



Alan David Reed

June 16, 2023

Alan David Reed, 75, of Dumfries, VA passed away on June 16, 2023 after a ten year battle with Alzheimer's.

Alan was born to Everett Elmer Reed and Ruth Charity Kreiner in Ludlow, MA on October 10, 1947. Sadly, Alan's mother passed away when he was two years old. His father later married Margaret Gray, who adopted him and his younger brother Paul. He was raised alongside Everett and Margaret's three sons: John, Don, and Ron. After attending South Hadley High School, Alan attended Holyoke Community College for two years, then earned a BBA in Accounting from the University of Massachusetts. Alan was drafted in 1969 and became a Russian linguist for the military. He served his country for twenty-four years in the Army, then transitioned to a position with the Defense Intelligence Agency. While in the military, he earned a Master's in Business Administration from Boston University. His family followed his military career to California, Texas, Massachusetts, Virginia and four tours to Germany, specifically to West Berlin, Munich, and Stuttgart. Overall, Alan dedicated over forty years of his life to working in military and defense intelligence.

Thanks to his military career his family had the opportunity to travel, which also allowed them to pursue his interest in genealogy, visiting the places in Germany and other nearby countries where his grandparents came from. Alan's ties to New England included many family trips to Cliff Island, where

they would play board games, most famously Rail Baron - which is a tradition that continues with the Reed Family Game Weekend every year. These Cliff Island memories also inspired Alan and Susan to purchase their own house in Harpswell, Maine - which is a haven and gathering place for their family. Day to day you could find Alan watching any Boston sports team with a beer in his hand, and a Steven King novel on the table nearby. He will be fondly remembered for his easy going personality, friendly smile, and a great sense of humor that lives on in his sons.

Alan Reed is survived by his loving wife, Susan Virginia (Lindman). They would have celebrated their fifty-third wedding anniversary on June 27th of this year. Together they raised four sons: Jonathan (Twila Davis) Reed, Brian (Jody Ammann) Reed, Brandan (Jessica Weigeshoff) Reed, and Stefan (Michelle Darcy) Reed. Alan and Susan have five grandchildren - Alexis, Madelyn, Nicklaus, Virginia, and Sybil. He is also survived by his brothers, Paul Reed, John Reed, Donald Reed, and Ronald Reed.

Viewings will be held at Miller Funeral Home in Woodbridge, VA from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm on Wednesday, June 28th, 2023. A service will be held at the same location on Thursday, June 29th at 12:00pm Following, the interment will be at Quantico National Cemetery at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=32112&32112.donation=form1

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Viewing

JUN 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Service

JUN 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Graveside Service

JUN **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall

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John - July 05, 2023 at 05:14 PM

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“ John lit a candle in memory of Alan David Reed



John - July 05, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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Alan was my older brother and we often think of our older siblings as the wiser ones in the family. It always seemed true to me, and it was to his sons too. His intellect served him well. Alan was in military intelligence for about 40 years and one of his specialties was learning the Russian language. He had several stints in California, Massachusetts as well as Germany. I visited Alan and Susan in 1973 while they were in Northern Germany and I left thinking I might like to someday live in Europe or Germany. Some years later this dream became reality.

Prior to interviewing for my new position in Germany, Alan and I were in Massachusetts one July looking at the Munich map and calculating how we'd plan a 20 minute subway trip to the Oktoberfest come September - if the stars aligned perfectly. I was hired a month later, but didn't arrive until late October, missing the O'fest that year. We made up for it at numerous other fests that take place all over Bavaria, and of course hit the big one in Munich the next year.

In Germany our families spent a lot of time together. Once we leave our home town, it is rare that brothers ever live in the same town together. However, Karen and I lived less than a mile from Alan and his family. He and Susan got us acclimated to the culture, helped us move in, get settled, introduced us to friends and smoothed what could have been a bumpy adjustment to life in Germany. We spent holidays together, cross country skiing vaunts, jogging in the fields in Munich, fireworks at New Years, attended musical venues, and yes of course, sampled great food and many a fine Weissbier, Stout, Lager or Ale in a restaurant or brewery.

Our time in Munich remains a treasured period and my horizons and perspectives were changed forever. However, this was also possible as we shared a very blessed time with Alan and his family. I recall his young son at the time Brian remarking, "Munich will probably be the best place we ever lived!" He had it right.

Rest in peace Alan, you deserve it after these last, trying years.

John - July 05, 2023 at 05:13 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album *Memories of Alan Reed*



Jessica Reed - June 21, 2023 at 09:25 PM