



Alan Lee Nagy

September 19, 1946 - December 31, 2020

Conway.....Alan Lee Nagy, age 74, died on December 31, 2020 from mantle cell lymphoma related to his exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam conflict. Alan was from Brown City, Michigan and was a 1968 graduate of Olivet College, where he played football and wrestled. He earned a degree in Psychology and Physical Education. He was honored with an Alumni Athlete Award and Distinguished Alumni Award from Olivet. Alan furthered his education at Central Michigan University, earning his Masters in Physical Education and Athletic Administration.

Alan met the love of his life, Ellen Hughes Cadden (American Red Cross) while serving as a Specialist 5 in the US Army during the Vietnam conflict, March 1970 - March 1971. During his service, Alan earned The Air Medal, The Army Commendation Medal for Valor, The Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart. He was immensely proud of his service to his country and was a member of the American Legion Post 011 in Conway, SC. Alan and Ellen married in August 1971.

Mr. Nagy began his career as a high school teacher and coach for 19 years in Michigan at Marshall and Yale High Schools. He then moved into Higher Education Administration at his alma mater, Olivet College, then later to Purdue University, Illinois State University, Coastal Carolina University (VP Institutional Advancement) and finished his higher education career as VP of Development at Olivet College. After retiring, he went to work for Chancel Builders.

Mr. Nagy will be remembered for many things, not the least of which was his hearty and wonderfully contagious laugh. He was a gregarious man who never met a stranger and quickly made friends everywhere he traveled. Alan was an avid and accomplished bowler, he played the guitar in his church Praise and Worship band, and sang solos regularly (even recording his own CD). He loved and served Trinity United Methodist faithfully for 23 years. He was a devoted and loving family man, teacher, mentor, and coach. In his 74 years, he touched countless lives and will be greatly missed.

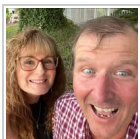
Alan is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ellen Hughes Cadden Nagy, his two daughters, Catherine Vickers Nagy Wrighter (Kenneth) of Lexington, SC, and Ann Bosha Nagy of Bangkok, Thailand, his two granddaughters, Ellen Hughes Wrighter and Lillie McKay Wrighter; his mother, Barbara Nagy (Brown City, MI), his three sisters, Jeanne Fisher (John) of Mt. Pleasant, MI, Janice Muxlow (David) of Brown City, MI, and Joyce Bishop (Steve) of Winchester, VA, and many nieces and nephews.

Due to the concerns and restrictions of Covid 19, attendance is limited.

Contact the family for funeral details.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to: International Mission Board, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23230-0767 (IMB.org) or Trinity United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1072, Conway, SC 29528-1072. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ I didn't realize Mr. Nagy had passed. I met he and his family when he joined Trinity United Methodist Church and the choir. I loved his infectious smile and I saw the love and kindness for his family and friends. He acted as if he had known me and my family for years. He was truly a man who loved God and people, and he certainly will be honored in heaven. "Well done good and faithful servant" is what he will hear.

Robin Jordan

7/7/2021

Robin Jordan - July 07, 2021 at 07:16 PM

DP

“ Ellen, Catherine, Ann and the Nagy Family....I tried so many times to sit down and compose my feelings but all seemed so lacking....I met Al in the fall of 1964 as a new teammate at Olivet College; his smile and attitude always was and always remained a positive influence on every one he touched.

I will continue to love him and will always cherish his friendship and brotherhood. He is with us forever.

Dave, Randi, Scott Alan and the rest of the Price family.

Dave Price - January 17, 2021 at 01:21 PM

CB

“ Deepest sympathy for Alan's family. Went to school and graduated with Alan. Always had that smile and laugh. Remembering fun times.

Carol Ann (Weigel) Bauman

Carol Ann Weigel Bauman - January 12, 2021 at 04:47 PM

EH

“ Al is the number one reason I went to work for OC on 8/4/04. He is the reason I had the opportunity to meet and form relationship with a large number of great people. He was a great boss and very good friend. Thanks for the memories Al,
Ed Heator '80

Ed Heator - January 09, 2021 at 10:01 AM

MP

“ Dear Ellen, I was saddened to hear of Alan's passing. I worked for him at CCU in 2000. He was a wonderful person and a good friend. Alan treated everyone with respect and kindness. No matter how much work he had before him, he always gave anyone who stopped by his office a moment and a few words of encouragement. Alan loved you and the girls, CCU and life. May he Rest In Peace and may your memories comfort you. Marylou Peluso

marylou peluso - January 07, 2021 at 08:58 AM

AH

“ Mr. nagy was one of my poppies best friends, he went to church every Sunday and ate lunch with us after he was always so nice to everyone that he knew or met. When I heard that he was diagnosed with cancer I prayed every night that he would get better.

