



Ernest "Butch" Alan Alder

February 24, 1961 - December 16, 2012

GREENFIELD – Ernest “Butch” Alan Alder, age 51, died Sunday, December 16, 2012 at St. Vincent Hospital. Born on February 24, 1961 in Richmond, IN, he was the son of Ernie H. and Betty (Lewis) Alder. He graduated from Tri High School in 1979 and went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in Building Construction Management from Purdue University in 1984. While at Purdue, Butch played football for 5 years, made the Academic All-Big Ten Football Team for 2 years, made the All-Big Ten Football Team his senior year, and was a Noble E. Kizer Award winner for 2 years.

Butch married Carla A. Hickman on March 3, 1984 in Cambridge City. He formerly worked for Glenroy Construction Company and Summit Construction Company. He was currently working for Pepper Construction Company as a Group Leader on the New Wishard Hospital Construction Project. He was a former member of the Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church, and currently attended Park Chapel Christian Church where he was a committee member for the Resonate college small group. He was also a member of the John Purdue Club and a former member of the Knightstown Optimist Club.

Surviving Butch are his wife, Carla Alder of Greenfield; son, Michael E. (Amye) Alder of Noblesville; daughter, Lauren N. (fiancée, Bryce Miller) Alder of Greenfield; parents, Ernie and Betty Alder of Greenfield; and sister, Barbara J. Alder of Anderson.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Park Chapel Christian Church, 1176 E. McKenzie Rd., Greenfield, IN 46140. Funeral services will be on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. also at the church. Pastor Mark Adcock and Pastor Danny Curry will be officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Cambridge City.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Butch Alder Memorial Fund, c/o Erlewein Mortuary, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. The family will forward all donations to many of Butch’s favorite charities. Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com or email condolences to sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com.

Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery

814 S. Cambridge Road
Cambridge City, IN, 47327

Events

DEC **Visitation** 03:00PM - 09:00PM

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Park Chapel Christian Church
1176 E. McKenzie Rd., Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

DEC **Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Ernie and family. I was so saddened to learn of your recent loss. I trust the memories you all share and the times of great joy will be of comfort and support during this difficult time. My Best wishes
Marv Smalley, Indiana State Police, retired

Marv Smalley - December 21, 2012 at 11:22 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear this,i am praying and thinking about you and your family so much. Love You, Harvey Brandon

harvey brandon - December 20, 2012 at 07:01 PM



“ Deeply saddened to hear this. I and my family's thoughts and prayers with his family and friends. I have lots of fond memories of the family that lived on the other side of our family farm growing up and times spent at Purdue. Butch will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Scott Casey

Scott Casey - December 20, 2012 at 02:21 PM



“ Butch was a great person. He loved his family dearly. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten, for we will cherish all the good memories. Our sympathy goes out to his parents, his wife and kids, and grand kids. And also to his sister Barbara who thought the world of him. We send our deepest sympathy and our love and prayers..

Gary and Vickie Marshall Witham and Family

Vickie Witham - December 20, 2012 at 07:44 AM



“ Butch and I arrived at Purdue together in the Fall of 1979. We were teammates for four years. I remember his energy and never ending positive attitude. I always enjoyed seeing Butch at reunions over the years and enjoyed the pride he exuded from his time as a Purdue student athlete. It is so nice to see all of the notes that highlight his wonderful personality and life. May we all find peace knowing our Lord has called for him.

Bob and Susan Nommensen

Bob Nommensen - December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so taken back to hear of Butch's passing. My heart and prayers go out to his family. I graduated with Butch in the Class of 79. It doesn't seem like we have been out of school that long. May you rest in peace my fellow classmate.

Derrick Mummert - December 19, 2012 at 03:46 PM



“ Butch was a wonderful colleague at the New Wishard site, so caring and diligent and fun. We will miss him, and you are in my prayers. -- Gretchen Wahl

Gretchen Wahl - December 19, 2012 at 08:58 AM



“ Ernie, Betty and Barbara,

So sad for you and your family. I remember being at the Alder house with all of you. My heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you today and going forward.

Shirley (Chew) Fliehler

Shirley (Chew) Fliehler - December 19, 2012 at 08:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God bless

J.C. and Nancy Linegar

J.C. Linegar - December 19, 2012 at 06:45 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Butch's passing ... My father was always very fond of Butch. I remember him joining us at our booth at a Christmas party a few years ago. Now they are together on the other side. There are really no words that can compensate for the loss of a loved one, but know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of both me & my mom, and we send you our deepest condolences. Peace be with you during this difficult time, and may God's presence comfort you all. ~ Leslie Blevins



Leslie A. Blevins - December 19, 2012 at 12:12 AM



“ Butch was my teammate. He will be missed greatly by all of his Purdue Brothers. Carla, Michael and Lauren and the rest of the family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Butch was a great student, athlete, friend and a true Boilermaker. Rest in peace buddy.

