



Alan D. Eacret

November 21, 1949 - July 9, 2020

Alan D. Eacret, 70, of Cedar Falls died Thursday, July 9, 2020 at his home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born November 21, 1949 in Iowa Falls, Iowa, son of Duane C. and Betty R. (Siems) Eacret. He married Caroline Ledebor on August 18, 2001 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Al earned his B.A. in Social Work from the University of Northern Iowa, where he also did grad work in Communications. He was a vocational counselor at Iowa Workforce Center, retiring in November 2009. He was also a recording engineer at Jealous Dog Studio, a songwriter, and musician.

Survived by: his wife of Cedar Falls; a daughter, Willa Eacret (Sheila) of Cedar Falls; and stepson, Carson Quigley of Binghamton, NY.

Preceded in death by: his parents; and a daughter, Adrienne Eacret.

A family directed memorial will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 12th at the Birdsall Park Shelter in Cedar Falls. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Memorials may be made to the Cedar Bend Humane Society or the Cedar

Valley Pitbull Rescue (mail to: Richardson Funeral Service, 615 Main Street, Cedar Falls) to sponsor the adoption fees for three dogs. NO FLOWERS ARE REQUESTED

The family invites you to leave a story or memory about Al at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Previous Events

Family directed Celebration of Life

JUL 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

Birdsall Park Shelter
Cedar Falls, IA

Tribute Wall

JO

“ I met Alan at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls probably in 1960. We went went thru junior high and high school together. I remember Alan as a humorous and kind “gentle giant”. He was a musician thru and thru. I’m enjoying reading all the previous posts here. Alan was a fine man and a friend to many.
-John Ostby

john ostby - July 27, 2020 at 10:19 PM

JR

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jr - July 22, 2020 at 07:50 PM

JF

“ I was very sad to hear that Al has passed, he was a pleasant, very good and helpful recording engineer,. He would skillfully play rhythm guitar and bass tracks and sometimes lead guitar my for recordings. I always greatly enjoyed our visits, and the dogs that would join us sometimes.

He is truly a good soul and I enjoyed when his family would help and contribute to vocals, lot of talent there as well.. Al will be missed by many and my prayers are with him and all the family,

J.R. Finch

J.R. Finch - July 16, 2020 at 08:41 PM

BB

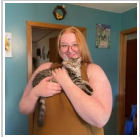
“ I really didn't know Al, but I knew his parents. They would be very happy to read all these kind words.

Bill Behrens - July 15, 2020 at 12:36 PM

JR

“ I worked with Al years ago at Iowa Workforce Development. He was a kind and gentle man. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Joyce Rublack - July 14, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLe5Vu6OD0Fni3QmfhMLAYkxsZ1zDapA9Y>

Here is a link to some of his songs and pictures of him!

Willa Eacret - July 14, 2020 at 01:08 AM

JR

“ Al has had a profound impact on my life. Through his music (Ma Brown through present day).His humanity,humility,wit and talent are truly off the charts.Was fortunate to do many sessions at JD with him at the helm.Most importantly,to call him a friend.Big Thanks to Al & the Girls. jr

jr - July 13, 2020 at 09:10 PM

JW

So sorry to hear Al Passed. 😞 i graduated with Al. In 68. His journey is over. And now gone HOME to be with our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ! RIP AL!

James A. Wahner - July 14, 2020 at 01:24 PM

LC

Al was someone special. A great musician and even better father and person. He and Jack blessed me with his grace and talents when I needed to record an album after I got sick. I had limited time and he made his home and studio available to me and my son when we could do it. He was an inspiration in many ways

Lou Canakes - July 15, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Willa and my son Silvio were in the same class at Price Lab School. I also had an older child, Dunia, and Al and Caroline had Carson. Mornings were hard with my older child, she was great at school but struggled to arrive on time. It made for unpleasant mornings. Caroline took the job at Upper Iowa, so Al had to get the kids ready in the morning. I asked him one day how he got them ready and out the door on time, after telling him about my lousy morning. He looked at me and blinked and said, "well I just offer them a dollar for every morning they're ready." Man, did I laugh. Here I was struggling like crazy and Al had solved it so simply! Loved the way he cut to the chase and made things work for everyone. RIP, my friend.*

