



## Alan A. Nemchik

July 30, 1942 - April 16, 2020

Nemchik, Alan Age 77 of Ham Lake passed away April 16, 2020. Born July 30, 1942 in Duluth but grew up in Hibbing in the Fab 50's and graduated in 1960 from HHS. Four-year veteran of the Air Force. Met THE love of his life, Vonnie Kerksen and wed on May 9, 1964. Proud parents of James and Christine. After several years in Illinois, the next move was to Coon Rapids. Al's career in Law Enforcement began in Hanna City in Peoria County. He felt blessed to have been hired by a tremendous department and spent 29 years in Coon Rapids. After retiring in 1997, Al went to work for the Anoka County Sheriff Dept and spent 6 1/2 enjoyable years. Al worked 10 years on the Health Central EMS ambulance. He worked several years as an amateur boxing judge and served on the Upper Midwest Golden Gloves board. Al so enjoyed the family of the MN Street Rod Assoc and had many happy years in the family a 1940 Ford coupe bearing a "Jokers of Hibbing" plaque. Al was a Past Master of Anoka Masonic Lodge and a Mason for over 50 years. He was also a member of Mpls Valley Scottish Rite and Zuhrah Shrine. Al wondered how he had been so fortunate to have made so many wonderful friends. He felt truly blessed. He was a lover of furry critters. Al is survived son James, granddaughters Stephanie and Kimberly, and grandson Logan, and daughter Chris, sister Elizabeth Hermanson, and brother James (Kathy) Bellman. Also, nephews, nieces, cousins, and best high school pals, Jim and Sharon Schmoll. Preceded in death by parents, sister Geraldine and sadly, loving spouse Vonnie Marie. When able, we will have a full service to celebrate Al's

spectacular run in life. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to U of M  
Masonic Cancer Hospital. A private prayer service and Masonic service will be  
webcast on Wednesday, April 22 at 11:00 AM on at: washburn-  
mcreavy.com/obituaries/Alan-Nemchik/ PhotosVideos Washburn-  
McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Webcast in memory of Alan A. Nemchik



Washburn-McReavy - April 20, 2020 at 05:12 PM

SD

*Hard to hear speaker*

Steve Downs - April 22, 2020 at 12:10 PM

MA

♥ *love and prayers*

marilyn - April 22, 2020 at 12:12 PM

LP

*Beautiful service for a wonderful man. I have such wonderful memories of him from when I was growing up. Love and hugs to Chris, Jim and your families. Laurie Dunlap-Picotte*

Laurie Picotte - April 22, 2020 at 12:53 PM

SL

*Thank you so very much for sharing this service. Jim, Chris, Stephanie, Logan and Kim, please accept my deepest condolences and hugs. My wish for you all is that you find a love as strong and enduring as Al and and my sweet sister, Vonnie's. Love, Aunt Shirley and Perry*

Shirley Loegering - April 22, 2020 at 12:55 PM

SB

*Thank you very much Jerry, Dave, and Brian for such a wonderful service.*

**Steve Braun** - April 22, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MC

*A beautiful service for a beautiful man. Rest in peace, my friend.*

**Marge Hemphill Clark** - April 22, 2020 at 01:05 PM

BD

*Beautiful vid...*

**Brad Davies** - April 22, 2020 at 01:08 PM

BP

*A life well lived. Many good memories.*

**Brian Piekarski** - April 22, 2020 at 02:42 PM

PA

*Al was our dear neighbor for almost twenty years. We shared many back years conversations and celebrated sharing the good life in a peaceful community. He always had a special bag of candy set aside for my children on Halloween. He was a master craftsmen at restoring anything. His work was museum quality and reflected on the type of person Al was in life. He was a very special person who always thought of others. We cherish the Christmas cards we'd receive during the past few holiday seasons that he would send always saying I sure do miss the old neighborhood. Al we miss you more than you will ever know. Thanks for being part of our lives and such a wonderful person. God Bless You and my deepest condolences to your family. Your Friend, Paul*

**Paul Anderson** - April 23, 2020 at 10:30 PM

PA

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**Paul Anderson** - April 23, 2020 at 10:37 PM

JD

“ Al was one of the best friends we've ever had. He was like a brother to Don. They talked at least once a day. At times he would call, tell a joke and hang up! He was so wonderful in so many ways. Always a card for every occasion, really heartfelt. Always there to listen and let you know what he thought. He even went with, for support, when we had to put our dog down, Sam. He had so much love to give, even to his pets. He loved and was so proud of his family, always talked about them. We will miss him soooo much. RIP Al

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**Judi & Don** - April 23, 2020 at 10:16 AM

AN

“ I always looked forward to running into Al at least once a year at St Pat's fish Fry's, getting caught with each other's families...I will miss him. My condolences to his family!