Pete Quinn

Pete & Susan Quinn - December 18, 2012 at 05:10 PM



“ Though we only worked together a short time, Butch showed me what a great individual he was. I will miss him dearly; his big smile and kind voice are forever engrained in my memories.

I always knew that Butch was in the office because he always made his popcorn down the hallway from my office if he was in. He'd generously offer to share some of it when he'd stop by my desk to tell me a joke. Having six kids, he'd often ask me their names – he'd always say “I should remember your youngest daughter's name. Lauren is a good name for a beautiful girl.” “That's my daughter's name”, he's say with a big smile.

I saw Butch Monday afternoon, he stopped by my office to tell me a joke – we laughed. Seconds after he left, he returned and told me a second joke. I had no way of knowing that would be the last time I would be blessed with his presence.

The way he cared for all people was clear and inspiring, and this has been echoed by everyone I've spoken to since his passing. He has made a big positive impact in my life. We spoke several times about the Lord and his plan for us, just as often as we spoke about family. His love for both was beautiful, and his example in faith will always help to guide my life. Butch, thank you for your friendship, and the exemplary model you forged.

J. Guillermo Carbajal - December 18, 2012 at 04:36 PM



“ Vicki Brooks lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Butch" Alan Alder



Vicki Brooks - December 18, 2012 at 03:58 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Alder. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Vicki Brooks - December 18, 2012 at 04:00 PM



“ To Ernie, Betty & all of the family, my heart breaks for your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers. May God bless you with His peace and love in your deepest sorrow and time of need.

Betty & Jim Carpenter



Betty Carpenter - December 18, 2012 at 02:06 PM



“ We were all shocked and saddened at EF Marburger Fine Flooring upon hearing the news of Butch's passing. He was a strong, fair and kind person and we will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

Christopher Rogers - December 18, 2012 at 10:01 AM



“ I was shocked & saddened to learn of Butch's passing. He was a football hero to those of us who played for Tri.

On behalf of the class of 1982, our prayers go out to his friends & family.

Michael McBride - December 18, 2012 at 08:38 AM



“ Butch will be truly missed but not forgotten. Always wore a smile and brightened everyone's day. You made me a better person. My family and I send our "Thoughts and Prayers" to Carla and the Kids.

Your friend,
Greg Sandlin

Greg Sandlin - December 18, 2012 at 06:53 AM



“ Jeff and I wanted you to know how sorry we are for the loss of such a wonderful husband, father and son! Holding you all high in thought and pray! May each memory bring you peace! Love in Christ, Karen Sylvester

Karen Sylvester - December 18, 2012 at 02:05 AM



“ We are heartbroken and at a loss for the words to express how we are feeling that we have lost our dear friend, Butch Alder. Butch was a man of great faith. He was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. We will cherish the most recent memories we had just a few short weeks ago when we got together for dinner and laughed so hard...as we always did. I will always remember that smile of yours and those "bear hugs". You will be deeply missed. Our continued prayers for Carla, Mike and Amye, Lauren and Byrce, Ernie and Betty, Barb and Judy. We are there for you always.

We love you all,

Cinder and Arden



Arden and Cinder Coher - December 17, 2012 at 10:53 PM



“ There are no words to express just how deeply broken we are to have lost such a dear and wonderful friend as Butch Alder. Butch was a man of great faith. He was devoted to his family and to his friends. We had the opportunity to spend an evening just in the past few weeks laughing and cutting up, as we always did. I'll never forget your great big smile and "bear hugs"...You will be greatly missed. Our prayers for Carla, Mike and Amye, Lauren and Bryce, Betty and Earnie, Barb and Judy. We will always be there for you.

Love,

Arden and Cinder



Arden and Cinder Coher - December 17, 2012 at 08:49 PM



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Arden and Cinder Coher - December 17, 2012 at 06:45 PM



“ No words can adequately describe the pain and grief that family and friends feel at the passing of someone so dear as Butch, but here is my feeble attempt. I have known many good men in my life but for sure none surpassed Butch in his devotion to his family, to others and to God. Butch was truly a "stand up guy" and will be deeply missed by all. God Bless You Butch, we are all the better for having known you...I know I am.

Your friend,
Dick W.

Dick Whicker - December 17, 2012 at 03:45 PM



“ A classmate and fellow 1979 graduate of Tri High, A true Gentleman in every fashion and a leader of many, may the good Lord take you into his kingdom as he has prepared for your arrival long ago. On this earth you will be greatly missed, by your family and friends. May the good Lord comfort your family in these difficult times.
Tracy Denney

Tracy Denney - December 17, 2012 at 03:40 PM



“ It is with the heaviest of heart that I say goodbye to my good friend Butch Alder. Perhaps one of the kindest people I knew. We had so many laughs together in the years we worked along side each other. My thoughts and prayers are forever extended to Carla and your two wonderful children. You will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

Bob Crowder

Bob Crowder - December 17, 2012 at 03:23 PM