



Alan Charles Sedam

April 25, 1930 - July 13, 2018

Alan Charles Sedam passed away on July 13, 2018 as a result of complications from a recent illness.

The son of Marguerite and Charles Sedam, and brother of Douglass C Sedam, Alan was born on the 25th of April 1930 in Toledo Ohio.

Alan is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Elaine (nee Jones) who he was engaged and married to for over 61 years. Alan is also survived his sons, John, and Stephen, his daughter Rebecca Sedam, son in law Eric Parker, and his grandson Charles.

A Graduate of Columbus North High school, Alan went on to attend The Ohio State University where he earned both undergraduate and Masters degrees in Geology.

At one point during Alan's academic pursuits, Alan left his studies for 2 years in order to serve in the United States Armed forces. For the majority of this time, Alan was stationed in Japan as a soldier in the U S Army.

Alan possessed a remarkable work ethic which began in his early days with employment at various Columbus area establishments such as the Circle restaurant, Big Bear Super Markets (Grandview), and the Ben Blend Sign shop. In 1951 Alan worked for the Yellowstone Park Company (House Keeping) - an experience that would significantly influence his later years. Later, Alan's knowledge in Geology helped him gain employment with the Atlantic Refining company - where he often found himself working on oil rigs out in the Gulf of Mexico. After this, Alan worked for Tin Research, an R & D

firm associated with Battelle labs. Next, Alan made a return to Yellowstone National Park where he worked for the National Park Service as an interpretive park ranger. It was here where Alan worked, and resided with his family at the Norris Geyser basin - considered the hottest, and one of the most active geothermal areas in the park.

After Yellowstone, Alan joined the United States Department of Interior where he worked for the U S Geological Survey as a Hydrologist. As Alan's Primary career, he was involved in the management and protection of one of our most precious natural resources, Water.

Alan was a member of several professional organizations, the Association of Petroleum Geologist, and the Association of Professional Geologist. In addition to these professional memberships, Alan served as a volunteer for the Clinton Township Fire Department, between the late 1960s, to the early 70s.

Alan was selfless, honest in his dealings with others, devoted to providing for his family, and possessed a genuine interest in the lives of other people. Alan had an unconventional way of making things work, and possessed a self-effacing sense of humor. Alan also had an adventurous spirit which manifested itself into a love for travel. Alan, along with members of his family, embarked on numerous road trips throughout North America - many of which allowed him to return often to his beloved Yellowstone National Park.

Alan also enjoyed listening to music - be it the music of his youth, or, classic Rock and Roll. Alan also did not allow age to dissuade him from enjoying some of these musical acts live. It was not unusual to see him, in his later years, attending a Rolling Stones or Pink Floyd concert, a Steely Dan show (his favorite), or even a KISS concert.

And, finally, no story of Alan Sedam would be complete without mentioning his fondness and kindness for animals. At the time of his passing, he was survived by three pesky cats and two frisky dogs - current members of a long list of critters that took up residence in his home. Alan never refused an animal in need - be it small creatures such as gold fish or hamsters, cats or

dogs, or even a goose -as it were with one particular resident - Big Sam. Rest in Peace? Perhaps, but it is hoped that, if his spirit is not embarking on the exploration of the universe, or returning to the Yellowstone region, then perhaps it will from time to time mingle among we who remain. And, if so, perhaps he will remind us of the virtues of patience, compassion, humility, and benevolence.

A memorial to remember and celebrate Alan's physical life will be held at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street in Worthington where the family will receive guests at 2pm, with the memorial service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, guests are asked to consider donating to Yellowstone Forever (www.yellowstone.org/donate)

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering:

AUG 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
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memorial service

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Tribute Wall



“ Alan Charles Sedam

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ William R. Kaiser purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alan Charles Sedam.



William R. Kaiser - August 10, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ God Bless and Thank YOU, ALan for your service in The United States Army... RIP ... And Semper Fi..... Soldier.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - August 10, 2018 at 08:30 PM

BY

“ I had the pleasure of doing some field work with Al. Our drives to and from Dayton were filled with his recollections of OSU football trivia and some of his escapades doing field work for the USGS. He was brilliant, and funny, and will be missed by the whole USGS family.

Bill Yost - August 10, 2018 at 06:48 PM

AW

“ My deepest sympathy during this time. Alan was a kind man and I enjoyed the conversations with him every party for the past 10 years. God bless

Anna Wernke - August 08, 2018 at 08:50 PM

RS

“ To the Sedam family -- All my best going forward without Al physically with you. He was an extremely fine and decent man. In a lot of respects Al helped me get started on my career in Ohio with the USGS. He was the first person to take me to the field here in Ohio...not only to teach me the 'how' but also the 'why' of what the USGS did. While working with him, and after he retired, I always loved talking to him. Especially about his quick weekend trips to far off places I can't believe he actually got to, and back, in 3 or 4 days!

Regretfully, I won't be able to make the service because I'll be working in Alaska over the weekend. Interestingly, one week from the service, I will be in Yellowstone for a few days. Whether gazing over Old Faithful, or closely examining the travertine at Mammoth Hot Springs, or heading off to Lamar Valley to catch a glimpse of wolves or bears, I'll be thinking very fondly of Al.

Rod Sheets - August 08, 2018 at 10:42 AM

RJ

“ *Our thoughts are with you* ”



Roswitha Jesenik - August 07, 2018 at 05:34 PM