



Alvin Ratliff

May 10, 1939 - December 18, 2008

INDIANAPOLIS— Alvin Ratliff, age 69, died Thursday, December 18, 2008 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. Born on May 10, 1939 in Willard, Kentucky, he was the son of Thomas Jefferson and Elva (Allen) Ratliff. He graduated from Greenfield High School in 1957 and worked for Ford Motor Company for over 48 years before retiring.

Alvin was a member of the UAW Local #1111. He loved RC planes, automobiles, motorcycles, airplanes, and was an avid gun collector. Mr. Ratliff also enjoyed photography, traveling, and spending time with his friends.

Surviving him are his daughters, Marla Kay (Lance) Pickrell of Terre Haute, Amy Jo (Drew Hutchison) Brown of Lawrence, Linda Darlene (Rob) Barnhart of Greenfield, and Rachael Elizabeth Ratliff of Noblesville; sisters, Coretta (Gene) Guinn of Georgia and Verinda Ratliff of Nebraska; and grandchildren, Eric, Aaron, Carrie, Jamie, Adam, Gage, Olivia, and Jessica. Preceding him in death were his parents; and brother, Lennington Ratliff.

A celebration with family and friends will be held from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary in Greenfield on Monday, December 22, 2008. A memorial service in honor of Alvin will follow at 7:00 p.m. at the mortuary. Pastor Paul Enyart will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.erleweinmortuary.com or e-mail condolences to sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com.

Comments



“ Whether it be the Winter visits to the lake or the summer ones, Al will be "very greatly missed". I'm not sure I have ever met someone who had such a great disposition, Al was always trying to put a "grin on my face" and everyone that he met. When Gary would call and say he was coming up to the lake, the first thing I would always ask was is Al coming? He had many hobbies and no doubt had a very fulfilling life. I know that his real pride and joy was his daughters, you could tell it in his voice and in his eyes the many times he spoke of them. Even though I only had the sheer pleasure of meeting Al (late nicknamed by myself "Easy Al" because he was so easy to get along with) for about four years I feel I have know him forever. May good bless those that he loved so much and left behind and my he rest in peace. I can see his face right now as he talks about "the girls" meaning his daughters of course. I'm sure Gary will miss his company and his great friendship. I would have very much liked to be there for the service but does not appear that I will be able to make it. May the lord bless all his friends, and family, and may Al rest in peace with the lord. Jon Hall

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