



Alan R. Isaacson

January 31, 1958 - August 3, 2020

Alan Isaacson, 62, of Austin, TX died Monday, August 3, 2020 after three weeks bravely battling the Coronavirus. Alan was born on January 31, 1958 in Jacksonville, FL to Seymour Ronald (Ronnie) Isaacson and Jeanne Lippman Isaacson. Shortly after his birth the family moved to Dallas, TX where Alan grew up with his younger sister, Nancy Isaacson-Tobin.

Alan spent his happy youth in the Dallas area attending school, playing soccer, basketball, and golf and working part time jobs to pay for his fun and games. He attended The University of Texas, Austin and received his Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW). While attending UT he met Cindy Boerner, the girl next door with the beautiful long blonde hair. Alan and Cindy, the love of his life, were married June 26, 1982 in San Antonio, TX.

For 38 years Alan put his MSSW to work, helping people in need primarily in mental health and rehabilitation. Alan's first job after college was as a psychotherapist at The Family Guidance Center (Dallas). Alan's skills and reputation brought him many opportunities including Director of Public Relations at the Brown Schools (Austin), Director of Meadowbrook, a head trauma facility where he built the program and led the staff with his teammate Duane Harris (Tulsa), Program Director for PIA (Boulder), Director of Meadowbrook (Atlanta), Multi-Facility Administrator for Relife/HealthSouth (Nashville), and Regional/Divisional Director of HCR/Manor Care with weekly travel to Toledo after moving back to Austin. Alan and his family were glad to be back in Austin. It was in Alan's next role as VP/COO of Seton Shoal Creek Hospital where he felt the greatest satisfaction, working alongside the Daughters of Charity, dedicated to the Mission of Service for eight years. After leaving Seton he served as a Superintendent of the Austin State Hospital. His most recent work was the Director of the Palestine Behavioral Health Hospital, Palestine, TX, traveling weekly from Austin.

Alan was committed to serving others, especially those with mental illness and those with no advocate. He loved helping bring out the best in everyone always willing to give a hand up instead of a handout. He demanded the highest level of service, care, and

professionalism from himself and those that worked with him. In leadership roles Alan would say, “people either really like me or they really dislike me.” He often corrected staff and said, “you don’t work for me; you work for yourself, but you work with me.” He pushed people “to do their best” and to follow through with commitments, all the while expecting nothing but the best from himself. Alan was authentic, often speaking his mind about things the way they were. But, he was also kindhearted and generous beyond measure and had a playful nature to him with people he loved. He was the ultimate host of food and beverage. You never left our home after coming for a meal without taking home a goodie bag. “Too much is just enough” was his proudly spoken motto. Some family members referred to him as “Mr. Overserve.”

He was a man of sacrifice, doing anything and everything for his family. He was a wonderful provider. He had a special relationship with each of his children. He adored them. His favorite week-end past time was spending time with his family. He loved and cherished his sister Nancy.

Alan was preceded in death by his mother, Jeanne Isaacson who loved unconditionally and taught Alan to “do your best” with all aspects of his life.

Alan is survived by his father, Ronnie Isaacson, his wife, Cindy Isaacson, children, Kathryn Isaacson (31) and Jacob Isaacson (28) both of Austin, TX, sister Nancy Isaacson-Tobin and husband Chuck Tobin of Fairfax Station, VA and their two sons, Sam Tobin of Fairfax Station, VA and Ben Tobin of Louisville, KY.

The family offers a heartfelt thank you to the Palestine Regional Regional Medical Center, especially Dr Brandy Ricard head of the ICU and her professionally trained and compassionate staff for the care they provided Alan for two weeks while he was in the hospital. Thank you also to Amy, Lisa, Jana and all others that sent love and support from the Palestine Behavioral Health Hospital. Alan’s wife, Cindy would like to express thanks to their extended family, friends, and multiple communities around the globe that prayed and held the light during this time while not being able to sit by Alan’s side.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) where Alan served five years on the Board of Directors , <https://www.austinecho.org/donations/donate-for-alan/> or an organization of your choice.

Out of respect for all and in consideration of the Corona virus the burial will be streamed from the following link at 2:00 Friday, August 7th, 2020.

www.facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals/

Following the service the recording will be viewable here on Alan's Tribute page.

Comments



“ My brother, Alan, added so much to my life. I will miss him dearly. Love you, Alan.



Nancy Isaacson-Tobin - August 22, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ Nancy, I think you'll remember me from Brookdale. I am so very very sorry for your loss! Please give my condolences to the family. Love those pictures and seeing your sweet mom. Alan was such a nice man, and a good son!

Stephanie Vincent - August 24, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ Stephanie, of course I remember you! I'm sorry for my late response, but I can't tell you how much your note means to me. We will always be grateful for everything you did for our family. My mom and brother meant the world to me, and I think of them everyday.

