



Alan Anderson

March 18, 1960 - February 5, 2024

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 for Alan Odean Anderson.

Visitation will be at Pafford Funeral Home, Lexington TN from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

The service will begin at 2:00 pm followed by burial at Independence Cemetery.

Alan, age 63, departed this life on February 5, 2024 following a long battle with cancer. Alan is the son of the late Odean and Maxine Anderson. He is survived by his sister, Kay Anderson Jackson and a nephew, Ty Dyer. Special people in Alan's life include Dr. Karl Rogers who shared Alan's passion for aviation and Dianne Wyatt who was a loyal friend over many years and tirelessly helped Alan throughout his illness. Alan's home in the country (Henderson County) was a place he loved and found peace. Alan was able to fulfill his wish to spend his last days at home with the help of nurse Amy Havard.

Alan was a member of Scottsboro Church of Christ in Nashville, TN where he loved attending and shared a special friendship with the church's 30 year minister, John Temple.

One of the many things Alan enjoyed doing was working on and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycles. His goal during cancer treatment was to ride again. His favorite bikes included "Blackie", a 1992 Heritage Softail and "Flattie" a 1943 Flathead. Alan started riding when he was 12 years old and

throughout his life found his greatest happiness with the wind in his face riding his motorcycle.

Alan was highly gifted in mechanics. At the age of 12 he disassembled the engine of his grandfather's Ford Fairlane and repaired it. The comment most often spoken about Alan was "he's a genius when it comes to engines". In his younger years Alan owned Al's Auto Repair and was involved with drag strip racing and dirt track racing where he served as a track official. Additionally he raced go-carts. Throughout his life Alan welcomed the challenges associated with going fast.

Aviation became a huge passion in Alan's life. He was a pilot, flight instructor, and an aviation mechanic with A&P and IA certificates. One of Alan's favorite planes to fly was a J3 Piper Cub.

Alan's most recent role in the Aviation Maintenance industry was as a DME (Designated Mechanic Examiner). To sum up what a DME does in layman's terms, a DME holds the responsibility of ensuring one taking their oral and practical exam, after successfully completing their FAA written exams, meets the FAA's guidelines to hold a mechanic certificate rating in airframe and/or powerplant. Alan fulfilled his obligation with utmost diligence and dedication, conducting thorough and by-the-book testing for Airframe and Powerplant ratings, testing out of North Central Institute (NCI). Alan's commitment to aviation safety was evident as he issued FAA mandated ratings only to those that he was confident would operate in a manner and with the seriousness the A&P deserves. His diligence contributed to and will continue to contribute to the safety in the aviation maintenance field as well as the well-being of countless families that fly, by the legacy he leaves to every A&P that tested under him and continues to mentor younger, new A&Ps. Alan spent quite a bit of his time mentoring A&P's, he had a steady stream of phone calls asking for guidance and help from those with a challenging mechanical question or trouble shooting. He loved to share his aviation enthusiasm with others by assisting with summer camps and encouraging the youth in the area, mentoring instructors on techniques, helping fix mockups for students to learn

new and exciting things in a manner that made sense to him and was exciting. His zest for life was contagious and he made everyone around him feel important and cared for.

In Lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to support the Alan Anderson Aviation Maintenance Mentor Scholarship set up to honor Alan and his love for Aviation Maintenance and education. What better way to remember Alan than supporting others in their quest to learn about and become an AMT. Donations can be sent to:

North Central Institute

168 Jack Miller Blvd.

Clarksville TN 37042

Phone number: 931-431-9700

There will be a donation box at the service for those who would like to contribute to the scholarship fund.

For out of town friends:

Pafford Funeral Home is located at 71 Monroe Avenue, Lexington, TN 38351

Independence Cemetery 2530 Independence Loop, Lexington, TN 38351

Cemetery Details

Independence Cemetery

Blue Goose Community
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Chapel Service

FEB 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Tony Small lit a candle in memory of Alan Anderson



Tony Small - February 17, 2024 at 12:05 AM

TS

Ole buddy. We built many engines and had many hours of flight time. I am proud to have called you friend. You'll always be in my thought at the track or in the air.

Tony Small - February 17, 2024 at 12:08 AM

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Ole buddy. We built many engines and had many hours of flight time. I am proud to have called you friend. You'll always be in my thought at the track or in the air.

Tony Small - February 17, 2024 at 12:10 AM

MT

“ Melinda Thurmond lit a candle in memory of Alan Anderson



Melinda Thurmond - February 14, 2024 at 08:16 PM

MT

I remember Alan from school. He was a very smart, gifted, kind and considerate person. Prayers and sympathy for his family.

Melinda Thurmond - February 14, 2024 at 08:18 PM

EL

“ He was like another dad to me, my aviation dad. Gonna miss him dearly. Words could never describe what a wonderful mentor and friend he was to me. I could call him up anytime and he’d answer like he always did. Was always teaching me things and motivating me. He gave me a music box for my birthday a couple years back with a micrometer in it (he always told me he thought I was great with it) and a note that said, “ Straighten up and fly right.” My most favorite thing he always said to me and now a treasured gift. □



Ellie - February 11, 2024 at 05:43 PM

TS

Great to hear his voice! Was the best of teachers!

Trevor Smithson - May 01, 2024 at 04:34 PM

BR

“ Brent purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alan Anderson.



Brent - February 08, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



J - February 08, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ The world is a little dimmer without you in it.
I'll always love you.



J - February 08, 2024 at 12:35 AM



Thank you J for these great photos and thank you for coming yesterday. Your kind words touched me deeply. Kay

Kay - February 11, 2024 at 09:53 AM

DR

“ Dr. Karl and Mrs. Connie Rogers purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Alan Anderson.



Dr. Karl and Mrs. Connie Rogers - February 07, 2024 at 09:30 PM

DR

“ Dr. Karl and Mrs. Connie Rogers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Anderson.

Dr. Karl and Mrs. Connie Rogers - February 07, 2024 at 09:30 PM

TR

“ Traci from Premier Radiology. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Alan Anderson.



Traci from Premier Radiology. - February 07, 2024 at 10:18 AM