



Alan McAlpin

October 8, 1951 - February 17, 2025

Alan Dale McAlpin, 73, died on Monday, February 17, 2025, at his home in Cedar Falls.

Al was born in Clarinda, IA on October 8, 1951, to Dale and Marilyn (Pittman) McAlpin. He graduated from Orange High School in 1969. Al joined the Navy and served during Vietnam. After discharge, Al attended UNI and later received degrees at Hawkeye Community College. Al worked for 41 years at John Deere.

Al met the love of his life, Marilee Riley, at UNI and they were married on August 2, 1975.

He loved spending time with his family and friends whether it be fishing, hunting or socializing. He was an amazing woodcarver and enjoyed making special Christmas ornaments for friends and family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Marilee; son, Riley (Darlene) McAlpin; daughter, Christina (Matt) Carlton; five precious grandchildren, Ben, Grace, Genevieve, Isaiah and Lucas Carlton; brothers, Jan (Judy) McAlpin of Greenville, TN and Jerry McAlpin of Livingston, TN; sister, Charlene (Paul) Ackerman of Waterloo; and mother-in-law, Veronica Riley of Charles City; and many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, Lee Riley.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. Friday, February 21st at Richardson Funeral Service with a rosary at 3:30 p.m. Inurnment at Fairview Cemetery in Cedar Falls at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Patrick Church or the Cedar Falls AMVETS.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB 21. 3:30 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
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richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

PO

“ *The years have gone by and all the cousins only get together for weddings and funerals. 18 cousins born in the McAlpin family and three now are together in heaven. Our families were close spending holidays on the McAlpin farm. Kids playing everywhere with so many memories being made. Alan may have been older than me, but was always kind and had a contagious smile. He gave me a big hug a few years back stating it was like seeing grandma again. I resemble her as all the guys take after grandpa McAlpin. Dennis, Shelley and I cherish our time on the farm playing with all the cousins. You will be missed Alan, but precious memories will be shared for years.*

Peggy Oney - February 24, 2025 at 03:24 PM

CB

“ *My sincere sympathies to all of Alan's family. I know he had a very strong faith and will be waiting for us when we 'pass over'. His kindness, gentleness and loving smile-- and twinkle in his eye -- I will always remember. What I also remember is his positive attitude and gratitude to his doctors after recovering from a previous heart event a few a years ago. He inspired me to keep a positive attitude and thank God for each precious day. I am sending you all my love.*
Christena Baker

Christena Baker - February 22, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alan McAlpin.*



February 20, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan McAlpin.

February 20, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ The Richmond family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan McAlpin.

The Richmond family - February 20, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ The Richmond family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Alan McAlpin.



The Richmond family - February 20, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ Although I did not know Alan, I know his daughter, Christina. My sympathy and prayers to you, Christina and your entire family.



Karen E Schwickerath - February 20, 2025 at 11:21 AM

TC

“ *The Leveranz Clan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Alan McAlpin.*



The Leveranz Clan - February 20, 2025 at 11:06 AM

GK

“ *RIP Al Our sympathies to Marilee and family*

Greg and Cam Kastli - February 20, 2025 at 08:20 AM

RB

Sorry to hear about your loss Rip Al , Ron & Suzanne Burton

Ron Burton - February 20, 2025 at 02:46 PM

HK

“ *I worked with Al for several years. A good person. When my son was a first grader, Al gave me some tips on building a car for our pine box derby. My son's car came in second place to a fifth grader after the two boys tied 3 times, after which my son's car had a loose wheel and caused him to settle for second place. My son is now an electrical Engineer. He has two boys, one in first and one in second grade, that built derby cars recently and both took first place with their cars here in St. Louis. I have always felt that Al had something to do with that. Glad to have known you, my friend.*

HARRY L KOEHLER - February 20, 2025 at 12:20 AM

DM

“ *Marilee and family so sorry for your loss he was a great classmate at Orange great memories. Also loved having him on some bus trips. Hugs from Dan and Linda McGowan*