I hope you are doing well and enjoying North Carolina (I believe you moved there).

Take care and be well.

Nancy Tobin - November 16, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. I know of Alan from my good friend and neighbor Nancy Tobin and would like to offer you and your family my deepest and most sincere condolences. Evan Kehayias

Evan Kehayias - August 18, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ We hold all of you in our prayers during this time of sadness and grieving. We are friends and neighbors of Nancy Isaacson-Tobin and her family, and knowing how special she is, we know that Alan was a dear brother. Ron and Terry Riggins

Ronald Riggins - August 18, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ photo of Alan 1978 on his 20th birthday. I made him the guitar cake. He loved playing his loud Jimi Hendrix in his apt next to mine and it really irritated me! Until I got to know Alan.



cindy - August 18, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Alan R. Isaacson.



August 14, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Dearest Cindy, family and friends, time has not diminished my fond memories of my college and DOBIE dormmate Alan. Alan was like a big teddy bear, my big brother and protector! In this photo I Had just flown back to school from Christmas break and Alan said I was looking “ mighty robust!” I said thank you, and as soon as I got into my dorm room took out my Webster Dictionary and looked up the meaning of robust! I thought it had to do with my chest!
I really was stunned this morning and felt like I got hit by a ton of bricks. My heart goes out to you with much love, with prayers and deepest condolences. I am thinking of you all. With love and friendship
Caryn Krauss- Feldman



Caryn me - August 13, 2020 at 11:15 PM



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Jack Kanter - August 13, 2020 at 05:03 PM



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Jack Kanter - August 12, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Hi, Cindy. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family on the passing of your husband. I never got to meet him. Sounds like it would have been quite a treat to have known him. Cindy, you were my director at my initial ACTS retrea in 2011for St. Louis Catholic Churcht, and I had the pleasure of serving with you at other ACTS retreats. I am so sorry for your loss. I know the Lord Jesus is holding you close and that His really broad shoulder is supporting you. Know that you are loved and prayed for at this time. God bless you and your family, and may Alan rest in peace. YSIC Kathy Arnold

Kathy Arnold - August 12, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ It's been a few decades since the babysitting co-op in Stone Mountain, Georgia when our paths first crossed, Cindy, but I have such fond memories of Jacob, Katie, you and Alan. Such a fun, faithful, smart, beautiful family! The amount of love you shared was obvious to all who knew you. Know that all those people who loved your family then are keeping you close in our hearts and prayers during this painful time. The world is certainly less fun and warm without Alan. Hugs to you all. Kathy Hollywood

Kathleen Hollywood - August 11, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ My heart is heavy hearing of the loss of this great soul. It was an honor to know him while I worked at Shoal Creek. My condolences to his family and friends. Teresa Jackson

Teresa Jackson - August 10, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Alan R. Isaacson.



August 10, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Alan was an amazing force to work with at Seton Shoal Creek. Safety and quality of care were always at the forefront of his mind. I always appreciated Alan's straightforward and caring nature. You will be missed by many, Alan. I'm so glad I was blessed to know you! Condolences to the family.

Betsy Shelton - August 10, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Mr. Isaacson was a neighbor who always had a smile. He always waved and smiled while outdoors taking care of the lawn. For the last few years, it was a joy to take my own small children to Trick or Treat in the neighborhood back home to visit my parents and see neighbors. The Gault Sunday family sends their love and prayers to Cindy and their children.

Jennifer Gault Sunday - August 10, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Sandy and Roger ... Daughter, Jennifer ... How lovely. Camille Street

Camille Street - August 12, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ Rest in peace. I worked on various projects for Alan while he was leading Seton Shoal Creek Hospital (the only psych hospital accepting the indigent in Central Texas). In all the discussions and negotiations with health plans or vendors he was always focused on the end receiver; the patient and their family. How will our decisions make an impact? That in itself was inspiring and motivated you to make things better. This is truly saddening news and great loss for all. He had many more years of this inspiration to give.

Toby Hooper - August 09, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ I am deeply saddened and heartbroken. Alan and I spent a year together, Alan, the mentor, Robert, the mentee, one year after I joined the Seton Family of Hospitals. A mentor program intrigued me and I signed up. Alan, a younger man by 8 years, was assigned to me and was open to 52 discussions with this architect. My wise mentor shall always be with me. Alan said, “I felt that we both learned from one another during our time spent together.” My heart is with his family and all others who were touched by Alan’s wisdom, grace, and love.

Robert Guy - August 08, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ Cindy and family I am heartbroken to hear of Alan's passing! He was a wonderful man, loving husband and father! All who knew him were blessed to have been touched by him...my thoughts and prayers for all of you! I will never forget him...love youll..

