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Aloysius Michael Giese, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away on May 23, 2026 after a fall at his home.

Al was born on June 9, 1938 to Anton & Mary (Stenzel) Giese. He was the youngest of their 12 children. Al attended Wells High School in Wells, MN where he was a 3 sport athlete; quarterback of the football team, basketball player (nickname "Swish"), and track & field (pole vaulting).

After graduation, Al joined the U.S. Army where he served 2 years in Washington DC. Upon discharge, he enrolled at Mankato State University where he met his lovely wife, Sandra Hanson. He graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Al and Sandra married on July 20, 1963 in Lake Crystal, MN. They moved to Coon Rapids, MN where he taught science for the Anoka Hennepin School District for 30 years. Along the way he coached many sports from gymnastics to tennis. He earned a Masters of Science from St. Cloud State University in 1969 and a Masters of Natural Science from the University of South Dakota in 1973.

Outside of teaching, Al enjoyed camping with his wife and four children. Cross Lake and Temperance River on the North Shore were favorites. Over the years he traveled the U.S. by camper with his family and in-laws. Many adventures were had!

In his retirement, Al spent many hours refining his woodworking skills, putting together puzzles and spending time with his 9 grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents and 11 siblings.

Survived by his beloved wife of nearly 63 years, Sandra; daughters LeAnne (Eric) Larom, LaRae (Michael) Heaney; sons Troy (Erin) Giese, Tim Giese; grandchildren Nikki, Sam, Dan (Lexi), Faith, Ryan, Caitlin (Lucas), Anna, Bryce and Sierra.

He was much loved and will be terribly missed by all.

Dad you are free to finally have that glass of Irish Cream.

Al arrived in this world on June 9 and was called home on May 23. We gather on June 9 to celebrate his life and honor his journey home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am on Tuesday June 9, 2026 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Brooklyn Park, MN, with visitation one hour prior. Internment and luncheon will follow at The Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids, MN.

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# Cemetery Details

## **Epiphany Cemetery**

10955 Hanson Boulevard  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Tribute Wall

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“ This note is from Timothy Higgins.

*Sorry to hear of Al's death.*

*Al and I were good friends in high school and college and went in the Army the same day. He for two years and me for three so we didn't connect for three years. We connected again at Mankato State. We shared an apartment for a while in 1962 and he was best man in my wedding and I ,in his and Sandy's wedding. I moved to Rochester NY after college and we only saw each other a couple of times after that. He was a good guy and a terrific athlete.*

*My email is tandjhiggins@yahoo.com IF anyone chose to contact me. I still reside in Rochester, NY.*

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**Timothy Higgins** - June 03 at 11:02 AM

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“ *I taught science at the junior high with Al for 21 years. So many wonderful memories. One year we were told that we wouldn't be able to get frogs for dissection so we made a plan. Al, me, and or librarian, Gary Pertler, decided to meet at school on a Saturday and make a video of a dissection. One of us brought a bottle of wine so things turned out hilarious. When we were done, Al got the idea to put all the organs back in the frog and shock it Frankenstein-like back to life. After the jolt, we paused the video and replaced the dead frog with a live one from a terrarium; and it jumped out of Al's hands when the video resumed.*

*Al told us a few times about being AWOL the first week in the army because the drill instructor called out Alloy-See-Us Guys, and that didn't sound like him.*

*One of the funniest guys ever!!!!*

*Richard Sherva*

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**Richard Sherva** - May 31 at 08:57 AM

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“ The Sunfish Incident

*Al and his friend “Mr. Hecker” decided to build a Sunfish sailboat at Fred Moore Middle School in Anoka, MN. Al, Sandy and 1 or 2 Kids drove down to Lake Crystal, MN to test out the new sailboat. Sandy, Kido’s, Grandpa and Grandma Hanson cheered us from shore. Mr. Hecker didn’t make it to Lake Crystal. His wife went into early Labor! I was the new Deck Hand! Captain Al and First Mate Linda launched the boat. The sky was clear. People were fishing off the dock. Al was at the rudder while I managed the sail according to Captain Al! I don’t think either of us had ever(!) sailed a boat before!!! We set sail for the peninsula, also a cemetery! Midway the sky turned very dark and the wind picked up waves. We noticed the speedboats heading to the docks. The light sailboat and BIG waves made a rough go of it! We got the sail down and before we knew what was happening, the boat flipped over! Al went over one side and I went the other way! When I came up, Al was diving and looking for me under the boat! Did I mention, I’m not a good swimmer? We tried to turn the boat upright, but the mast was stuck in the muddy bottom! Two guys from shore motored out and all 4 of us were able to lift the boat off the mast and flip the boat upright. Our saviors towed us in to shore with the mast and sail in their boat! We got all crew, boat with mast and sail back to shore in fine shape! Back on shore, someone cracked open some beer and we celebrated! Later we found out a tornado touched down 10 miles east of town!*

*It was quite the “Maiden Voyage!”*

*I will never forget.... AL GIESE*

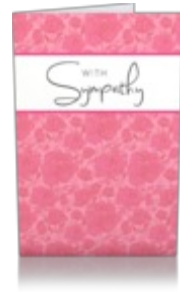
*Linda Hanson*

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Linda Hanson - May 30 at 02:17 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Aloysius Michael Giese.



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May 29 at 12:55 PM



“ I spent time with Sandy and Al when they visited Linda Hanson in Colorado Springs. I was instantly drawn to Al's playful banter and hilarious sense of humor. I felt like I had known him my whole life. We laughed so much on that visit, it's a favorite memory of mine. Al was very special--kind, thoughtful, smart, and oh so fun!

*My deepest condolences to Sandy, the Giese family, and Hanson family. Al's one of a kind.*

*Mary Jo Hunt*

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**Mary Jo Hunt** - May 28 at 05:19 PM