



Allan J. Friestad

September 14, 1952 - August 13, 2024

Allan John Friestad, 71, of Rockford died on August 13, 2024. Born September 14, 1952 in Chicago; son of Robert and Hilda (Griffith) Friestad. Graduate of Lakeview High School, class of 1970. He obtained his Bachelor of Science from Loyola University. United in marriage to Susan Boka Friestad on September 12, 1976. Allan worked as a Telecommunications Director for Illinois Bell, Ameritech, SBC and AT&T. He later obtained his Real Estate Broker's License and was employed by Coldwell Banker in Northbrook and the Rockford region. Allan was a member of the Real Estate Board and the LLL Social Club. Allan was a devoted husband, loving father and amazing Pop to his beloved granddaughter. Known as "Big Al" and "Uncle Al the Kids' Pal", he always enjoyed having a good time, hosting BBQs and other gatherings in the summer at his home. In his downtime, you could find him watching the Price is Right, Judge Judy, Chicago Cubs and Bears. Allan was a huge Cubs fan.

Survived by wife; Susan; daughter, Sarah (Ryan) Duda; granddaughter, Ruby Duda; sister, Maureen Friestad; sisters-in-law, Karen Boka; Mary Burton, Kathy (Lane) Addison; brother-in-law, Joe, (Nora) Boka; Preceded in death by parents; brothers-in-law, Tom Burton, Gene Boka, Johnny Boka; special friends, Jose Romeo Romero and Ken Hager. Memorial visitation on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 from 10 am to 11 am, followed by a Celebration of Life at 11 am at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services; 4301 N. Main St. Rockford. Allan's family would be grateful for donations to the American Diabetes Association in lieu of flowers. <https://www.diabetes.org> Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
4301 N. Main St.
Rockford, IL 61103

Celebration of Life

SEP 4. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



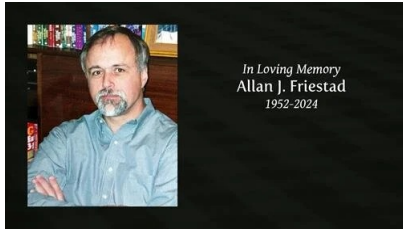
“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Allan J. Friestad



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - September 06, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Allan J. Friestad



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“ Iuliana P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allan J. Friestad.

Iuliana P. - September 03, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ Karen, Crystal, Vlado, Derek, Alexis, Dion purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Allan J. Friestad.



Karen, Crystal, Vlado, Derek, Alexis, Dion - September 02, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ Karen, Crystal, Vlado, Derek, Alexis, Dion planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allan J. Friestad.

Karen, Crystal, Vlado, Derek, Alexis, Dion - September 02, 2024 at 03:27 PM

KR

“ Karen R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allan J. Friestad.

Karen R. - September 02, 2024 at 02:43 PM

BK

“ Bernie & Pam Kenney purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Allan J. Friestad.



Bernie & Pam Kenney - September 02, 2024 at 11:56 AM

BK

“ Al you will be missed. There are so many memories from the Halloween parties, racquetball and especially the phone company! You were a great friend to one and all Our prayers and thoughts are with you Susie & Sarah

Bernie & Pam Kenney - September 02, 2024 at 11:46 AM

ON

“ Sue and family, Mark and I send our condolences. We have lost one of the good guys. Al, my childhood pal, I have memories of ...we were part of the Kroger Parking Lot kids, Rosen's Raiders, LV classmate, finally we both ended up at the phone co. All these years and Al remained the Boy Scout that he was. In later years when we ran into each other there was good natured teasing, like we were 12 again! He left us wonderful memories.
Mark and Oneda Zeman

Oneda - September 01, 2024 at 02:43 PM

NB

“ Nora B. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Allan J. Friestad.



Nora B. - August 29, 2024 at 08:07 PM

DC

“ Dorothy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allan J. Friestad.

Dorothy C. - August 28, 2024 at 12:56 PM

MF

“ Al Friestad was such an amazing person and mentor. He was my manager in Network Technical Support at AT&T. It was always a great career aspiration to work in technical support. Al gave me an opportunity to be one of the first women of color in the group. I will forever be grateful to him because he was such an awesome manager and a great friend. Rest in eternal peace Al you will be missed.

Marilyn Fenderson - August 26, 2024 at 06:26 PM

JW

“ I will never forget how Al, a huge Cub fan, came to my husband's wake 9 1/2 years ago & wore a Sox jersey because he knew that my husband was as big a Sox fan as Al was a Cub fan. It still brings a tear to my eye. I am so sorry for your loss Susie. Judy Weingartner

Judy Weingartner - August 26, 2024 at 03:27 PM

MS

“ Al was one of the kindest men I know. He helped me when I was new to the switching job at IBT. He always made time to teach and explain services to me. Thank you Al for your patience and kindness. Rest in peace. Mary Snieg

Mary Snieg - August 25, 2024 at 05:50 PM

BO

“ During my youth “Big Al” was the big brother I never had. He taught me how to play baseball, football, and hockey. He even left the scar on my chin to remember him by...LoL!
R.I.P. big dude.
Bob Olson

Bob Olson - August 23, 2024 at 05:20 PM

MF

“ Praying for the family's peace and comfort Allan was my manager at the phone company he was always kind to me rest well Allan

Mardie Fitzpatrick - August 22, 2024 at 12:48 PM

SB

“ *Uncle Al was a great man and a wonderful uncle with a great sense of humor. He was always very generous in his support of his family and was quick to help those in need. He touched many peoples lives and will be greatly missed by all. The Cubs have lost their number one fan, it's a sad day in Wrigleyville.*

Steve B. - August 22, 2024 at 12:00 PM

SI

“ *Steve, Szandra and Izabel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Allan J. Friestad.*



Steve, Szandra and Izabel - August 22, 2024 at 11:50 AM

MB

“ *Mary, Suzy, Steve, Szandra + Iza Burton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Allan J. Friestad.*



Mary, Suzy, Steve, Szandra + Iza Burton - August 21, 2024 at 06:24 PM

RH

“ *Robin and Lyla Hughes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allan J. Friestad.*



Robin and Lyla Hughes - August 21, 2024 at 02:59 PM

LH

“ *Oh my goodness.....so many memories growing up on Berry St. with Allan and Maureen. He was a gentle giant, and friendly to the whole neighborhood. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mrs. Lyla and Robin Hughes .*

Lyla Hughes - August 21, 2024 at 02:53 PM

GJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about Allan's passing. He & I worked together at Coldwell Banker for a number of years and I enjoyed working with him. While he was the consummate professional, he always offered a smile and a laugh whenever he stopped into the office. When he moved to Rockford, I kept up with him via his Facebook posts, which gave me a chuckle or made me ponder his words. He will be missed. - Gwen Johnson

Gwen Johnson - August 21, 2024 at 02:48 PM

PC

“ SUSAN...SO SORRY TO HEAR OF ALLAN'S PASSING...OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY...TERRY & PAT CROSSIN

Patricia crossin - August 21, 2024 at 02:11 PM