Dee Sanchez - August 08, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear that Alan has passed away. He was a wonderful friend and boss! I had the honor of working with him in 2002-2003 and will always remember his kindness, generosity, leadership, and encouragement. His family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. ~ Marsha Neeley

Marsha Neeley - August 08, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ Prayers and condolences to the Isaacson family. I have had pleasure knowing Alan Isaacson at Shoal Creek Hospital where Mr. Isaacson was CEO. He was always nice, friendly, and respectful. God Bless

Maya Ajanovic - August 08, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ I'm so terribly sad to hear that Alan has passed away. Although I haven't spoken to him for a few years, we had each other on speed dial when he was the Superintendent at Austin State Hospital. I had the privilege of working closely with him as he worked hard to improve the lives of patients and staff there. I so admired his dedication to his work, his compassion, and his relentless pursuit of excellence. I also loved his humanity and his sense of humor... and the fact that he often served as my personal Jewish grandmother (once insisting, when he called me over for a noon meeting, that I eat the yogurt he'd brought for his own lunch). Zichrono livracha... may his memory be for a blessing.
Suzanne Mitchell

Suzanne Mitchell - August 08, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ I worked with Alan at Seton Shoal Creek. I have to be honest, when I first met him, I found him intimidating! But then I realized he just wanted people to be their best, which showed his big heart.

Alan took care to know EVERY employees' name and always went out of his way to include all; I remember one holiday season he sent a card to every employee.

I am so saddened to hear of his loss. Thinking of his family and sending peace.

Erin Fassnacht - August 08, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Ana Almaguel lit a candle in memory of Alan R. Isaacson



Ana Almaguel - August 08, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Wow, this is a shocker. You tend to think of people like Alan as solid and permanent. We need more of them in this world. Alan and I first met in the early '80 at the Brown School Ranch Treatment Center in South Austin. These were our salad days. I think it was there that we both realized that it would be hard to change these big institutional rehab programs, but change they must. Alan spent his career advocating for clients and front line workers, and trying to make these organizations more accountable to those who lived and worked in them. We kept in touch over the years as he and Cindy moved around the country, and we both eventually settled back here in Austin. I hope Cindy find comfort in knowing that he was a positive influence in many many lives. This photo of him at the BBQ pit perfectly captures his openness and joy in life. His big grin will always be with me.

Greg Walton - August 08, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ Thank you Alan for touching our lives the way you did. You will always be remembered as a gentleman who put others first, whether those individuals were family members, meeting someone for the first time or just in passing. We love you and you will be missed.



Justin Polanco - August 08, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ Alan always had that big smile on his face! What a nice man.

Maya Ajanovic - August 08, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ Dear Cindy and family, I am shocked and deeply saddened by our sad loss of Alan.

He was an amazing guy and I am lucky to have been his friend. Bless all of you.

David Kerbow

DAVID KERBOW - August 08, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ Thank you Alan for all the kindness you gave to my family especially my husband Greg and our children Thomas and Sam. They love you dearly and will miss you. Cindy my heart reaches out to you and your beautiful family. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family. Bless you.

Sylvia Stinson - August 07, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ We will always be grateful for the care and kindness Al showed us during a family crisis.

Lee Gordon - August 07, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ The service today was powerful, especially the words of Alan's children.

Cindy, sending every prayer your way and grateful for the opportunity to know and work with Alan.

Pat Hayes

Pat Hayes - August 07, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ One of the nicest man ever !!! I always took handfuls of bubble gum he had in his office, I am truly saddened hearing of his death

amy allin - August 07, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Alan's passing. The world is a better place due Alan. I had the opportunity to work with him at Seton. A wonderful person.

Elena Rojo - August 07, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ L'Chaim-To Life.



cindy isaacson - August 07, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ Cindy and family- our world has lost one of the most kind hearted, selfless individuals I have ever known! At Seton, Alan and I were good acquaintances, however, after we departed and went down several different paths, our friendship only grew stronger and more meaningful! He trusted me as a friend and I knew he was always there- someone to trust and understand life's challenges and opportunities. I will miss our weekly call during his journey up to Palestine each Monday- it was a sacred moment and uplifting conversation. He was a good man with compassion and generosity rarely experiences in life. May he rest in peace- I will truly miss Alan. A Jay Rimovsky

