



Alec J. Allen

February 6, 1950 - October 13, 2023

Alec J. Allen, age 73, of Ann Arbor, MI, died Friday, October 13, 2023 after a hard fought battle with Parkinson's/Dementia. He always loved Friday the 13th. He is survived by his wife, Judy Corrado Allen, his son Jason Corrado (Amy), his grandchildren Liam Smith and Liviana, and many other family and special friends. He deeply cared for a large group of friends and family!

Alec was proud of the relationships he built, as well as the work he accomplished in his career at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, MI and as Chairman of the Board for the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, MI. He will be remembered as an avid football fan for Michigan State and University of Michigan, his love of chocolate and for sharing culinary experiences and meeting chefs at America's top rated restaurants.

Alec was known for frequently surprising a helpful stranger with a gift of a \$2 bill, and looked for practical ways to help others throughout his life. His generosity and wisdom was shared freely with so many!

Services for Alec will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Alec's honor may be made to Michigan Theater, Neutral Zone Teen Center or the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. His family wishes to thank all those who have helped in these last few years. To leave a memory you have of Alec or to sign his guestbook please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

To donate to University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, click here (<https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/give/basket/fund/310500/tributee/Alec%20Allen/type/memory>).

Or make checks out to "The University of Michigan", include that they are for the Tribute Fund for Alec: 310500 and mail to: The University of Michigan Office of Development, 3003 South State Street, Suite 9000, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1288

To donate to the Michigan Theater's Endowment, click here ([https://www.iphiview.com/aaacf/AccountInformation/tabid/495/dispatch/accountselection_id\\$178441_hash\\$da4cf90827dd94be6bc8d7b0d1aeecc4a96357e6/Default.aspx](https://www.iphiview.com/aaacf/AccountInformation/tabid/495/dispatch/accountselection_id178441_hashda4cf90827dd94be6bc8d7b0d1aeecc4a96357e6/Default.aspx)).

To donate to the Neutral Zone Endowment, click here ([https://www.iphiview.com/aaacf/AccountInformation/tabid/495/dispatch/accountselection_id\\$137891_hash\\$d7d5fa9cddc503e29cf76d9878ffff2dddce28d5/Default.aspx](https://www.iphiview.com/aaacf/AccountInformation/tabid/495/dispatch/accountselection_id137891_hashd7d5fa9cddc503e29cf76d9878ffff2dddce28d5/Default.aspx)).

Or make checks out to "Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation", include either Michigan Theater or Neutral Zone fund, and mail to: Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, 301 N Main St, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Alec and Judy were our tailgating buddies at Michigan State. Our sons played football together for the Spartans and were roommates. Over the years we were able to spend time with Alec and Judy whenever they were coming through Ohio. They even came to see us in Naples, Florida. Alec loved Skyline Chili and was a real lover of great food. He was a wonderful cook. Generous, funny, and caring were more of his attributes. He will be missed and we wish only the best for Judy, Jason, and all his family members. So very sorry for your loss.



Cheri and Harry Hannah - October 23, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SH

“ Me and and his son Jason where teammates and roommates at msu , I'm from a small town in Ohio and Alec took us out to eat and we tried buffalo, I was scared to death , but he always had us trying different things , I loved it , he would always stop in at mom and dad's place when they came threw town , always great to see him and Judy , my prayers are with you all . Shane hannah

Shane Hannah - October 23, 2023 at 02:35 PM

“In reading through the previous tributes, laden with love, respect, and admiration, you find a repetition of some beautiful character descriptors: kind, caring, and loving; supportive; wise and insightful; compassionate; trustworthy; and funny, with a playful spirit. Rob Covert, who hired Alec to help transform Oaklawn into a highly respected hospital, described him as “a remarkable human being.” Alec’s passion for helping others was truly tireless and inspirational. I don’t recall when I first met Alec, but he was involved in so many good causes, generally serving in leadership positions, that it was easy to cross paths with him. I first observed him up close when he chaired a Marshall citizens’ committee to help respectfully retire the school’s beloved “Redskins” nickname. It was certainly an unpopular role to undertake, but in his heart, he knew it was the right thing to do. I was impressed and inspired by his compassion, sensitivity, and forcefulness in leading that group, which I think had a positive influence on the school board and community in eventually having the name changed.

