



Alan Kareiva

July 27, 1946 - March 8, 2012

Pawleys Island Alan "Al" Kareiva

Alan "Al" Kareiva, 65, passed away on March 8th, 2012 at his home in Pawleys Island, SC. Born in Chicago, he was the son of the late Leo and Bernice Lukas Kareiva. He was also predeceased by his sister Janet Mrozek.

Al is survived by his wife of 36 years, Linda; stepson Ronald Clauson and his wife Emily of Chilton, WI; stepdaughter Robyn Hite and her husband Don of Asheville, NC; son Christopher Kareiva of Pawleys Island and daughter Anna Mallard and her husband Mitchell of Wilmington, NC as well as five grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

Having earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern Illinois University in 1969 and his CPA certificate in 1971, Al worked for Ernst & Ernst Accounting, and later served as comptroller of Gateway Industries also in Chicago and as controller/treasurer of Carpetland USA in Munster, IN. He was treasurer for Medema's Carpets in Grand Rapids, MI for 8 years. In 1985, he purchased Pawleys Island Interiors, later renamed Carpet One Pawleys Island. Though he sold the business in 2004, Al remained a vital contributor until his death.

In addition to his passion for business, Al enjoyed sports, especially baseball,

bowling, golf and fishing. In 1962 he won the Illinois American Junior Bowling Congress title and placed twelfth in the nation. Al's many friends will remember the joy he took in travel, board and card games, and his fondness for humor.

Al was a faithful Christian, a member of All Saints Church in Pawleys Island since 2004. Previously he served as treasurer of Christ Lutheran Church in Orland Park, IL and on the building committees of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pawleys Island and Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church in Garden City, SC. Other associations include the Horry Georgetown Home Builders Association, which he once served as president. He was also a member of Alpha Kappa Psi and Alpha Beta Psi Fraternity's.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 6:00 pm on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, in Pawleys Island. A ceremony celebrating Al's life will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 11th at All Saints Church, 3560 Kings River Road in Pawleys Island.

The family requests donations in lieu of flowers. Please consider a memorial gift to All Saints Church, 3560 Kings River Road, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or Charleston Hope Lodge, 269 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401. Charleston Hope Lodge provides temporary residence for MUSC cancer patients and their families.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LP

“ *I am still speechless.
Linda, i will keep Al in my heart.
Sometimes people meet and you feel there is a connection some
how and that feeling i had with Al and Linda.
Linda i wish you all the strengths there is to handle this situation.
Greetings from a Friend in Aruba,
Rainer*

Lorraine Perri - March 27, 2012 at 01:11 PM

NC

“ *" GOODBYE FRIEND "*

*You were one of the best things that happened to us when we
moved to MYRTLE BEACH from CHICAGO, You were a true friend
and someone we enjoyed very much. My Uncle and I enjoyed our
times on the courses, even though you always whipped our butts.
You were always a gentleman and a pleasure to be with. We will
miss you very much and we know you were a great loss to Linda.
You were so lucky to have her as part of youy family.*

*We will always keep you in our prayers, and maybe we will meet
again someday.*

Noreen & Wally Cyplik

Noreen & Wally Cyplik - March 16, 2012 at 12:35 PM

RM

“ *Uncle Al. You will be dearly missed. I always enjoyed your jokes and your laugh. I know that you are in heaven watching over your family. Please help Ronnie, Robin, Christopher, Anna and Aunt Lynda try to find a way to heal in time. Your memory is alive and your spirit lives forever. Until we all meet again please keep a watchful eye over your family. Love Randy, Kim and Dane Mrozek*



Randy mrozek - March 09, 2012 at 04:55 PM

BA

I lost a trusted friend, college roommate, business and life mentor, and one of the most sincere, honest, and loving individuals I have ever known. The Kareiva Family has lost a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and brother-in-law who was the solid foundation for what symbolizes the strength in a family. The lessons he has taught all of us has made our world a much better place in which to live. The manner in which he conducted himself in life was a great testament to his belief in treating all he met in a manner of respect consistent with how he would expect to be treated had the roles been reversed.

