
Mim Heggerston (Lin's friend)*

Mim Heggerston - February 05, 2022 at 01:15 PM

DR

“ Patti, Carrie and Andrea

This message is coming to you a little late. Dean and I just learned of Al's passing. We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in our thoughts a prayers.

We have such fond memories of all of you as our neighbors when we lived in Brooklyn Park. As they say - it takes a village, and your family was always so nice and caring of our family. Carrie and Andrea were such great babysitters to Joe and Mitch, and they truly are a testament to the wonderful parenting and love that they received from Al and you, Patti.

We hold you all in our hearts during this difficult time and wish we would have learned of this sooner in order to provide a more timely message of support.

*God Bless,
Chris and Dean Dressel*

Dressel - March 03, 2022 at 08:56 PM

CC

*Chris & Dean,
Thank you so much for your kind words. You guys were amazing neighbors. I have great memories of babysitting the boys :) Thank you so much for reaching out. It means so much.
Sincerely, Carrie*

Carrie Collova - March 15, 2022 at 10:12 PM

SM

“ Patti, Carrie, and Andrea,

My favorite memories of Alan (and indeed of our family in general) go back to my childhood years in the 1960's. During the time that we lived in our house in Illinois (before moving to Edina in March of 1965), Alan and I shared a bunk bed, with Alan sleeping on top. (Gary also slept in the room, and since he was the oldest sibling, he got to have his own bed.)

In Alan's obituary, mention is made of his love for a variety of music, including what is now called Classic Rock. Well, in 1964, Beatlemania was all the rage, and I can remember listening to the Beatles' album "A Hard Day's Night" with Alan and Gary, along with other Beatles' music of that period. (I have remained a passionate fan of the Beatles and their later solo work all of my life!)

After we moved to Edina, Alan and Gary let me "hang out" with them in the basement, where I first heard the major bands coming out of the period dubbed "The British Invasion," including the Rolling Stones, the Animals, the Kinks, the Hollies, etc. They also let me listen to the major American groups of the 1960's, such as the Byrds, the Mamas and the Papas, the Association and, last but certainly not least, Simon and Garfunkel. Here again, I have remained a big fan of all of these groups throughout my life!

These memories remain alive for me because Alan and Gary didn't try to "shoo me away," but let their little brother stay in the basement with them to hear what they were listening to and "eavesdrop" on their conversations. Indeed, Dad and Mom treated me the same way, allowing me to "sit in" on their conversations throughout all the decades we were together!

But now, with Alan's passing, all of my closest relatives have left this world and I am the "sole survivor". As strange and poignant as that feels, it also inspires me to want to live out my remaining years as

fully as I can until my own time comes to "cross over" and hopefully be reunited with all of them on their side of the veil.

Although I will not be able to attend Alan's memorial service in person, you will all certainly be in my thoughts and prayers on Saturday and in the days to come! As I wrote in my last CaringBridge posting, you can all take comfort in the fact that you gave Alan the best care possible throughout his long struggle with cancer, and enfolded him in love as he took his last breath in this world!

Would that all of us could end our lives surrounded by such incredible love and compassion! May God be with you today and always!

Scott C. Morrison

Scott Morrison - February 04, 2022 at 08:05 AM

RH

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Patti and family. We will miss Alan dearly. My mom won't be able to make it to this service on Saturday but always a phone call away. Sending much love & peace to all. 💜 Ritz & Roseanne

Roseanne Hooper - February 04, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Alan Lee Morrison.*



February 02, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alan Lee Morrison.*



February 02, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Alan Lee Morrison.*



February 01, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Alan Lee Morrison.*



January 30, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Alan Lee Morrison.*



January 30, 2022 at 02:03 PM