A Jay Rimovsky - August 07, 2020 at 05:50 PM



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Austin Natural Funerals - August 07, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ I met Alan (henceforth to be known affectionately only as Big Al) in the fall of 1976 when we were both 18-year-old freshmen living on the 12th floor at Dobie Center. I was immediately drawn to him as we shared so many common values and experiences - growing up Jewish in North Dallas, open-minded and extremely liberal, just scratches the surface. Big Al was always so comfortable in his own skin, in his own identity which was fascinating to me as I was only beginning to understand the concept of 'maturity'. Big Al generously introduced me to a lot of friends he had grown up with who (fortunately for me) became my (lifelong) friends. What a super cool, generous guy to reach out to me and bring me into his friend group. One time, we went down to Uncle Stanley's to play pinball before class. We were locked in that day - as Al went off to class, I kept the game going. Al just loved that I continued to play on the same quarter for 60 minutes until he returned from class to take over while I went to class. I believe it was that summer that Big Al helped me get a job at Super Red Coleman's in Dallas. What fun! Hanging out with Neal Prager and Big Al and getting paid to be around beer! I was always a dedicated worker, but I had never experienced anything comparable to the intense focus Big Al brought to that job; all for a mighty \$3/hr! Big Al always looked for overtime opportunities at Red's convenience store, 90 hour weeks were not unusual, and that prompted Neal to coin one of our favorite phrases "OT Fever". The following year Big Al and I were not as close- we were living in different parts of town and I had a new friend-group. Al and I played basketball together occasionally and when I injured my knee, Big Al picked me up at my co-op and drove me to class EVERY DAY for about 4 weeks. I never asked for his help; what kind of 19-year-old demonstrates that sort of dedication, compassion and love? That was about the time Big Al fell in love with Cindy and was embraced by the wonderful Boerner clan - what a great fit.

Over the years there were many other indelible memories: I danced at his wedding along the Riverwalk in San Antonio, consumed Alligator Sauce Piquant in New Orleans and was welcomed into his home for (too much!) BBQ many, many times. Alan was a great, solid, steadfast friend, and I will miss him. Big Al dearly loved his family and I'm so sad he won't be around to cheer on Jacob and Kathryn as they enjoy families of their own and I'm especially sad Cindy won't get to share that joy with the love of her life.

Thanks for everything - Good-bye old friend.



Randy Greenberg - August 07, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ I was privileged to watch Alan in action at Seton Shoal Creek beginning, as I recall, in late 2011. Sister Dorothea, the only Daughter of Charity on staff there at the time, was moving to a new assignment. Alan wanted to be sure there was a Daughter of Charity presence at the hospital. I was asked if I would be the Daughter of Charity liaison to Shoal Creek in addition to my assignment working in Advocacy and Government Relations. I was present at Senior Leadership Meetings as well as special events honoring staff.

What I saw in Alan was the living out of the term Servant Leadership. Someone who listened to those on the front lines, someone who encouraged, someone who could weigh the pros and cons...see both sides of an issue. The patients and their welfare were primary. He had a calm demeanor which transferred in many cases to those around him. Dedication and caring were among his hallmark qualities.

May he rest in peace and may Cindy, Jacob and Kathryn find support during this very difficult time from their faith, family and friends.

Sister JT Dwyer, DC
San Antonio, TX

Sister JT Dwyer - August 07, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to attend Alan's celebration of life online. It was wonderful to hear your shared memories of such a loving, funny, kind and giving man and see the how brightly he shines through you all. Although we spent a short amount of time together a long time ago, we remember Alan's warmth and enthusiasm for soccer, his friends, and his family. He was taken from you far too soon and may you find peace in the years to come. With much love, Jerome, Marilyn, and Jesse Chladil

Marilyn Chladil - August 07, 2020 at 04:26 PM



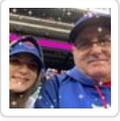
“ It was an honor to work with Alan at Seton Shoal Creek. His integrity and drive and commitment to do the right thing remains an Inspiration. His big smile is etched into memory. Go with God Alan! My sincere sympathy sent To Cindy and the entire family.

Helen Marak Walker - August 07, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ I extend my deepest sympathy to Alans' family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with Alan at Palestine last year. He was a great and compassionate leader and friend. He will be greatly missed. Please accept my condolences. Jean Hubbard

Jean Hubbard - August 07, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ My sincere condolences go out to the entire Isaacson family. Though I have not seen Alan in many years, I always thought of him since our birthdays were close. Our families were close growing up. I remember carpools to Sunday school and to scout meetings where both of our fathers were scoutmasters. I also remember spending many fun times at the Isaacson house growing up in Dallas. I am deeply saddened by Alan's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Cindy, and their children as well as Ronnie and Nancy.

Gary Polunsky - August 07, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Alan was a wonderful supervisor for me at ASH. Every time we met for individual supervision, he would have drinks and candy out on his conference table and insist I take something for our meetings. He was warm and kind. He always had the funniest sayings. I was looking back through my work emails and found one that I think captures his kindness and shows how much he cared and always wanted to be involved in both what we were doing on campus to support our staff and clients.

"Lambra,

My apology for not attending the patient fair. I attended a retirement party for a 23 year employee and have been back to back all afternoon. I have been drinking from the fire hose and my gums are feeling sore :). Thank you for your leadership. Enjoy the weekend.

Alan"

My condolences to all that loved and cherished him.