Al was competitive to the point where he would even enjoy friendly wagers to brush teeth properly so he could heartily laugh as you transferred your loose change and dollar bills into his pockets. Yet you did not mind losing, and even smiled and felt good because all was fair, except that you were not quite at his high competitive level. And you always came back for more because Al made competition fun and exciting, without regard to the final outcome.

Our hearts are sad at this time, but the strength, love, and humble attitude which Al and Linda exhibited confirmed their comfort and love towards each other and their joint love and trust in God. The loss of Al is huge, but the numerous memories, lessons of life and love, and definite knowledge that Al will watch over all of us and greet us with open arms when we meet again in the future will be a constant reminder of what an excellent gentleman he was and that we should always conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with God's wishes.

Thank you Al for crossing paths with me and allowing Carol and I to enter your trusted circle of friends. Our hearts, along with everyone else who came in contact with you, will always incur a sudden surge of love and warmth whenever one of your lessons crosses our paths. Thank you for leading us to the right path. We know you will watch over us to ensure we remain on the right path.

*Bruce and Carol Aiello
Geneva, Illinois*

Bruce J. Aiello - March 10, 2012 at 01:31 AM

DM

Al; You always lived your life with "gusto"!! You "learned" (prepared to own your own business), "earned"(ran that business successfully for many years), and finally "yearned"(for your heavenly journey to your eternal reward). Along the way you married "up", as we guys say, your lovely wife Linda. You raised a beautiful family. Thankfully you made a stop in Grand Rapids for a few years where we met and came to know you all so very well. Then we parted ways as you moved south here to Pawleys but now we are back together in our "snowbird years". I have always admired how you lived your life with GUSTO and never held anything back. From the golf course, to the card table, to your fishing hole, to your exotic vacations, you believed in living a full rich life.

GOOD ON YOU!!!

You played hard and you prayed hard, especially in these last few months as you prepared to meet your Lord and Savior on the "other side". I know that you had a familiar receptionist to greet you on arrival as she was one of your first hires at Carpetland. We are so thankful that she and we came into your life back then and now as you share time in heaven.

God bless and keep you GOOD FRIEND!! We will keep the faith and the hope for our future reunion and we'll watch over your family here on earth.

Love you always;

Doug Maxim

doug maxim - March 10, 2012 at 11:27 AM

PB

Linda, I am so sorry to hear about Al's passing. Both of you have been in my thoughts for so many years since I moved from Pawleys. I remember y'all opening the warehouse right after Hurricane Hugo so we could have our beach music evening. We all had coolers and feed the reserves. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Peg Blanton

Peg Blanton - March 15, 2012 at 10:12 PM

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MY BEST FRIEND, Golfing Buddy, Business Partner, and Mentor. I have lost so many things in my life with the calling of God for you to return to his side. Everyday, From waking in the morning till I lay my head to sleep at night your passing is felt in my heart. The memories pass by me traveled on familure roads so often together we rode to what our daily lives would bring us. Always Onward and upward we would travel looking back only to ensure our wake did no harm along the way. I miss the comradery the years of working hard, and playing hard created. The trust, and respect that grew from common goals we shared, and the one's we didn't. I miss our differences, the confrontations, and the point's of view we couldn't understand, but respected, because we often traveled sparated, always we seemed to be going in the same direction. This my Friend i promise is not the end, I will always carry with me that which has made me who i am. That part of me that is you, as you took a part of me with you. I will spread that part to others, by helping those that I can, by always moving forward, onward and upward I will go, and when the Lord becons me to his side, may we play hard again that day.

Thank you for always being there for me and my family, they miss you dearly, and they too carry a part of you. We all love you, and all the time you spent of yourself will always be remembered.

Always, your Friend Barry.

Barry Lewis - March 22, 2012 at 11:13 AM