Gabi Kuenzli - July 13, 2020 at 09:08 PM

LP

“ *I have many fond memories of Al, but the one that stands out was soon after the birth of my daughter. It was a very emotional journey and he always was ready to talk and share and in those special moments share his music. Forever will you be a bright star in the sky and if you listen closely, music will be heard. I'm sorry I lost touch, but will always treasure our time and memories. My heart, prayers and hugs go to Caroline and Willa.*

Lonnie P - July 13, 2020 at 04:29 PM

BW

“ Just wanted to send a thought ...Carolyn became my sister-in-law's a number of years ago and the mother of my nephew Carson. Through the break up of that marriage she remained one of the kindest people I'd ever met and it continued When I met Al. They were quite a match in many ways. I am so sorry for the loss of this kind soul and Carolyn you in your family hold a special place in my heart. love you

Bonnie (quigley) Wittenburg - July 13, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JW

“ Al was not only a coworker, but a friend.

Fond memories: Al sharing music composition theory; "kidnapping" him to adopt a black lab puppy; caseload strategies:empowering & equipping disadvantaged people; sharing meals during our joint birthday month; his laugh...

Al had a truly kind and sincere heart. He made a difference! Jeanie Wright

Jeanie Wright - July 13, 2020 at 09:14 AM

DS

“ I hope I have these details right. I believe I met Al through my wife. She was in a writer's group with Al's wife and they would go to various members' houses and critique each other's work. We came to find Al and Caroline were performing as a duo. We saw them a few times, once which I remember clearly at Roots Market, the former food market on Main Street.

I thought they were pro musicians, the songwriting and harmonies and lyrics were all so advanced. I almost didn't get it because I was under the impression they had to be performing for a living to sound this good.

Years went by and I somehow ended up playing drums for some of Al's songs. I have a few CDs of different versions of songs in different states, and Al would sometimes show up at West Music where I was teaching lessons to hand me a newest CD mix of some songs we'd worked on. And I recall once in the parking lot of Spicoli's Al and I saw each other and he dug a mix CD out of his car and told me it was the latest mixes of something or other that I think I'd played on a few songs.

It was all such classy music, love songs about his daughter, things that were close to him. I'm listening to Steely Dan right now as I type, and I recall sitting in Al's driveway once discussing Steely Dan's Everything Must Go and how he was fascinated by this character in a song called Pixeleen. It must have been around 10 years later when I finally started to grasp the story of that song and now each time I hear it, which is a few times weekly, I think of Al every time.

He along with his wife were very welcoming people and I've only heard positive things about them in the community. Among jobs and family responsibilities, I was impressed they kept their source of creativity going. As a musician with a day job and two children, I know what level of dedication it takes to keep anything going.

I will definitely take out my Eacret and Ledebauer CDs and reminisce. Thanks for the music Al, and the chance to have a small part in a few of your songs.

Delayne Stallman - July 13, 2020 at 01:05 AM

LO

“ I worked with Al at Iowa Workforce. He was a great guy and always a joy to be around. My favorite memory of him was one day at work when I made the comment that my hair was all crazy and Al said “why don’t you just comb it”! This was from the mostly bald guy 😊. So sorry to hear of his passing. I will always have fond memories of him! Prayers for all!

Lisa Ortner - July 12, 2020 at 11:03 PM

GB

“ Such a wonderful person. Glad to know him as a co worker and a friend. God Speed and God Bless. Gabe Benson

Gabe Benson - July 12, 2020 at 08:16 PM

KT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was truly such a nice man and good musician. He always had a kind heart and quick smile. Al was my supervisor at Job Training for many years and my husband and I enjoyed going to hear him and his band play many times. My sincere condolences to his family.