-Lambra Lewellen

Lambra Lewellen - August 07, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Alan was always so caring. He always had a positive attitude and even though I didn't know him that well, I know he always looked out for others. He spoke highly of his family and that he and his son would enjoy good Bourbons together. You will be missed Alan. May you Rest In Peace.



Angeliqué Rivert - August 07, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ Smokey, the boys, and I are saddened to hear the news of Alan's passing. We have great memories of Jacob and Ivan playing soccer together. Alan always had an ice chest full of beverages to share. You are such a strong and loving family. I wish you well on your journey and know you have unbelievable faith and strength. Alan, you will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Love Cindy, Smokey and the boys.

Cindy Kubacak - August 07, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Cindy and her family. Alan was a fearless leader who helped us to transform Shoal Creek and worked in the community as a champion for homeless solutions and support for mental health services. He was a servant leader with dedication and love for his work. He was a great father, husband and friend. He was taken too soon and we will miss him so much. Rest In Peace Alan.



Diana Resnik - August 07, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ My condolences for you and your family. Im still keeping candles lit and sending prayers. I love you Cindy.
With much love and Blessings,
Ramona



Ramona Brown - August 07, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ I never knew Alan, but he sounds like an incredibly special person. We, as a people, will be less without him. May his memory be blessed.

Linda Water Nelson - August 07, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ Sylvia And Victor Mokarzel lit a candle in memory of Alan R. Isaacson



Sylvia and Victor Mokarzel - August 07, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Alan was a great man who always took the time to say hello and give me a kind word. I had the opportunity to work with him and see his love and care for those in need. He will be greatly missed.

Donald Denson - August 07, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Cindy,
My wife and I extend to you and family our deepest sympathy. I knew you and Alan when you were going together. I am hoping time will ease your pain. May God bless you and family. Our prayers are with you.
With all our sympathy,
Del and Emily Tisinger

Del Tisinger - August 07, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ I had the pleasure working with Alan at Seton. His leadership, compassion, and kindness was like no other! His smile in the midst of tackling healthcare challenges always made us successful! My colleague and dear friend will be greatly missed by so many!!

May God hold and comfort you during this time.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Ida Murguia
Austin, TX

Ida Murguia - August 07, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ To Cindy, Nancy, and the family.

I am very saddened by this news.

I wanted to share that the few times I met Alan he was always friendly, kind, and loving to me and his family.

This news is shocking, and I hope everyone stays healthy, follows the protocols, and stays in touch.

Love,
Uncle Barry (Nancy's and Chuck's uncle)

Barry Leibowitz - August 07, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Patricia Boerner lit a candle in memory of Alan R. Isaacson



patricia boerner - August 07, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Alan was one of the kindest leaders I worked with during his time at Seton. He cared about his staff and our patients. He was a genuine compassionate soul. My condolences to his family.

Cheryl Williams - August 07, 2020 at 10:50 AM



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Cindy Isaacson - August 07, 2020 at 10:35 AM



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Cindy Isaacson - August 07, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ I worked with Alan at Seton a few years back. It was clear from the beginning of his leadership at Seton Shoal Creek, as its President and COO, of where his passion was. It was to serve- especially those who were most vulnerable. As he is taken to his rest today we pray for him, his family and his community. He was a remarkable and dedicated individual and the lives of those he touched were enriched. Rest In Peace Alan.

Jesus Garza - August 07, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ I carry the utmost respect for Alan from my time at Seton and offer the prayerful support Of the Daughters of Charity from here in Evansville, Indiana

Sister Joanne Vasa - August 07, 2020 at 01:31 PM



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Peggy Miller - August 07, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ Karen Crump lit a candle in memory of Alan R. Isaacson



Karen Crump - August 07, 2020 at 12:44 AM



“ Alan - Thank you for your kindness and passion to help others. You touched so many more lives than you probably realized. It was an honor to have worked with/for you when I started my nursing career.

Carol Funderburgh - August 07, 2020 at 12:21 AM



“ Thanks Alan for being such a great part of the extended Boerner clan. We definitely needed your calm and easy way to help balance out some of the crazy. Thanks for taking such great care of our sister Cindy. The measure of your life is not just your many contributions during your long and successful career but more importantly in your two amazing children, Kathryn and Jacob. Job well done Alan. You were a role model for all us men, husbands, and fathers. Now Rest In Peace. You deserve it.



Jerry Boerner - August 06, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ I worked with Alan at Seton, he was part of my management team running Shoal Creek for many years. I always looked forward to my meetings with Alan as we shared life experiences and our journey to health care leadership. Alan focused on providing services to patients that were often turned away From other facilities, he was a great leader that deeply cared about his employees. He came to work everyday with a smile to share with all he came into contact with. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, my prayers go out to his family.

John Brindley

John Brindley - August 06, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ I was very saddened to hear of the passing of Alan. I had the pleasure of working for and with Alan years ago. He was such a kind and compassionate soul. He was a wonderful role model and led as a shining example. He always had a warm smile on his face whenever speaking of his wife and children. He will be truly missed. My sincere condolences to his family. Rest in peace.

