



Robert Allen "Al" Carson

November 23, 1941 - February 8, 2010

Robert A. "Al" Carson passed away Monday, February 8, 2010, at a local hospital. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Al was born November 23, 1941, in Topeka KS to Edward Robert (Ed) and Eleanor (Kuhn) Carson, but spent his early years in California. His family returned to Topeka in 1956 and he graduated from Hayden High School in 1959. While working at Zercher Photo, owner Jerry McCarthy, was instrumental in Al attending Washburn University from 1960-1962, 1965-1971, attaining a Bachelor in Business Administration. On September 8, 1962, Allen married Connie Bussell at Assumption Church. They enjoyed over 47 years together. Al was active in his church and community. He was among the first class of 12 men preparing to serve as Lay Ministers of Communion at St. Irenaeus in Park Forest IL. He served on Parish Councils at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and St. Matthew Church in Topeka. He was a past board member of the Marian Clinic, Shawnee Country Club, Washburn Ichabod Club and Topeka Youth Project. He was a club advisor for Junior Achievement and coached Little League baseball for five years in Park Forest and SCABA baseball for one year in Topeka. Al was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, Washburn Alumni Association, Knights of Columbus, Council #534, Shawnee Country Club and Friends of the Mulvane Art Museum. Al was employed by the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, later Burlington Northern Santa Fe, for 33 and a half years. He served in various management positions in Topeka, Chicago IL and Fort Worth TX, retiring in Fort Worth in 1998. After

retirement, he was employed part-time at Shawnee Woodwork from 2000 – 2010. He is survived by his wife, Connie; son, David, wife Cheryl and their sons Christopher and Matthew; son Tim, wife Jan and their children Sarah and Ryan; daughter, Allyson Haldeman and her son Carson Haldeman; sister, Elaine (John) Martin; brother, James (Janelle) Carson; brother, Michael Carson; and brother, Mark (Angie) Carson; three nephews; six nieces; three great-nephews; five great-nieces; and many cousins, aunts and uncles. Al will lie in state from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614 and then family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Christ the King Church where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Marian Clinic, Washburn University Golf Team for scholarships, or a charity of one's choice, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Allen "Al" Carson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Connie, I heard today from Betty Smith (Park Forest) that Al's funeral was on Friday. I was saddened by the news of his passing. It evokes memories of the Santa Fe clan who lived in Park Forest -- such good times. You and the family are in our prayers. God bless all of you. Love, Jim & Helen Silvia*

Helen and Jim Silvia - February 17, 2010 at 10:48 PM



“ *Connie Learned of your loss thru mom today ... sorry for your loss ...your old Oakland buddy....Bud card will follow....prayers and gods blessing*

Paul Bud Deghand - February 14, 2010 at 03:44 PM



“ *Connie, we are in Arizona for the winter but Neva Lowry informed me about Al. We are so sorry about your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.*

Herman and Sondra Hafenstein - February 14, 2010 at 09:15 AM

TM

“ *Connie and David and All: Words somehow fall short at times like this...However I felt it was important to remember Al's legacy...His easy manor, his grace and kindness, and that warm smile that made one feel special whenever he said hello. That was his gift to me and I'm thinking to everyone he met.*

Peace+ to all of you.

Tommy McGeeney.... Cape Coral, Fl

Tommy McGeeney - February 13, 2010 at 12:08 AM

BL

“ *Connie, Bill Henningsen called to tell me that Al had passed away. You both were good and caring people. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Al will be missed by everyone who knew him. Sincerely, Barbara*

Barbara Leach - February 12, 2010 at 05:20 PM

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Barbara Leach - February 12, 2010 at 05:17 PM

KC

“ *Tim, Jan and family - I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Karla*

Karla Clem - February 12, 2010 at 12:55 PM

DS

“ *Connie & family,
Our heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. We will miss Al.
Hope fond memories will sustain you through this difficult times. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you.*

