



Alan Duppler

July 12, 1951 - September 7, 2013

Alan Duppler, 62, died September 7, 2013 at the Golden Living Center in Moorhead, MN. Alan was born in Miles City, MT on July 12, 1951. He graduated from Baker (MT) High school in 1969 and attended Concordia College graduating Cum Laude with a major in English and a minor in Theater.

He married Norma Duppler on Feb. 24, 1973. Alan graduated from UND Law school in 1977. He worked as DJ at a radio station in Baker, MT during the summers while attending school. After law school he moved to Devils Lake with Norma. He worked in child support and enforcement. In 1981, they moved to Stanton and later Hazen, ND while he was working as States Attorney for Mercer County, ND.

Alan and Norma had 2 children William and Lynn Marie while living in Mercer County. In 1991 they moved to a farm south of Valley City, ND and Alan worked as an attorney for the Veterans Administration in Fargo, ND. He worked there for 20 years before retiring to the farm in 2011.

Alan was a talented handyman, gun enthusiast, enjoyed woodworking, blacksmithing, knife making, and photography. He loved going for motorcycle rides through the valley and would never turn down a good biography or non-fiction book. Alan was a black belt in Judo. He was an excellent chef and loved to host dinner parties. Most recently he enjoyed going to the movies and his pet Chihuahua, Biggie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma; parents Eugene and Laurice (Buck) Duppler.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, William and Kathleen Duppler of Fargo, daughter, Lynn Marie Duppler of Bismarck, ND; granddaughter, Elizabeth Duppler of Fargo; sister and brother-in-law, Valerie and Allen Stockdale of Fargo; nephew, Steven Stockdale of Fargo; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral service for Alan Duppler will be 10:30 AM, Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND. Burial will be in the Sheyenne Valley Cemetery, rural Kathryn, ND.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel and will continue there an hour prior to the service Thursday morning.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel of Valley

City, ND. An online guestbook is available at www.olive-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery

Sheyenne Valley Cemetery

Kathryn, ND,

Comments



“ Dear William and Lynn: I am so sorry I didn't keep up with your dad after your mom died. He was so smart and witty. I remember when we were in college he and your mom exchanged so many funny quips and wordplay jokes. The standing one was that he propositioned her to go to the graveyard on Halloween, and it went on from there. She invited Michele and me to visit the farm one break from college, I think it was Easter break our freshman year, and your dad took Michele's Vespa, which she had loaned him, down the interstate at 45 mph max, from Moorhead to Valley City to meet the folks. He arrived frostbitten and tired, and Norma made a fuss over him. I can't remember how he got the Vespa back to Moorhead. Maybe he rode it back, or maybe they transported it. I hope it was a warmer day going back. I remember I drank too much of the cordial your uncles made. I was kind of sick the next day riding back in the car.

I love the picture you chose of your dad. It's exactly the way I remember him, with that bright, alert, ironic smile. You always wondered what he would say next! Something that would catch you up.

Pat Engen
PO Box 1273
Dillingham, AK 99576

Lynn: I have some of your mother's manuscripts back at my Minnesota house. Would love to pass them on to you.

Patricia Engen - September 14, 2013 at 04:02 PM



“ I was saddened to read that Alan passed away. I had numerous cases with him when he was the Mercer County State's Attorney. I always thought very highly of him. Marv Hager

marv hager - September 11, 2013 at 02:30 PM



“ Dear William and Lynn Marie,
You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your dad. I so enjoyed the visits when he and your mom were my students at Concordia and afterwards. They usually had some interesting ideas on a topic that provoked a good discussion, and that topic returned at the next drop-in. They both appeared to be the perpetual students. I am sorry that I cannot attend the services, but you are being remembered in my thoughts and prayers. I am sending a memorial gift to Concordia.
Sincerely,
Joan N. Buckley
3433 So. 28th St. Unit 505
Moorhead MN 56560

Joan N. Buckley Moorhead - September 11, 2013 at 11:54 AM



“ I truly enjoyed working with Alan for about three years while he was at the VA. He always provided good counsel and practical advice. He also made himself available whenever I needed to contact him . I so wish he had been able to enjoy a long and interesting retirement. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Brian McClure, Labor Relations Specialist, Fargo VA

Brian McClure - September 11, 2013 at 08:03 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alan Duppler.