Kathy Thompson - July 12, 2020 at 02:13 PM

JL

“ I worked with Al at Job Training . First met him back in the day he played with Dakota. He was such a kind, talented ,laid back soul. His smile was genuine and the kind of friend you were blessed to know. He touched my life and made it better. Blessings to all who loved him and play on dear friend. Peace
Jane Leaven

Jane Leaven - July 12, 2020 at 01:18 PM

CM

“ Caroline & Willa, I worked with Al at Area VII Job Training / Workforce Development for many years. He was such a gentle, kind man with a quirky sense of humor & a dear friend. My prayers & sympathy are with you. He will be in our hearts forever. Love, Carol Mackintosh

Carol Mackintosh - July 12, 2020 at 11:59 AM

SS

“ Remember when Alan and I were in our teens running around together. Back when the Beatles were the big thing we walked across the Cedar River singing one of their songs. I sang verse while Alan sang the chorus. Also the church softball games when his parents would load us up and take us to the games and after would stop for A&W root beer.
RIP AL

Scott L Schoenfelder - July 12, 2020 at 09:33 AM

CM

“ *Caroline and Willa, I am so very sorry for your loss. I am incredibly grateful to have known Al as his home health physical therapist. I always looked forward to our visits. He showed genuine interest in my son's music, asking to listen to it and offering recording equipment advice, and I enjoyed hearing his music as well. I won't ever forget his kindness and that music we shared with each other. Praying for comfort and peace for you.*

Cindy Mickey - July 12, 2020 at 09:20 AM



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July 11, 2020 at 09:57 PM



So sorry for family & friends he will be greatly missed & had an impact on many life's including mine...recording my 1st solo record of original songs in 2004 with Al... Was a turning point for me & encouraged me with his simple beingness & awareness. Spruce Baugher

July 11, 2020 at 10:03 PM

CA

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caroline_kiame - July 11, 2020 at 08:55 PM

CP

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cheryl parker - July 11, 2020 at 06:28 PM

CP

I caught these two having an intense conversation, back in 1971 probably. Al was like a guru, he was gentle, smart and funny, and I always enjoyed him. I lost touch many years ago but the memories of my few short years in CF,, subsequent Dahcotah years and occasional paths crossing for awhile in the late 70s linger with smiles...Rest In Peace Alan.csp

cheryl parker - July 11, 2020 at 06:40 PM

AL

“ We met Al just twice, once in Stow and later on in Holland. That was a great pleasure. He was such a charming, friendly and sympathetic person. We had a great common interest in music and art. We were immediately friends: real family. We are sorry we haven't met more often.

Holland, uncle Aad and aunt Loes Ledeboer

Aad and Loes Ledeboer - July 11, 2020 at 03:50 PM

ML

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Mark Ledeboer - July 11, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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Mark Ledeboer - July 11, 2020 at 02:20 PM

RD

“ *My name is Ruth Dreier, and I have the pleasure of being Jim Dreier's older sister. Growing up in Cedar Falls, with my brother always knowing musicians, I got to meet Al. I adored him, his musicianship and his wonderful self. He always seemed to be more than just a local, he was bigger than that. Stayed local, and true to his life motivations.*

Bless him and bless you all, this is a spirit which will forever be with us.

*Ruth Dreier
Amsterdam*

Ruth Dreier - July 11, 2020 at 12:45 PM

DG

“ *What a great friend.*



Dan Grimes - July 11, 2020 at 12:05 PM

JR

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jr - July 10, 2020 at 10:16 PM

JR

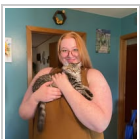
Secret Agent 'E', on one of our many Day Trips..

jr - July 12, 2020 at 06:17 PM

JR

“ *Rest Easy Friend..jr*

jr - July 10, 2020 at 06:59 PM



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Willa Eacret - July 10, 2020 at 04:32 PM

JA

“ I first heard Al playing with Ma Brown's Backroom Boys in the Campus school cafeteria. Yeah, that goes WAY back. I finally got to play together in Boys Night Out ('88 - 90). We got to play all his favorite Beatles tunes and much more. I loved playing drums with his bass lines. I loved hearing him sing "Kind Woman." He also played on our Dreier Family 50th Anniversary album in 1992 (for my parents) and did a wonderful job...all for free. We would run into each other here and there through the years. He asked me to come up and lay down some drum tracks in his home studio which I happily agreed to do. Too many good drummers in Cedar Falls so that never happened. I loved his demeanor, dry wit and gentle spirit. He represented one of the primary, positive figures in my own musical journey. Thank you Al. I love you. Just like the many, many you leave behind.