Jill M Miller

Jill Miller - August 06, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ I am still in shock, living now in Missouri and not having seen Alan for years. I am in tears as I read the tributes and acknowledgements of so many who experienced his goodness, and Cindy's as well. A beautiful couple who have each contributed so much good to ALL. I had many interactions and conversations with him at Seton and elsewhere, and am so grateful to God for having known and respected and loved his spirit and truth and generosity and ease. I could see and hear his love of his family and friends and his attentive and respectful way of leading at Seton Shoal Creek and wherever he was and whoever he was in the presence of. Well done, good and faithful servant. Cindy, my heart and love are with you from afar. Consider yourself hugged, and accompanied from afar. Sister Jean Ann Wesselman, DC, Maryland Heights, Missouri.

Sister Jean A. Wesselman Wesselman DC - August 06, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Alan accepted the job with us just months ago. He was an interim at that time. The first thing he did was listen to us. Alan then formed committees of front line workers to "brainstorm" and identify and solve any issues we wanted to address. He brought snacks and offered up refreshments. His smile was huge. There was a leadership aura around him. He told me once he did not want to accept a new director unless he felt like we would be left in proper hands. We were all grateful when he accepted the position himself. He would tell us, "Wear your mask, we need you." Our hearts sank at the news we'd not have him with us any longer (not comparable to the loss his beloved family feels). To the family of this great man, I'm sure I speak for the staff who were graced to experience his leadership, God send His comfort to you. He did not let it go unnoticed that God played a huge role in his personal values. He left an impression at a time we needed his fairness and wisdom. Love to you, the family,
Della Metcalf, RN

Della Metcalf - August 06, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ He was famous for his snacks at the Austin State Hospital as well!

kathy litaker - August 06, 2020 at 11:58 PM



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Neal Prager - August 06, 2020 at 10:05 PM



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Paul Dehlinger - August 06, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ No words can possibly matter. Maybe, just saying his name and being so grateful for having known him. May heartfelt love and sympathy surround you all.

The neighbors

Ginger - August 06, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ Nancy, wish we could be with you at this time. So sorry for your loss. The service was a lovely tribute to your brother. Mrs. Hengst

phyllis hengst - August 07, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Cindy, I'm so sorry to fit the loss of your husband Alan. May you feel the warmth of God's embrace to comfort and console you at this time.

Jerome Machev - August 06, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ To Alan’s surviving loved ones and friends,
My name is Brian Klein.

While I was stunned and saddened to hear of Alan’s passing, reading about Alan’s rich life and family brings a lot of comfort as well.

I have not been in contact with Alan for several decades. But our families were close as we grew up Together in Dallas as children, teenagers and into college years.

We were in the temple Emanu-El Boy Scout troop together, while his compassionate father was a scoutmaster. Alan and I even went to kindergarten together.

It brings some comfort to me to read that Alan and I seem to have shared a little parallel path in career. It sounds like he was a very compassionate social worker in mental health. I became a social worker with AIDS and hospice patients. Alan’s parents were always the first to volunteer to help kids in our community. It must be where he got that sense of caring.

I send my condolences to his close friends and family and may your time of grief be as smooth as is possible under these difficult circumstances.

Love and Peace and Thank you Alan for bringing Joy and help to so many in your community.

Brian Klein - August 06, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ It was impossible not to smile when I was around or talked with my Uncle Alan, and I know I will be smiling for years to come thinking about how much love and laughter he gave me throughout my life.



Ben Tobin - August 06, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ My heart is heavy.....and I am lacking words right now. So unfair for his life to be cut short, he was so full of life. I will miss him, his smile, his sense of humor, his generous soul! He reminded me of my Dad so much... parallel personalities! Alan, you will be sorely missed.

My condolences to his family & friends....

Cindy, Jake & Kat- his face always lit up when talking about y'all. As you know, he loved you dearly! May his memories bring you comfort and peace. Much love,
Antonia

Antonia Blasini - August 06, 2020 at 08:17 PM



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Sam Tobin - August 06, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ I love my Uncle Alan

Sam Tobin - August 06, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Cindy, Kathryn, and Jacob,
We are all so sorry to hear of the loss of Alan. We've had family and friends praying for him and for your whole family for the past few weeks...and it was so hard to tell them what happened Monday night. Reading about all that he has done is even more touching...he was a wonderful husband, father, and worker, who always gave his best to everyone in his life. He set a wonderful example that we can all aspire to follow, to give of yourself.
Alan--We done, good and faithful servant.
Cindy, Kathryn, and Jacob--know that you will remain in our prayers.
Let us know what we can do for you!
Love and peace,
Ann Marie Girardot

Ann Marie Girardot - August 06, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ Words can't express the sorrow at the loss of such a great person. Alan was a catalyst for change at Palestine Regional Medical Center Behavioral Health. He shared this with me from a former mentor of his " knowledge and skills can be taught, humility and the desire to help people either exists or does not in the fabric of a person. " Alan genuinely cared for people and had a servant's heart. He loved his family more than anything. Alan will be dearly missed. Cindy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Amy Sheridan - August 06, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ Allen and I had several conversation about having a servents heart and living people. I can truly say he has that heart. I am so sorry Cindy for your lost. He was truly a great friend. My thought and prayers go out to you and your family.

