



Alan David Tunson

March 28, 1967 - July 22, 2023

In loving memory of Alan David Tunson, lovingly known as Al or AT, a beloved soul who touched the lives of many. Heaven gained another angel on July 22, 2023.

Born on March 28, 1967, in Camp Hill, PA to his parents John Paul and Etheleen (Cox) Tunson, the first several few years of Alan's life were spent in Oberlin, PA. The family later moved to Connecticut, settling in Windsor, before finally making their home in Granby, where Alan spent his formative years, graduating from Granby High School.

Throughout his childhood, he and his younger brother, Michael, shared countless moments playing basketball and soccer, and running track and field together. And for many years, they also honed their musical talents, beginning under the tutelage of Dr. Anthony Leach and then taking lessons from other Connecticut-based instructors. Alan also took piano lessons at the University of Hartford.

At age 17, Alan decided to discontinue his music lessons, but fate would have other plans in a few short years. He embarked on his undergraduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh and later transferred to Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, gaining valuable life experiences along the way. Eventually, he completed his degree at Southern New Hampshire University, a proud

moment he shared with his cousin, Trina, as they sat side-by-side throughout the ceremony.

Throughout his life, Alan's love for travel and adventure took him to different parts of the country. He resided in Seattle, WA, where he played a pivotal role at Grainger Industrial Supply for 12 years. Later, he returned to Georgia, his second home, and also explored opportunities in education, making his way to Texas. Eventually, the call of his Pennsylvania roots brought him back to be closer to his dear mother, and he became a part of the team at Grove Collaborative in Elizabethtown. He also took on a part-time position with the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.

Music had always been an intrinsic part of Alan's soul, and it beckoned him once again during his years with Grainger. He reveled in various music genres, including gospel, funk, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, hip hop and rap. No matter what was playing, he was going to sing along, and that mesmerizing voice was going to capture the attention of anyone listening.

This love of music culminated in the formation of his band, Gruvbox, who he zealously performed with for 15 years, gracing audiences throughout Washington state as well as in Utah, Oregon, Montana and beyond.

Alan's family always recognized and encouraged his musical talents. On a memorable cruise, they urged him to sing for everyone, and his entrancing voice left fellow travelers in awe. And in that moment, Alan stood in the fullness of having become a professional musician.

Described as one of the most charismatic and likeable individuals one would ever meet, Alan's warm and open demeanor meant he never met a stranger. Family was of paramount importance to him, and he cherished every opportunity to be present at family gatherings, embracing each loved one he

encountered.

In his life's journey, he crossed paths with Rahel Molaligne, with whom he shared the joy of marriage and the blessing of a son, Khaden. Though their paths diverged, they remained friends, while jointly raising their beloved son.

The role Alan was most proud of was being father to his rising star, Khaden. No matter where Alan's travels took him, he remained closely connected to his son, wholeheartedly cheering him on for every basketball game and other significant milestones as Khaden grew. Alan's heart swelled with immense pride as he witnessed Khaden graduate high school this past spring and prepare to take his next steps at American University this coming fall. His unwavering support for Khaden and emphasis on the importance of family were a testament to his love and dedication as a father.

As Alan departs to join his father and grandparents in the eternal realm, he leaves behind loving memories and a profound legacy. He is survived by his mother, Etheleen, of Pennsylvania; his son, Khaden, of Virginia; his brother, Michael, and sister-in-law, Marsha, of Oregon; and their son, Tesahe, also of Oregon.

He is also mourned by his aunt and uncle, Louvenia and Joseph Banks, of New York; his aunt, Deborah Cox of Massachusetts; his uncle, Payne Cox, of Pennsylvania; and numerous cousins, relatives and friends.

Alan's genuine spirit will live on through the lives of all he touched and the music that will forever echo in our hearts.

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Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

AUG 5. 8:30 AM (ET)

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Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Alan David Tunson



Wallace Funeral Directors - August 04, 2023 at 12:42 PM

CO

“ My deepest sympathy to his mom. May God give you and the family peace that SURPASSES all understanding in the mighty name of Jesus.

Connie - December 10, 2023 at 03:38 PM

SG

“ Ethleen and Michael, so sorry to hear about Alan. Our deepest and sincere symphany. I know he and Gordon had some good times together at Moorehouse and in general. We are truly sorry to hear about his passing

Sandy and Ted Goodman and Family

sandra goodman - August 15, 2023 at 05:11 PM

AS

“ I'm just learning of this huge loss. Al was a very special friend to me in high school when he, Michael and his family moved to Granby. One of those people you share the real stuff with. And one of those people who brought the real him to the conversation. Those people are rare. A star in the heavens is shining brighter because he's illuminating it. My sincere sympathy to his closest family and friends.