D.L. & Suzy

D.L. & Suzy Smith - February 11, 2010 at 03:00 PM

KU

“ *Dear Connie: Al was a much loved and appreciated Marian Clinic
Board member and a friend. His ability to get to the point of a
matter, to question the bottom line of any action, and his thoughtful
and diligent approach to serving will be with me for the rest of my
life. I am saddened by his passing, and look forward to seeing him
again someday in the Lord's good time. Please accept my
condolences.*

Kathleen Urbom - February 11, 2010 at 02:17 PM

KC

“ *Dave and Jan, I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your
families and wishing comfort to you all.*

Kami Cusick - February 11, 2010 at 01:46 PM

SW

“ *Dave, Jan and to your family--My thoughts and prayers are with you
at this time. May fond thoughts and warm memories of your father
and father-in-law fill the sorrow that is in your hearts at this time.*

God bless you.

Susan Wright

Susan Wright - February 11, 2010 at 01:40 PM

AF

“ Dave, Tim & Jan (Sarah & Ryan), and Carson family, We are so sorry for the loss of your dad/grandpa, and we would like you to know we are thinking of you and sending our prayers. God Bless. -- Eve, Ben, Kathryn & Thomas...

Artiles Family - February 11, 2010 at 01:12 PM

PM

“ We were so sorry to hear of your great loss. We appreciate the mention of our father, Jerry McCarthy; it was nice to read that he had a good experience at Zercher Photo. We hope that you find comfort with your friends and family.

The Jerry McCarthy family

Peg McCarthy - February 11, 2010 at 10:54 AM

TS

“ CONNIE AND FAMILY:

WE WERE SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. YOU ARE ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

BRYAN, BLAKE AND TAMMY STROTH

TAMMY STROTH - February 11, 2010 at 08:18 AM

JF

“ Carson & Allyson, We are so sorry about your grandpa/dad. We will always remember how nice he was at the pool parties.

Jared & Jordan Freed & Family - February 10, 2010 at 10:51 PM

LA

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Larry & Karen Akerstrom - February 10, 2010 at 10:49 PM

AV

“ Allyson, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. You and your family are in my prayers.

Amy Valdivia - February 10, 2010 at 07:32 PM

TV

“ Tim, Jan & Carson family so sorry to hear of Al's passing. Stay strong & help each other at these difficult times. What a GREAT MAN, always happy with a big smile. You should all be very proud, you are all in our thoughts & prayers.

Trent & Kim Vausbinder

Trent & Kim Vausbinder - February 10, 2010 at 06:08 PM

DT

“ Jim and family. I loved working with you and al and i know you will all miss him as well as all his friends will. I hope you all will be proud of the life he lived. he was a special person to all of us. don & eileen. god bless

Don & Eileen Thompson - February 10, 2010 at 04:05 PM

AN

“ Allyson. I was so sorry to hear about your Dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Andrea - February 10, 2010 at 02:57 PM

SP

“ Dave, Cheryl, Christopher & Matthew ~
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I hope that the memories of him will bring you comfort in the future.

Shelby, Troy, Bryson & Macey Patch - February 10, 2010 at 01:55 PM

TZ

“ Connie, Allyson, Tim & Jan, Dave & Cheryl and grandkids We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Tami & Brooke Boten and Jim Zeferjahn - February 10, 2010 at 12:15 PM

GK

“ Connie, David and Tim. Al will be greatly missed. I remember when we joined the SCC he made us feel welcome and was always there with a hello and a smile. The church will miss his friendly face and smile. The SCC mens day will not be the same without him leading his team whether they won or lost he was always upbeat.

Our condolences to the family and our prayers are with Al and you.

May God bless and keep him

Gary and Sheila Knoll

Gary and Sheila Knoll - February 10, 2010 at 09:47 AM

DP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

David, Dea and Kyzer Polzin - February 10, 2010 at 09:33 AM

SS

“ *Connie, Dave, Tim and Allyson - words cannot express our sorrow. Al was a wonderful person and a friend to everyone he met. You are in our prayers.*

Sharon Sands - February 10, 2010 at 09:11 AM

JT

“ *Connie,*

We were so sorry to hear about Al.

Our prayers are with you and your family.

Jim & Carol Traylor - February 09, 2010 at 07:39 PM