Regina Chambers EVS DIRECTOR - August 06, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ It is Alan's smile especially that remains. When approaching Alan, one could feel being taken in by his goodness and gentleness. Alan seemed always to reach out toward others, striving always to be of service, thoughtful and caring. He will be missed, Cindy, I am sorry for your loss.

Sister Helen Brewer

Sister Helen Brewer, DC - August 07, 2020 at 01:27 PM



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Darryl & Renata - August 06, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ Always such wonderful memories with Alan and Cindy. Alan with his big heart, bigger smile, and sharing his love with all. We love you always. - Darryl & Renata Besemer

Darryl - August 06, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ I didn't know Alan well, but I knew him well enough to know what a compassionate and kind person he was. I worked with him in community work while he was the administrator of Seton Shoal Creek and afterward. His candle burned out too early, and I am so sorry for the suffering his family must be going through. RIP, Alan.

Toni Inglis - August 06, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Alan was a God send to our Behavioral Unit @ PRMC in Palestine, Tx. His commitment to this unit was seen by allhe was our voice...he was our leader and we learned from him daily. Though he was here for a short time (in Palestine), his dreams and passion for this unit will go on...in his memory!! He is loved by many here in Palestine!!
~ Cindy and family, prayers and thoughts are with you!! You will forever be part of our family here @ PRMC BH!!



Lisa Wacha - August 06, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Alan was a kind, warm and loving person. He had the best smile and sense of humor. He was a dear friend and colleague. I am so sorry for your loss and I will miss him greatly.

Dawn Handley

Dawn Handley - August 06, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers for all the family. Alan was a true advocate for the patients; I enjoyed working with Alan and respected him as a leader. He will be missed.

Brenda Slaton - August 06, 2020 at 05:57 PM



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Michael Ball - August 06, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ I grew up with Alan in Dallas where we went to Sunday School and were in the Boy Scouts together. I spent many a night at the Isaacson home. Alan was a great friend at the time, although we did not see each other after high school. What a shame, as Alan certainly became a great man. There was no doubt on that score, being Ron's son. I can't think of any man who did as much for the youth of Dallas as Ron Issacson, who among other things was our Scoutmaster for several years. Ron, my heartfelt condolences. May Alan's memory be a blessing for you, his wife, his children and the rest of the family.

Cliff Friedman - August 06, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Here's to...
Good cigars!
Good adult libations!
Good friends!
Good times!
"Miss ya brother!!!!"

Doug Hoytenga and Suzanne Pickens - August 06, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ Kathy Litaker lit a candle in memory of Alan R. Isaacson



kathy litaker - August 06, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ Alan was a great person. He was kind, gentle and had a great sense of humor. He treated his staff and patients as if they were his own family. He often spoke of his family and how much he enjoyed sharing music, concerts and barbeque. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace my dear friend. You will be missed.

Mary Godfrey - August 06, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ Alan was a super guy and I never was around him when he didn't have a smile or good word for somebody. Had not seen him for many years but that friendship never goes away. Thoughts and prayers to the family and Ronnie as he was one of the mentors I looked

Up to (and still do) growing up in Dallas. I always thought it was neat that Alan had a dad so cool and knew exactly what kind of trouble we kids tried to get into. I miss those times and will miss Alan.

Bruce Leib - August 06, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ Joyce Ann Batcheller lit a candle in memory of Alan R. Isaacson



Joyce Ann Batcheller - August 06, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ Cindy,
My heart goes out to you and I offer you my love and prayers as you give back to God your loving husband. May you find strength and hope and peace in our loving and compassionate God.
Rosalind

Rosalind Sanchez - August 06, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Texas just lost one of the best. I loved working with him and valued our weekly conversations. Alan's presence was so calming to me and his advice was always spot on. I remember having a conflict with a co-worker and went to Alan to get his opinion on how I should handle it and his advice was so simple. He said "Do you want to be right or do you want to be effective?" I've never forgotten this and continue to use this simple question when I have conflicts, personally or professionally. Alan, you will be missed.

Cindy Reed - August 06, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Cindy,
My deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss. Although it's been a while since we crossed paths, your family has always been very dear to me. May you find peace in knowing that Alan lived life to the fullest and was a positive force for the many lives he touched. He was fortunate to have you by his side throughout the years. Know that you have friends and family to lean on and help you get through this difficult time. Sending my love to you and your family.

