



Alfred "Al" Vanerstrom

September 11, 1944 - April 9, 2008

Alfred "Al" Rodman Vanerstrom, 63, longtime resident and business owner, passed away in his home in Moses Lake, WA surrounded by his family on April 9, 2008. He was born in Chehalis, WA on September 11, 1944.

Al grew up in Chehalis, WA and graduated from W.F. West High School in Chehalis, WA in 1962. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy where he fought valiantly in the Vietnam War aboard the Oriskany in the South Pacific. He received decoration of the Vietnam Service Medal upon his honorable discharge.

While serving in the Navy, he met the love of his life, Reva. Al and Reva were married on October 24, 1967 in Puyallup, WA and were married 40 years. The couple resided in Puyallup where Al worked for Boeing building the 737 jets for a few years. During this time his daughter, Karlene was born in Auburn, WA on March 13, 1970. Shortly after, the family moved to Eugene, OR where his son, Justin, was born July 28, 1972. Among many of the adventures Al was a part of, he traveled with the Assembly of God missionary group to Guatemala to help rebuild the churches and schools after the devastation of an earthquake. While living in Oregon and many years to come, Al's favorite activities were being in the woods of Oregon, hunting, fishing and chopping wood. Some of his talents included the customization of many hotrods, including the painting and fabricating chop tops of his trucks, as well as racing

them whenever he could. In the early 1980's, the family moved to Moses Lake, WA where they made their home. Within a few years, he started up his business, Al's Glass Service, that continues in his name by his loving family. Al was very well known in the community for his compassion for others as well as his honest business practices and will be missed by many.

Al is survived by his spouse, Reva; his daughter and her husband Karlene and Andy Martinez; his son and his wife, Justin and Jamie Vanerstrom; as well as his grandchildren, Brigidd Martinez; Nicole Martinez; Chase Vanerstrom; and Brice Vanerstrom. The mother he knew, Jean Jennings, precedes him in death.

A ceremony to celebrate his life will be held at the Assembly of God Church in Moses Lake on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 11:00 am. Memorial services with military honors will be in care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories with Pastor Mark Bassett officiating.

Previous Events

Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

Assembly at Moses Lake
431 E. Brown Ave.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Kayser's Chapel of Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfred "Al" Vanerstrom



Kayser's Chapel of Memories - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry I was not able to attend your celebration, Al, but know you were in my thoughts. You gave me special memories from the all night flames and glass session on "Norman" to a week of craziness on the Salt Flats! You are one of a kind and I will miss you.##imported-begin##Don Kelly##imported-end##

April 20, 2008 at 10:17 PM



“ Al's family is in our thoughts and prayers. He was such a kind gentleman, who always greeted you with a smile!! He was a honest, reliable businessman, and we feel honored to have known him. Al is safe in God's care, and his friends are praying for him and his family. God Bless!!##imported-begin##Paul and Cathy Kersey##imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 04:53 PM



“ Hello

I am Al's barber for quite a few years. Also I was a client of his glass company when he restored my back door after a robbery breakin. He was the most kind man with a great sense of humor. I always enjoyed his talks over a floor full of hair. We got into alot of discussions in our years of commenications one of which was the subjest of my Momwho was a retired 90 year old missionary to the Indians. She stills types her own news letters and addresses about 85 envelopes and mails to her dedicated followers every month. He was awe stricken and so pleased to hear that. One day when we happened to shopping in the same store at the same store at the same time, he remembered her and said "just a minute, "you wait right here I'll be right back". When he returned he handed me the most beautiful rose I have ever seen, with the long stem and water container at the bottom. He said please take this to your mom and tell her it's from her secret admirer. I took it home to mom who was feeling kinda low at the time and gave it to her and told h er it was from her secret admirer and it cheered her heart and made her happy all the rest of the day. I know he made alot of people happy and it makes us feel like crying to know we won't ever see him again this side of heaven. He was a blessing to all of us th at met him. God bless you Reva and your family. H e talked about you alot and was so proud of you all for taking over the glass busness for him. Our prayer are foryou to have strenth and carry on as I know Al would want for you. Our love and prayers go with you. Dolores Burnham and Diane Kappen & (Mom) Rev. Regenia Carpenter###imported-begin##Dolores Burnham###imported-end##

April 18, 2008 at 04:19 AM



“ To Al's family; I am sorry for your loss. May our Almighty God embrace you all in his comforting arms today. May he give you the strength you need for the days ahead. You are all in my Thoughts & Prayers, Debra###imported-begin###Debra Greeno###imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 05:20 PM



“ I will always see Al as the last time we were together the big crooked smile, head tilted and hitching up his pants. We were fishing and having fun, his loss leaves a hole that will never be filled until I walk thru the gates of Heaven and look him in the eye and know that we are Home. I love Reva and kids

Loren###imported-begin###Loren E Brown###imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 10:53 AM



“ Reva,
Our thoughts are with you. Al was a very dear friend and will be missed.
Randy and Kathy###imported-begin###Randy and Kathy Shaw###imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 02:05 AM



“ Knowing Al and loving him as a brother has made me a stronger and better person. He helped teach us all the true meaning of strength, courage and true compassion for others. Al's passing will truly leave a void in my heart, but his spirit will forever and always live on in our hearts.