September 10, 2013 at 09:49 PM



“ Walter and Jackie, David and Carol, and Wayne and Diane purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Alan Duppler.



Walter and Jackie, David and Carol, and Wayne and Diane - September 10, 2013 at 09:48 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Alan Duppler.



September 10, 2013 at 04:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alan Duppler.



September 10, 2013 at 03:30 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Duppler family. I too met Alan through our work, when our offices coordinated cases together. He and his former assistant Melissa would coax us out for lunch so we could all catch up. It was always the perfect opportunity to break away to share stories and laughs. We visited a couple weeks ago, and although Alan was a little thinner and paler, the conversation and laughter were the same as always. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. Peace be with you.

Michelle E.



Michelle Erdmann - September 10, 2013 at 03:15 PM



“ William and Lynn Marie, we have known your mom and dad since before you were born. They were both so proud of you guys. Jim worked with your dad in Stanton. Our families did a lot of fun things together. We remember helping you dad build the sail boat. We wish we could have gone sailing in it. We have very good memories from our times together. Alan will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both and your families.

Jim and Shirley Johnson
Harvey ND

Jim & Shirley Johnson - September 10, 2013 at 12:15 PM



“ To the Duppler family, I too worked with Alan for 18 years and he shared so many stories of William and Lynn Marie while they were growing up, the farm, your mom, your uncle, attending college, and post graduate schools. I missed his smile after his retirement and our monthly visits while I checked the fire extinguishers in his building. He usually had a good joke for me. May the Lord watch over you and grant you peace.

Susan J.

Susan Jaroszewski - September 10, 2013 at 09:48 AM



“ Dear William and Lynn Marie (my dear sweet Lynn Marie who I knew since she was 12) your dad was a very special man and a very dear friend of mine. I worked with him for over a decade at the Fargo VA. We had a very special group called the Lunch Bunch as all of our birthdays were end of July first part of August. I so wanted to fly in and have one more last LUNCH BUNCH. I have only the fondest memories of such a beautiful man inside and out. His biggest accomplishment in life was the both of you. He kept me updated up until a few months ago on both of you. He was so PROUD of you both and loved you so much.

Ronni Miller - September 10, 2013 at 06:07 AM



“ To Alan's family,
My sympathy to you all at this difficult time. I worked with Alan for many years at VA District/Regional Counsel. We shared many laughs, quite a few lunches, and stories about our families and life at home. He was proud of his children, and spoke of many wonderful times on the farm. Our family was lucky to have one of the Duppler family cats as a member of our family for many years! Please know my thoughts & prayers are with you all. Laurie Whitehead

Laurie Whitehead - September 09, 2013 at 09:42 PM



“ I was so sorry to read of Alan's passing. I worked with him at the VA. He was always so kind and had a smile on his face. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. I know he will be missed greatly.

Patti Burwick

Patti Burwick - September 09, 2013 at 02:34 PM



“ William and Lynn Marie,

I am sorry for your loss. Your dad was a mentor to me in the law and I am sorry to read of his death. I had a work study job at the VA and worked under your dad for a couple of years while I was an undergraduate at NDSU. He was very good to me and helped me on a path that led me to a successful law career. He spoke fondly of you both, and often.

Your dad was fun to work for and I enjoyed his sense of humor. I only saw him a few times after leaving NDSU for law school. After I became a judge I had the pleasure of him in court just one time but it was great to visit with him after so many years. Al was a good man and a good honest lawyer; a credit to our profession. He will be missed.

My warmest regards to you in this difficult time.

Dan Narum

LaMoure ND.

Dan Narum - September 08, 2013 at 09:42 PM



“ Lynn and family,

Please know that Steve and I are praying for you during this difficult time. Life can be hard at times but at least you have each other. Remember all the good times. In time, the good memories will push the sad to the back. Take care of yourselves. Love,
Steve and Lynn Priebe

lynn Priebe - September 08, 2013 at 01:28 PM



“ To Alan's family,

I worked with Alan for many years at the VA. We shared work and many family stories. I had a chance to go and see Alan a few times before his passing where thoughts were shared again. Know that he is in heaven and at peace. May God bless you all.

Melissa Bodelson

Melissa Bodelson - September 11, 2013 at 10:29 PM