James - July 10, 2020 at 04:14 PM

JT

“ I met this man in 1969. He was gifted with talents, yet gentle in his delivery of them. Of all the people I met during that time, Al was by far the most gentle of the lot. We lost touch along the way. I never forgot how much he meant to the culture of creativity in Cedar Falls. Whenever our paths crossed in subsequent years; that gentle, calm, creative, caring man remained.

Jon

Jon Towley - July 10, 2020 at 02:10 PM

GH

Alan was a force in the local music scene; first as a founding member of several seminal rock bands in the Sixties and Seventies, then as a music producer. As our friend Jon said, Alan had an aura of peace that always surrounded him.

*Alan was loved by many and will be missed by all whose lives were touched by him. Keep on Rockin' and Rest In Peace, old friend.
Hoff*

gary hoff - July 10, 2020 at 03:49 PM

SL

“ We remember our dear son in law, Al, as a very kind, caring man, an excellent husband to our daughter, Caroline, and a great father to Willa and stepdad to Carson. We miss him, and treasure our memories of shared good times with him and his family and music. You have a special place with much love in our hearts.

Sheila and Willem Ledeboer

Sheila and Willem Ledeboer - July 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM

JR

Read Easy Friend..JR

JR - July 10, 2020 at 06:49 PM

BS

I met Al back in 2002. I was leaving a very forgettable band, and striking out on my own solo. I happen to sit next to Al at a Cedar Valley Guitar Association meeting when they were holding them at Roots Market. We noodled around on guitars and shot the breeze. He told me he was just getting his studio up and going, which I found to be quite interesting! In 2003 I was able to get with Al to do my first CD...Just me and my guitar. I'm sure that Al was slightly irritated at how I wanted to do things on that album, but he and I still had a great time working together! We also had kids that were the same age, so we had that bond too. Over the course of the next 6 years, I did 3 more albums at Al's place. We always had a blast. I'd get there at 10:00 in the morning, and next thing you knew, it was 10:00 at night! But over the years, our kids grew up, my family moved away, music for me took more of a back seat as life presented new roads to travel. Al and I managed to get in touch every once in a while.....Well, now it's time to say Auf Wiedersehen my friend. All that music I made with you at Jealous Dog were my ingredients.....But your seasonings.... You made me sound good! Brad Shoemaker

Brad Shoemaker - July 10, 2020 at 09:32 PM

CA

I am so glad to see music stories of Al on this page. Thank you!

caroline_kiame - July 11, 2020 at 11:32 AM

ML

Al.

*Loving,
Creative,
Gentle.*

Salt of the earth.

We will miss him dearly.

Mark, Maria, Natalie, Ana, Carla

Mark Ledebouer - July 11, 2020 at 02:17 PM

DP

Al was a gifted musician and songwriter. I was fortunate to have him play on many of my early recordings, including my first album, Smokin. Besides adding great bass lines, he gave me some great advice concerning mixing, which made huge difference.

As has been said, he was a kind, soft-spoken and witty guy. That wry smile. Generous with his time. He listened ...

And he was a gear-aholic. I'd come over once or twice a year and he'd have a new microphone or amp or compressor.

He worked hard making Jealous Dog a popular place, becoming a quality recording and mixing engineer.

I miss you, brother.

Dave Plaehn

Dave Plaehn - July 11, 2020 at 07:30 PM

JH

Reading all these many tributes to Al leads me to see what a big impact he made with his family and friends. My acquaintance with Al was limited to meeting Al when he and Caroline were leading up to marriage, Carson was just a little guy. So, to Caroline and your children, you have my sincere condolences. The beautiful music C and A made together will be forever.

Jean Hanson

Jean Hanson - July 15, 2020 at 11:06 AM