Dan McGowan - February 19, 2025 at 10:43 PM

CK

“ *Marilee: Our sympathy to you and your family. Your all in our prayers. Greg and Camille (Faust) Kastli.*

camille kastli - February 19, 2025 at 08:32 PM

TW

“ *Marilee.
I know this hits like a ton of bricks and remember to hold tightly to the kids, and grandkids, sister and brothers. He is a good friend he may be gone but the friend never goes away. There is PEACE in where he is. SO sorry for these days ahead. He was one of the good guys from the Class of 1969.*

Tim Westergreen

Tim Westergreen - February 19, 2025 at 05:18 PM

PR

“ *We are saddened by the sudden loss of Al. We promise to keep you and yours in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Paul and Margo Rottinghaus*

Paul and Margo Rottinghaus - February 19, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Alan McAlpin.*



February 19, 2025 at 02:35 PM

TG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. It was nice to have a chance to visit with you and Al at El Barco a couple weeks ago. Hugs. Trish and Dennis*

Trish Meany and Dennis Guernsey - February 19, 2025 at 02:27 PM

BJ

“ *Brian, Chelsea, & Jayden purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alan McAlpin.*



Brian, Chelsea, & Jayden - February 19, 2025 at 08:48 AM

JH

“ *My most recent memory of Al is I liked ushering at 9:30 mass on Sunday mornings !! He always greeted you with a smile he will be missed !!*

John hursh - February 18, 2025 at 09:57 PM

FS

“ Dear Marilee, Riley & Darlene, Christina & Matt,

It is with sadness that I write to you today. I offer all of you my most heartfelt sympathy on the sudden death of Al.

My meetings with him when I was pastor at St. Patrick's were always most pleasant. His ready smile was an invitation to stop and visit (if only for a couple of minutes). I remember him as a regular usher at Sunday Mass. I'm sure that smile made parishioners and guests feel welcomed.

I will remember Al in my prayers. May Jesus welcome him into the peace of heaven with his divine smile. May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, hold each of you close to his heart and give you comfort and peace. My prayers for all of you as well.

Fr. Jim Secora

Fr. Jim Secora - February 18, 2025 at 09:27 PM



SM

“ Sorry to hear of Alan's passing ,he will be missed by many. We keep in touch at Orange class 1969 reunions and other times. He loved his classmates, had a dry sense of humor and glad to have know Al have many great memories. Rest in peace. Condolences to Alan's wife and family. Steve Moore

steve moore - February 18, 2025 at 09:08 PM

KR

*Kathleen Riley
Condolences and prayers to the family (Willis and Evelyn Riley)*

Kathleen Riley - February 19, 2025 at 01:02 AM

BN

Marilee and family, I'm sorry for your loss. Treasure your memories and share them often.

Brad & Maureen (Shannon) Northrup - February 19, 2025 at 01:31 PM

SA

I am remembering you family in my prayers during this time of loss.

Sr. Vicky Arndorfer - February 20, 2025 at 10:35 AM

JM

I had just turned sixteen and drove to Red Oak. In the car with me were my two younger brothers, and Alan, two years older. I was cruising along the street careful of the speed limit when blue lights flashed in my rearview mirror. I pulled over, absolutely terrified.

A police officer walked up to my window and said angrily, "Hand me your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance. Why are you driving the wrong way on a one-way street?"

I said that I had just gotten my driver's license and had never driven in a town with one-way streets. I made sure to call him "sir". He pulled out his ticket book and pen, and my eyes teared up as he was about to write. Then Alan piped up. "Officer, I'm from Waterloo, and in Waterloo they have one-way streets marked to drivers can tell they're one way." The officer's face reddened as I was doing all I could to tell Alan to shut up and turning back to the officer and apologizing profusely.

The officer growled, "Follow me!" I did as he drove slowly, sticking his arm out the cruiser's driver window and pointing repeatedly at each "one-way do not enter" sign at each intersection, like he was trying to stab it to death from the distance of his car.

Finally, he pulled over and stopped. I did too. He walked back to my car and I rolled the window down. He said, "Because this driver has been a polite gentleman, I'm just going to give him a verbal warning." Then pointing to Alan he said, "But God help you if I EVER catch you behind the wheel in Red Oak, Iowa!"

The Alan I knew and remember fondly always walked the perimeter of a world few men dare enter. He was a man's man and I shall miss him dearly.

Jon McAlpin (cousin)

Jon McAlpin - February 22, 2025 at 11:29 PM