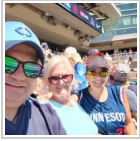
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**Anna** - April 22, 2020 at 09:55 PM

JS

“ WBs Brian, Jerry and Dave,  
You guys did a great job. Thank you from all of your Brothers who loved and cherished our time with Nemi. He was a man of great character and he was an example to us all. I'm going to miss not being able to talk with him anymore (in person any way).

Jordan Stradtman - April 22, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ WB Nemi,  
I cannot believe that you're gone but will always be in my heart. Your wisdom and spirit towards me and everyone around you was always welcomed. I was happy to see you and listen to any of your many jokes and stories. You were a great man and i know of your struggles the past few years and i hope that you are able to find peace now that you were not able to find on Earth. Happy to meet, Sorry to part, happy to meet again. Alas, my brother.



Tony Heimer - April 22, 2020 at 11:42 AM

Chris DuBose

“ Al was a great guy with a huge generous heart. I got to know him a little better while sitting at his kitchen table while he told me about some of the things he did during his life and showing me the cool things he found or did. He always put a smile on my face when I saw him with his jokes, stories, and a personable demeanor. I hope Chris, Jim, his other family and friends all find peace with all the good memories of his full life. Very sorry to see him go. He will be missed.

Chris DuBose

Chris DuBose - April 22, 2020 at 11:09 AM

RC

“ It is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of our friend Al. The memories we shared with Al and Vonnie will last forever. We so enjoyed our visits with them at their place and also when they came to Thunder Bay for our rod runs, and with Al for years after Vonnie passed.

Al had helped me with the sale of our second street rod and had also started me off collecting Coca Cola memorabilia. We shared many interests and always had lots to talk about.

Al had also taken a liking to our youngest son Jay and always asked how he was doing, and was so pleased when we told him that Jay was married and had a son of his own. Jay looked up to Al as a roll model for him.

Our sincere condolences to Christine, Jim and the entire Nemchik family.

R.I.P. our dear friend, you will never be forgotten.

*Rosemary and Dave Cano*

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**Rosemary and Dave Cano** - April 22, 2020 at 10:45 AM

BR

“ We met only a couple of years ago and we bonded over the LE connection. You gave me wisdom in my Brotherly journey and at one point convinced me to stay. I will miss your quirky jokes and your heartfelt handshake. Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again. Till we meet again in the celestial lodge above. Alas my Brother.

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**Brent** - April 22, 2020 at 10:16 AM

MB

“ Al was a wonderful person, mentor, and friend. He helped to mold a young 17 year old person entering into the field of EMS in 1972. He was accepting, while teaching compassion, kindness, patience and humor. Al remained a friend for all these years. I will never forget the contributions he made in my life and values he instilled within me. My condolences to Al's family, for he was a remarkable person. To all of my friends and colleagues in public safety who knew Al, we were privileged to work with him--we have lost a fine person. I will miss his kindness and humor.

Sincerely,  
Martin Van Buren

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**Martin Van Buren** - April 22, 2020 at 09:39 AM

BC

Farewelll to a great fellow Ranger. Worked with Al at Mercy EMS department and friended with him and Vonnie. Encouraged them to spend one week at Brookside where we all had a great time. To Jim and Chris my deepest sympathy. Your Dad was a great role model and will be missed by many.

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**Betty Cipperly** - April 22, 2020 at 12:09 PM

KV

I went to school with Al in 1st Grade at the Assumption Hall and all through Hibbing High School. After graduation we lost touch. After our 50th Reunion we reunited old acquaintances. Al would attend car shows in Hibbing and we would be in contact. Our deepest sympathies extended from the Class of 1960.

Kaye Vincent

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**Kaye Vincent** - April 22, 2020 at 12:57 PM

BF

IT WAS AN EDUCATION TO KNOW NEMI . FROM OUR SCHOOL DAYS IN HIBBING TO OUR BREAKFASTS AT KEYS.A MAN OF GREAT AMBITIONS. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE FAMILY.