I will miss the way you always made us laugh so hard we could not breath. All our deepest sympathy for my dearest sister Reva, my nephew Justin and his family, Karleen and her family.##imported-begin##Ruth & Jim Lynch##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 03:51 PM



“ With deepest sympathy for your loss. Al was a wonderful person and trusted business owner in our community. He will be greatly missed in both aspects.##imported-begin##Joe/Denyse Ottmar of Pioneer Muffler##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 03:18 PM



“ Big Al, Don't let the salt settle in the wrong places -- you will always be remembered by the glass in my hot rod and the great trip to the Salt Flats.##imported-begin##Pat Loughary, the Lazy Leprechaun##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 01:46 PM



“ *Reva, Justin and Vanerstrom Family,*

Our Prayers are with you all. We will greatly miss Al. His kindness and friendship will be treasured for always. We remember his great service and honesty in his business and know that this will help guide his offspring and theirs for generations to come. Sorry, we could not be at the service with you this morning to honor his memory and support you in this moment of your great loss, but please know that we join with many others who are thinking of you and send you our love and prayers.

Jack & Nelly McLauchlan###imported-begin##Jack T. McLauchlan###imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 11:39 AM



“ *You were truly like a father to me I will miss you greatly. You have known me most of my life and you were always there when I needed you. Love Man###imported-begin##Kyle Dutton###imported-end##*

April 16, 2008 at 12:37 AM



“ *My grandfather..... You are the best, you had a gift for laughter. You mean the world to me. You taught me to care for those that no one wanted to. I will miss you! I will keep my promise and I will not let you down. I can honestly say that I am PROUD to be YOUR granddaughter. Thank you for the wonderful memories. You will be missed. See you soon in the cabin in the sky. I love you. - Brigidd###imported-begin##Brigidd Martinez ###imported-end##*

April 14, 2008 at 10:43 PM



“ From all of the memebers scattered far and wide,Our deepesed regard's go out to Big Al and his family. He will be missed by all. (The Road Runner's Car Club. Based in La Grande,Oregon)###imported-begin## " ROAD RUNNER'S " CAR CLUB###imported-end##

April 14, 2008 at 06:12 PM



“ AL,we'll miss your visit's down our way & your smile & sense of humor.May you find lot of great fishing & few ole buddie's to share with.Our prayers to all your family.###imported-begin##G'pa Don & G'ma Betty (Mackies folks)###imported-end##

April 13, 2008 at 02:52 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with you all. May our Precious Savior, Jesus, hold you especially close at this time. May God give you great strength and Peace.

With Love,
Clay, Sue, John, Gracie & Stephen###imported-begin##Clay & Sue Arnold & family###imported-end##

April 13, 2008 at 02:01 PM



“ Big Al, you always knew what to say, to bring a smile to my face and laugh to my heart. You were a great guy and one heck of a hula dancer. I'll miss you Big Al.

To Reva and family, My heart goes out to you and your in my prayers.###imported-begin##Nancy Gonyea###imported-end##

April 11, 2008 at 11:32 PM



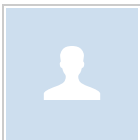
“ We love you Al and will miss you . . .*##imported-begin##Wendy Stewart##imported-end##*

April 11, 2008 at 09:11 PM



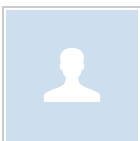
“ Oh my word I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know until I came onto this website for a friend of mine that we just lost on Saturday. Karlene, I feel like I can honestly say I know what you are going through and I am so sorry. My friend died very unexpectedly while staying with my family recovering from surgery and I was like a daughter to her. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. I love you!*##imported-begin##Dana Simonson##imported-end##*

April 11, 2008 at 03:24 PM



“ Al: what a great man. Al was always there to help you with any job, large or small, strange requests never phased him, "we'll figure it out" he'd say. It was a pleasure to deal with him, he will be greatly missed. His stellar legacy will live on with his beautiful family. you are loved by all. Jeff Flinders*##imported-begin##JEFF FLINDERS##imported-end##*

April 11, 2008 at 02:12 PM



“ Here is to good luck in finding that Big Block and working on your new ride in the sky Old Buddy. Our wishes and Prayers go out to your loved ones and Family Al. From one Hot-Rodder to another You will be missed greatly Flame man. (The Wizzard)*##imported-begin##Mackie Stewart##imported-end##*

April 11, 2008 at 11:29 AM



“ My heart goes out to Al's family. I am glad I knew him - he was such a great guy.##imported-begin##Kay Neal##imported-end##

April 11, 2008 at 10:46 AM



“ Al has been my best friend for over 30 years. I have spent over half of a lifetime sharing things with him. He will be missed more than words can express. My love and prayers go out to Reva, Al's wife, Justin, Al's son, and Karlene, Al's daughter, and their families. I will see you, my friend, and we will fish again. This time, maybe you will let me catch one too.##imported-begin##Doug Dutton##imported-end##

April 11, 2008 at 01:00 AM