



## Alan J. Geery

September 20, 1940 - November 10, 2021

Alan J. Geery, 81, Tecumseh, passed on Wednesday, November 10th, at Prairie Wind Senior Living Center, due to complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Alan's youth was spent in Salina, Kansas. He was a tireless basketball and baseball player in church leagues. Boy Scouts canoe trips to Canada and Philmont were experiences with fond memories. Summers during high school were spent working at a cemetery and for a paving contractor.

Alan met his wife, Melinn, in the school cafeteria during his junior year in high school in 1957. They were united in marriage in Pasadena, California in 1963.

Alan graduated from KU with a BS degree in Engineering Physics in 1963 and held membership in Sigma Tau and Tau Beta Pi fraternity houses, and honorary engineering societies. He worked in Los Angeles for 5 years at Planning Research Corporation. Alan later received a BS and Master's degree in Civil Engineering and began working for the City Engineers in Topeka, Kansas. His final employment was with Bartlett & West Engineers in Topeka, Kansas.

Alan was an avid rough camper, enjoyed back packing and rock climbing in California forests, and climbed Mount Whitney twice. He also enjoyed trips to

Bright Angel and Kaibab trails in the Grand Canyon. During a vacation in Alaska, Alan enjoyed white water canoeing, numerous wildlife encounters and flying over Denali Peak. Later vacations would include visits to the caves in France, containing Cro-Magnon wall drawings. His later years were more focused on scuba diving, bicycling, running and completing triathlons. He spent six weeks camping in Tobermory, Canada learning hand hewing techniques, reading history books, and raising a timber framed home. Alan enjoyed farm life with his family, interacting with foreign students, family reunions and homemade ice cream.

Alan is survived by his wife Melinn; son, John (Erika); grandson, Johnnie; daughters, Emily and Bailey; and Emily's mother Andrea Cawthon. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Travis.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd. Topeka, Kansas 66614. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alan J. Geery*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Melinn, so sorry for the loss of Alan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

**Karen Mead** - November 21, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *Melinn, we were sorry to learn of Alan's passing. His life was not an easy one with health problems and the loss of Travis. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Jodi and Ron Peterson*

**Jodi Peterson** - November 19, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Melinn, I am so sorry for your loss. May you find peace as you navigate the days ahead.*

*Gaylene Dibbern*

**Gaylene Dibbern** - November 18, 2021 at 02:53 AM

CS

“ *Melinn, John & Family,  
Sincere sympathy is extended upon learning of Alan's health struggles and recent passing. It seems like yesterday we were raising families and now have become the senior generation. My mother battled Alzheimer's many years ago, and I well remember her struggles as well as losing a husband at a very early age. You are in thought and prayer at this time as well as sharing warm memories of past years with the boys growing up.*  
Warmly,  
*Carol DeGross Sook & Family*

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**Carol Sook** - November 17, 2021 at 11:42 AM

HS

“ *With sadness I send my sincere condolences and remember fondly when the two of you accompanied the SHHS exchange to Leer in Germany. Hans*

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**Hans-G. Schulz** - November 16, 2021 at 07:04 AM

 Andrea Weis

“ *My family in Germany wishes to send you their condolences and asked for a translator. My father Michael vividly remembers Alan taking them on a wonderful daytrip to local museums in September 2007. Michael loves to recall that day and thinks kindly about Alan's pleasant and patient personality.*

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**Andrea Weis** - November 15, 2021 at 04:07 PM

HK

“ *My sincere condolences! I fondly remember the time when you invited me for a BBQ when I was leading the exchange for the Lawrence sister city. I am very sorry. Harro*

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**Harro Künning** - November 15, 2021 at 02:45 PM

HB

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We will always remember visiting you and Alan when we were with Hildegard. Thinking of you and wishing you comfort and peace.

*With sympathy,  
Karin und Gerhard Howe.*

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**Hildegard Becker** - November 15, 2021 at 01:46 PM

HI

“ We will miss Alan and his wealth of information. I remember when you had your home built a few years ago. C. was taking a SHHS drafting class and found some actual sketches pinned somewhere at the building site. Later, we observed Alan building the retaining wall. Thank you for being such a great role model and sparking her interest in engineering.

*Hildegard*

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**Hildegard** - November 15, 2021 at 01:26 PM

PG

“ Melinn and John, I am sorry to learn of Mr. Geery's passing. Growing up, I always remember him being such a kind man. A smile crosses my face as I think of Travis being able to reunite with his dad in Heaven. Wishing you peace and strength on your respective journeys of grief.

*Penny Gilbert  
(One of Travis' Classmates)*

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**Penny Gilbert** - November 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM

AH

“ *My Dad, Gale Coulter, always spoke so highly of Alan. They worked together at the City and spent some time on the ski slopes. Condolences to the family!*

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**Ann Hafner** - November 15, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Melinn, I am so sorry to hear about Alan. Him and Rick are together talking of old times and us. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Ramona*

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**Ramona McDonald** - November 15, 2021 at 07:45 AM

LS

“ *Melinn, I am so sorry.*

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**Liz Syverson** - November 14, 2021 at 11:22 AM