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**BOB AND JAN FORSMAN** - April 22, 2020 at 01:04 PM

RO

“ *RIP Al and condolences to your family and friend's. We sure had a strange history - from riding in the backseat of your police car on numerous occasions to becoming your sister in-law to a short visit and a quick hug after church. Life sure can be strange - in death I pray you are reunited with Vonnie.*

*Sincerely,  
Robin (Smith, Kerssen) Duclos*

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**Robin** - April 22, 2020 at 09:16 AM

MV

“ *To a fellow Iron Ranger, to an EMS partner, to an old friend that we just couldn't see each other often enough....you've left a void in this world that won't be filled. I grieve for your family, your colleagues and myself for our loss. You've left us a treasure trove of great memories. Rest in peace my friend....you deserved it.*

*Michael Valentini*

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**Michael Valentini** - April 22, 2020 at 03:31 AM

AR

“ I’ll never forget Al Nemchik. I first met Al in 1966. He walked into the Anoka PD where as a young cop I was working the front desk. He was covered in flour, said he was a baker, and wanted to know if we had any openings on the police department. I told him that we didn’t, but that he should go next door to the City of Coon Rapids as they were testing for cops. He went and tested, got hired, and came back to thank me. As a young K-9 handler Al and I worked together on the dog watch for many years. We became good friends. To this day I would still have coffee or lunch with Al when I returned to Minnesota each June from my present home in Arizona. I had an uncle from Hibbing, and Al went to school with his son. I will miss Al, and my heartfelt sympathies go out to his family.

*Andrew C. Revering, Chief of Police, Ret., Anoka Police*

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**Andrew C. Revering** - April 20, 2020 at 09:39 AM

DF

“ For your blessings and assistance to others may you RIP.  
Condolence to your family and loved ones.

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**Dennis Flynn** - April 20, 2020 at 08:36 AM

GL

“ Al was the person you wanted in your corner, always helping and working.  
Al, Glen, Jerry thought they would try and fill the lodge with people, for a meeting, by the time Al was done he had every seat filled even balcony.  
Nemi missed Vonnie very much now they are reunited " Alas my brother.

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**George Lobb** - April 19, 2020 at 12:51 PM

HA

“ *Condolences to the family. We lost a brother and friend with a great heart, an ever extending helping hand while always sharing a nugget of wisdom and compassion. Alas Brother*

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**Hans** - April 19, 2020 at 12:33 PM

BR

“ *While I have known Al fewer years than many, he still had a profound affect on my life. His jokes, his smile, and his caring manner will be an inspiration to me in the future. Alas, My Brother*

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**Brian** - April 19, 2020 at 12:24 PM

TD

“ *I am a trite older than Al but I live in Coon Rapids and remember him from the Coon Rapids Police Department. I to grew up in Hibbing and in recent years we were coffee buddies after church on Sunday's. We are going to miss him and his constant jokes. God Bless my friend until we meet again!*

*Tom Dwyer*

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**Tom Dwyer** - April 19, 2020 at 12:04 PM

CS

“ My condolences to the Nemchik family. Al and I are high school classmates, both members of the class of 1960. I first met Al as a fellow Boy Scout when we were both members of Troop 1 in Hibbing. We became fast friends attending the National Jamboree at Valley Forge PA in 1957 plus numerous other Boy Scout events together. We remained close throughout high school until graduation and life intervened.

We became reacquainted in later years through The Minnesota Street Rod Association and our mutual love of street rodding. Our last contact was Sunday when we exchanged Easter greetings. Al was a good friend and I will miss him. I am deeply sorry for your loss. God Speed my friend.

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**Claude Sampson** - April 19, 2020 at 11:40 AM

LA

“ Al&Vonnie,will be forever in our hearts. Such a loss, of a great friend. Al and I became friends, due to our same careers, in policing. We enjoyed when he came to Thunder Bay, for our rod run. We would always chat at the 50's, I knew where he would always be sitting, with the boys on Carnes ave. Al will be sadly missed by his Family, and many friends, but the memories we have of him, will be there forever. Our most sincere condolences, go out to his Family. Rest In Peace, my friend. Kelli & Larry Eyres.

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**larry** - April 19, 2020 at 11:31 AM

SB

“ I have only known Al for 15 years through Anoka Lodge #30. During that time he was always a willing an caring mentor. I am honored to call him my friend. We all will never forget your jokes! alas my Brother.

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**Steve Braun** - April 18, 2020 at 05:57 PM

TI

“ *Al was a pure gentleman. Met Al back in the 1990's while attending local Auctions.  
Will never forget him!*

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**Tim** - April 18, 2020 at 05:37 PM