Alison Simmons - August 15, 2023 at 10:20 AM

BD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. I worked with Al very briefly, but in that time, was fortunate enough to get to know his incredible down to earth sense of humor, and to enjoy what it felt like to be pulled into one of his giant hugs. My thoughts are with everyone in Al's family.

Brad DeLabio - August 13, 2023 at 09:09 PM

BC

“ So sorry to hear the news about Alan. In about 1991 I began working with Alan at the Juiceman company in Seattle. We took angry customer calls morning noon and night and the phones never stopped ringing. Having Alan on the team with his great sense of humor made it easier for all of us to get through it, and then playing on the softball and soccer teams with him was such fun. He was easy going in demeanor but was very competitive and we didn't lose many games with him as our pitcher. I'm glad to have been a friend of Alan, a co-worker and know that he was much loved and will be greatly missed. Brian Cox



Brian Cox - August 10, 2023 at 11:17 AM

YD

“ Yolanda Dobson lit a candle in memory of Alan David Tunson



Yolanda Dobson - August 06, 2023 at 06:06 PM

NC

“ Natrina Cox lit a candle in memory of Alan David Tunson



Natrina Cox - August 05, 2023 at 05:19 PM

CC

“ I went to Granby high with Alan. He was always so nice to me. So sorry for your loss. My condolences. Chris Colantino

chris colantino - August 05, 2023 at 04:52 PM

SP

“ Al made a huge impact on my life in just a few short months . He taught me so much and I will forever be grateful for our time together and love always ❤️



Sylvia Petrilla - August 05, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alan David Tunson.*



August 04, 2023 at 09:09 PM



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“ *Michael T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan David Tunson.*

Michael T. - August 04, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Alan David Tunson.*



August 04, 2023 at 12:09 PM

LW

“ Mrs. Tunson and Family: I was a classmate of Al's from middle school until graduation. I would like to express my sincere condolences and prayers to your family. May God's Angels of Comfort surround you all in the days, weeks ahead. 🙏

Leslie (Nelson) Wright
Manchester, CT



Leslie Wright - August 04, 2023 at 12:51 AM

LA

“ Lalia lit a candle in memory of Alan David Tunson



Lalia - August 03, 2023 at 11:57 PM

LA

“ 3 files added to the album We love Al



Lalia - August 03, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Alan David Tunson.*



August 03, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alan David Tunson.*



August 01, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan David Tunson.*

August 01, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *My daughter Delinda went to Granby with Alan. I have pictures of them together! I worked with Alan's mother at Ct. Mutual Life Insurance! Sending prayers for the family!*

Corine Brown Jones - August 01, 2023 at 05:32 PM

LR

“ *Lucille Ray lit a candle in memory of Alan David Tunson*



Lucille Ray - August 01, 2023 at 02:11 PM

MT

“ *Tunson Family- I remember well when Al first came to Granby, I think in 7th grade. He was always a gentle, fair and compassionate person through all the years I knew him. His passion for whatever he did from soccer to basketball to track was obvious and infectious. I, as often happens with High school friends lost touch with Al many years ago but in our few FB interactions in recent years, that passion was still evident in his words and comments. All our prayers and respects to the entire family from the Toweys of West Granby.*

Michael F Towey - August 01, 2023 at 12:15 PM

JV

“ *I'm so sad for your loss, Mrs. Tucson. Although I hadn't seen Alan in many years, those days on Bertha Drive seem not so far away. Running back and forth across our adjacent backyards with Alan and Michael were some of my best childhood memories. My thoughts are with you.*

Jennifer (Duhart) Vinamont - August 01, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *La Renna Penn Jones lit a candle in memory of Alan David Tunson*



La Renna Penn Jones - August 01, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan David Tunson.*



August 01, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mrs. Tunson, I am so very sorry for your loss. Life wouldn't have been the same in Oberlin without Alan. Those were the very best days!*

Adriene (Duhart) Madden



Adriene Madden - August 01, 2023 at 09:15 AM

TP

“ *The Masonic Villages Pharmacy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alan David Tunson.*



The Masonic Villages Pharmacy - August 01, 2023 at 08:30 AM

TP

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The Masonic Villages Pharmacy - August 01, 2023 at 08:30 AM

LD

“ *Dearest Etheleen and Family:
My sincerest condolences on the loss of Allen. I will miss his mischievous smile and his beautiful personality. I will miss his hugs, and friendly of "Hi Mrs. Douglas".
May it comfort you to know that I'm grieving with you and that you're in my thoughts and prayers.
Blessings and Love,
Your Sister-In-Christ,
La Verne*

La Verne M. Douglas - July 31, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan David Tunson.*



July 31, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alan David Tunson.*



July 31, 2023 at 08:38 PM