Arturo Martínez (Art)

Arturo Martinez (Art) - August 06, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Alan will surely be missed by so many. His amazing spirit was appreciated by everyone he ever met. He truly brought love, service and joy to the planet. I'm so sorry for your loss Nancy. I know your heart is broken. My family and I send love to you, your family, Cindy and family.

Charlotte Pluta - August 06, 2020 at 01:32 PM



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Alvin Miller - August 06, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ Alan and I had a blast touring the distilleries of Scotland. It's one of many memories I will cherish until I see him again.

Alvin Miller - August 06, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ Dear Cindy, my condolences to you and your family. I offer him to the Lord and may he rest forever in His loving presence - Fr. Hai

Hai - August 06, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Throughout his career, Alan was a compassionate champion for individuals with mental health and rehabilitation needs. It is hard to understand such a force of nature leaving this world so soon. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. For those of us who were colleagues and friends, he will be greatly missed.

Cathy Nottebart

Catherine Nottebart - August 06, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ I personally, and our company and staff, had the pleasure of meeting and working with Alan in 2006 when he served as VP for Behavioral Health Services at Seton Health Network in Austin TX. We were impressed with his professional demeanor, and commitment to the business and the spiritual mission of Seton. We remained in professional contact over the years and I would occasionally run strategic ideas or experiences past him as I truly valued his perspective. In Sept 2019 Alan agreed to become Interim Director of BHS at Palestine Regional Medical Center first as an employee of our company and subsequently he became an employee of PRMC when he made the commitment to stay there and make a long term commitment. His effective leadership and skills were once more demonstrated by the positive impact and progress that was measured at PRMC. Alan leadership and people skills served as a role model for all staff and patients. Alan my friend, you are missed and your leadership and smile will live on.

The picture of Alan happily grilling and sharing with family and friends is priceless

To Cindy, Kathryn and Jacob and Ronnie and Nancy and all others, Alan was truly one of the good guys in the healthcare industry and his memory will live on. RIP Alan.

David Cawley

David Cawley - August 06, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Alan has given so much to the world around him. He and I would have long conversations about anything and everything, including existence! I considered him a great friend and a huge influence in my life. The BBQ he made was "out of this world". NO one could resist laughing when he laughed. He will be greatly miss, but never far away!

Love and prayers to you Cindy, Kat and Jacob. I only really knew you through Alan, which was like watching you walk in the room when he spoke of you.

Love, Kathy Litaker

kathy litaker - August 06, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ RIP sweet cousin! So many memories of the Isaacson family. They welcomed Mike, me and the boys to Dallas in 1973. Alan took us on a cookout in a park about two weeks after we moved here.

Remember Alan for his sweetness, kindness and love for his family!

Sandy Axelrod - August 06, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Rest in Peace, Alan. Thank you for all that you gave to this community and countless people in need of care. My deepest condolences to the Isaacson family from Dorothy and me.

Jim Pearson

Jim Pearson - August 06, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ My memories of Alan and his family overwhelm me - all the good times - the daily conversations with his parents about how much they loved and cared about him and his sister - how good he was to me and my husband- how much he loved his Cindy, Jacob and Kathryn - my love to all of you- phyllis

phyllis newman - August 06, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ Farewell Alan, know that your light will continue to shine because of your life of giving and your deep caring for people. Condolences to your family and friends, you will be missed. May you guide them to find ways to be together safely to share their stories, memories and hold you in their hearts and minds. Prayers, Karen S.

Karen Sams - August 06, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ Remembering an enjoyable evening with Alan and Cindy on our back patio, talking, laughing, sharing. A genuine man with a big heart and a contagious smile. Alan, you will be sorely missed.

Mary Beth & Joe Trak

Mary Beth Trak - August 06, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ What a wonderful colleague who dedicated his life helping others, friends, and family. He worked for excellence in his facility's mission to serve those for whom he served. I am so sad and sorry to lose him and Send healing prayers for his family during this difficult time. He was a good man....

Bill Race - August 06, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ So difficult to say goodbye to someone who gave so much to his community and his family. Alan had a true calling to help others. Thinking of the family during this most difficult time.

Carl Schock - August 06, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Alan was my colleague and friend. When I left my interim appointment a few months ago, we made a commitment to stay in touch in the coming years. I have never worked with anyone who was a better example of servant leadership, He lived his values, was always positive, and his smile was a lift to all he encountered. I feel privileged to have worked with him, and knowing I won't be able to reach out and connect with him is a profound loss. Cindy, to you and your family I offer my condolences, love and prayers. He was a special person who made the world a better place.

Kay Willis

Kay Willis - August 06, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ My condolences to Alan's family. May your memories of Alan bring you peace.

Karen Crump - August 07, 2020 at 12:44 AM