- Audrey Hudson

Audrey Hudson - January 04, 2021 at 06:08 PM

JM

“ Al Nagy and I have a few similar life experiences: we played football and were co-captains of the wrestling teams at Olivet; we came from small town USA; and we were 1968 grads who fought in the Vietnam War. And did I mention we liked to make people laugh. But Al Nagy stood alone when it came to being a man who never made anything to be all about him. He was a team man in everything he did in life. And he continued to serve his country after returning from Vietnam. His love for his donut doll and family was first and foremost in his path through life. Close behind were his many friends, which he could pick up by talking to a total stranger. His attention to duty & responsibility was second to none. He tried to do a job to the best of his ability, and he did them with service to others in his mind. To have had Al Nagy call me friend was an honor and privilege that I will forever cherish. Al has fought the good fight through life's challenges and the Lord has a place prepared for him in Heaven. Al Nagy has made many of us proud: his family, his friends, his colleagues, his brothers in arms, his church, his communities, and especially Brown City; and most of all his Savior Jesus Christ. See you later my friend. Until then Rest In Peace. Jim McCloughan

Jim McCloughan - January 04, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JB

I don't know Mr. McCloughan, but it's evident he certainly knew Alan. I merely second what he said. I will miss my friend on every Friday morning, and more.
Joe Burroughs

Joe Burroughs - January 05, 2021 at 07:32 PM

KM

“ I was in the Army, basic training in August 1969. He was a squad leader and a great guy. He kept me out of a lot of trouble. Ken MacConnell, Kawkawlin MI.

Kendall MacConnell - January 04, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ *Mr. Nagy was one of the best teachers at Yale High School. He always made the class enjoyable and fun. I always remember him laughing or smiling. After I graduated and was off to MSU, Mr Nagy stopped at MSU on his way to a tournament. It was great catching up with him, he spoke about the war, but he never mentioned anything about medals or commendations and little did I know it would be the last time I saw him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Mark Hachenski - January 03, 2021 at 08:02 PM

JO

“ *Mr Nagy was one of a kind! I always respected him in school. I never knew the service he shared for our country. In high school the library had a question completion. The library would ask a question then the students and staff would submit the answer and you could win a prize. I was in trying to find the answer in an encyclopedia. He came in filled out the answer slip and won. He did not claim his prize but gave it to me! I have never forgotten what Little Boy and Fat man were. I will also never forget the year that the US fought the British in the battle of New Orleans. Hey played the record for us. Thank you for touching so many lives. A true hero among us. Good bless. And rest easy sir you deserve it.*

john ogden - January 03, 2021 at 03:50 PM

PW

“ *What a great coach and instructor! I will never forget Mr. Nagy as he gave me my first detention at Yale High! Reading his about his later years, it's obvious that he was a pillar and a great leader and most importantly, a man of God.*

Paul Wampler - January 03, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alan Lee Nagy.*



January 03, 2021 at 12:35 AM



“ *DENNIS FULMER lit a candle in memory of Alan Lee Nagy*



DENNIS FULMER - January 02, 2021 at 12:25 PM



REST IN PEACE: PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY DURING THIS HARD TIME. >>>SEMPER FI; MSGT USMC ret POST 111

DENNIS FULMER - January 02, 2021 at 12:28 PM



Rest in peace. It was a long battle. Prayers for Ellen and family.

Laura Robinson - January 02, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ *While I've known the Nagy family for years, I knew Al best as a supportive father to Emily and Ann. My deep sympathy goes out to the entire family.*

Ruth Ann (Winter) Berryhill - January 02, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Lee Nagy.*



January 02, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alan Lee Nagy.*



January 02, 2021 at 12:09 AM



“ *During his second time at Olivet College, Alan joined the Olivet Lions club and we all thoroughly enjoyed getting to know him. That smile was contagious.*

Sharon Powell - January 01, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ *Don't & Brenda Murphy lit a candle in memory of Alan Lee Nagy*



Don't & Brenda Murphy - January 01, 2021 at 08:15 PM

WF

Praying for comfort and sending love to you all. May God grant you strength and surround you with His love. Wava and John Fischer 2 Tim. 4: 7-8

Wava Fischer - January 01, 2021 at 08:38 PM

SY

May your faith help you through this difficult time. We will all be together soon with our Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Shirley M Young - January 01, 2021 at 10:56 PM

NH

We were so sorry to hear of Alan's death! Our sincere sympathy goes out to Ellen and his girls. He was a wonderful man and did touch the lives of so many. His smile and laughter will forever be remembered!

Chap and Nila Hutchinson

Nila Hutchinson - January 02, 2021 at 09:19 AM

TH

well done good and faithful servant--Comet strong

Tom Appel--65

Thomas - January 02, 2021 at 11:07 AM



Truly a Great servant of the Lord, his country, and a great friend. Our sincere condolence to the Family and his friends.

Steve Jones - January 02, 2021 at 06:12 PM