



Alan Dale Graves

July 22, 1963 - July 28, 2012

Alan Dale Graves, 49, of Charlotte, Michigan, died Saturday, July 28, 2012. Mr. Graves was born July 22, 1963 to Lynn Dale and Andrea (Dingwell) Graves in Mason, Michigan. Alan was employed as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic for AIS Construction Equipment. Alan loved long snowmobile trips and drag racing. A true racer, his favorite place to be was Milan Dragway. He loved everybody and would give you the shirt off his back. He was a very good husband and great father. He will be missed by his many friends and family. He is survived by his wife, Dianna Graves, his son, Steven (Melissa) Graves, several nieces and nephews, his sister, Sheila Pahl (Justin Socia) of Drummond Island; father, Lynn Dale Graves (Barbara Bergum), and mother-in-law Marcia Meadows of East Lansing. He is preceded in death by his mother Andrea Waller. Funeral Services will be Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Roger Claypool officiating. Interment will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. Visitation will be Tuesday, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.prayfuneral.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Alan Dale Graves*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I'm so sorry for Al's passing. I'll miss talking Tigers, snowmobiling, the Redwings and just life in general. I saw him every Friday for at least the last twenty years at A.I.S. I'll miss that and will think of him often. Mike Shaw-Auto Value Lansing*

Mike Shaw - August 06, 2012 at 07:15 AM

BB

“ *Alan's family, so sorry to hear of Alan's passing, know our thoughts are with all of you. Anna Graves Howery was my stepmother and Dale's aunt, we also went to Mason High School with Nan and Sue Dingwell and Dale. Again, heartfelt sympathy and thoughts are with you. Barbara & Clarence Brown, Cedar Falls, Iowa*

Barbara Howery Brown - August 02, 2012 at 02:08 AM

RM

“ Di, We were so sorry to hear about Alan. I was in Canada on a short trip with Beth. Alan was a great guy. I didn't get to spend a lot of time with him, but he always had me laughing when we were together. I miss you and love you very much. Please let me know if there is anything we can do. Rob & Beth MacGregor

Rob MacGregor - August 01, 2012 at 10:27 AM

SW

“ Healing moves at its own pace. Be kind to yourself and take it one day at a time. I know your heart is aching and I am truly sorry for your loss. The staff at Carlisle really miss you!

Sandy Wells - August 01, 2012 at 10:24 AM

SW

“ My earliest memories of my older cousin Alan were when my family went up to visit our Grandma and Grandpa Graves in Harrison. When we were kids, Alan's Dad (my Uncle Dale) had a cabin, just a short walk through the woods behind my grandparent's house. On any given, beautiful summer morning—instead of hearing the birds sing in the distance—you heard Alan kick starting his dirt bike. And of course, once that bike started, it was only an instant before he was burning a trail through the woods to our grandparent's house. I distinctly remember my grandma looking out the kitchen window and saying "here comes Alan", knowing full well that we could obviously hear him too. Well Cousin, I'm sure Grandma and Grandpa are happy to see you again. But as for those you left behind, take solace in knowing that eventually, the grief will subside—But, the memory of You never will. ~Susan.

Susan Van Wasshnova - July 31, 2012 at 09:13 PM

BD

“ Our time working together seems so short 15 years or so. I already miss those smart comments. I miss your smiling face in the morning. The memories will always be there. Your going to be missed SMILLEY, but surely not forgotten. Thanks for all your support during my tough times as of late. Your pal Big Shooter.

Bruce Durfee - July 30, 2012 at 10:40 PM

DS

“ so sorry to hear of your loss. hopefully there is great racing & car shows in heaven

Dave Faiver Sr - July 30, 2012 at 09:41 PM

LB

“ I know it has been a long time since we have talked and got together and I was so excited to your message. We certainly did talk alot since we got reunited and I can't say enough how I will cherish the whole week my family spent with your family to your dads house (Uncle Dale) up in Drummond Island. You will be so very missed and us to will do whatever it takes to get Di through this emotional trying time in her life. Love you cousin always.

Lisa Graves Bolley - July 30, 2012 at 09:22 PM

DM

“ Dear Dianna: I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember how special Alan was to my granddaughters (Heather and Mindy). My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I pray that God will comfort you and Steven and all the family as you grieve.

Deb MacGregor - July 30, 2012 at 09:14 PM

KR

“ Diana & Steven, I am so sorry to here about Alan. We were best friends when we were little. We just got back in touch and he told me how happy he was and what a wonderful wife and son he had. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time.

Kathy O'Berry Rhode - July 30, 2012 at 09:13 PM

LC

“ Over the years we did not see each other as much as we should have or wanted to. You were a nephew to be proud of, such a kind and thoughtful person,so much like your Dad, my brother who will miss you so very much and miss the calls to talk about the Tigers. As for Di and Steven we know you will be watching over them always. Love you.

Leona Cook - July 30, 2012 at 08:41 PM

RD

“ we used spend hours of snowmobiling at Harrison, going to the oval races in belding we will miss Al he was a good friend miss you buddy

Ralph Dansby - July 30, 2012 at 07:28 PM

KR

“ All of my best childhood memories involve my uncle Al :) teaching me to get on that dirtbike or 3 wheeler and not be scared... taking me up north every single weekend. Getting me to watch the Detroit Red Wings, and then taking me to the Joe Louis Arena. Far too many great times were not yet had, and I'm devastated by this passing, as I'm sure we all are. Miss you uncle Al and will do everything I can to help Steve and Aunt Di, they were your entire world and you were theirs. Love you always.

Krystal - July 30, 2012 at 04:28 PM

TH

“ We are sorry for your loss, we thank you for the positive influence you, Al, and Steven have been on the boys and our family. We love you and will keep you in our thoughts

The Hall's - July 30, 2012 at 03:11 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Alan and I went to the same primary school and rode the school bus together for many years. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Cindy Carpenter Best - July 30, 2012 at 07:43 AM

TD

“ Dianna and family . We are so sorry to hear of Alan's passing. I watch him grow up when his folks lived on Ives road in Mason. May God wrap his arms around your family and give you peace. John and Tammie Driggs

TAMMIE & JOHN DRIGGS - July 30, 2012 at 07:20 AM