I was also privileged to work at Oaklawn Hospital during Alec’s tenure as Chief Operating Officer, where I again witnessed his impactful leadership as he beautifully teamed with Rob (and so many others) to grow the hospital into the largest employer in Marshall. And as Rob wrote in his tribute, in spite of numbering nearly 1000 employees, there was a family-like feeling among this huge staff, with a common mission of doing whatever was necessary to aid our patients. In his position as head of Human Resources, Alec was largely responsible for instilling that type of positive employment atmosphere.

My wife, Nancy, and I did not socialize regularly with Alec and Judy but felt fortunate to be included in several small Superbowl gatherings at their home where the food & friendship displayed was a memorable treat. I believe there were few things Alec enjoyed more than sharing good food with dear friends. There was, of course, one thing he enjoyed more than that. It was spending time with Judy, his soulmate, and with Jason’s family. They clearly meant more to him than anything.

I join all who knew Alec well, both in the grief that his premature

departure has brought us, but more importantly, in the gratefulness for the joy and inspiration that this “remarkable human being” has given us.

Dan & Nancy Stulberg

Dan & Nancy Stulberg - October 23, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Alec J. Allen*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Always remember our support is continual and unwavering.*

Ann Arbor Firefighters Local 693 - October 21, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *As a neighbor who lovingly looked after our wandering cat and as a coworker at Oaklawn where we had many 'lively' conversations", I always appreciated his sense of humor and caring. I am so sorry Judy.*

Mary Jo Byrne - October 20, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Dear Judy, Jason and family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved Alec! He was funny, supportive and always so positive. I first met him at Starr Commonwealth while working for the Calhoun ISD with Judy, my school principal. Judy and Alex were such a dynamic team! They supported and celebrated every growth we made educationally! While I was in rehab in Ann Arbor after a stroke, Judy and Alec would stop by almost daily even in an ice storm! When I would visit Ann Arbor, I'd stop by and see them with whoever I was traveling with and we were all welcome in their home! Alec will surely be missed! Judy, I love you and want to be there for you! Please keep in touch!

Love and Prayers

Dr. Anissa Gaskin



DrAnissa Gaskin - October 19, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ Alec J. Allen ... *Wisdom, Integrity, Conscientiousness, Compassion. We are fortunate to have been touched by his life lived continuous GIFTS to humanity.*

Thank you, from a recipient.

Herman McCall

Herman and Shelley McCall - October 19, 2023 at 08:39 PM

RK

“ *How do we say goodbye to Alec, a friend for 51 years. Alec has been in our lives - part of our family - since we met as VISTA Volunteers in Scottsbluff, NE, 1972. (He literally moved into our small rented house and wouldn't move out!)*

We knew each others' pets, parents and siblings, celebrated holidays together. We traveled to National parks, museums and zoos, driving up east and west coasts in Alec's undependable VW bug. We laughed, we cried, we fought and forgave, we sang Simon and Garfunkel, Beatles (off tune.) We ate a lot and well, of course. He and Judy have always been there - through births of our daughters, weddings and grandchildren. And to steer us through tragedy and loss.

Alec was the Godfather for both our daughters, and lived that responsibility with humility and great love. Alec introduced us to NYC, Broadway musicals, Lilac's chocolate and Harry Potter. He looked for what was special, beautiful or heroic in the world- and immediately wanted to celebrate and share it.

Thank you. Alec.

*With our love,
Roger, Jennifer Krokey
Katie, Brendan, Thomas
Sarah, Isabel*

Roger and Jennifer Krokey - October 19, 2023 at 10:55 AM

DD

“ I met Alec in 1983. He offered me a position in Human Resources. That opportunity created a life long career for me in the field.

Alec was a tremendous mentor and friend. He was such a kind generous soul and greatly impacted my life. So blessed to have known him.

My sympathies to you Judy, Jason and your entire family on your loss.

Deb Davis

Deborah Davis - October 19, 2023 at 04:11 AM

KM

“ Alec and I met 40 years ago when we both worked at Starr Commonwealth. Alec's passion for helping others was an inspiration. Over the years my family and I have been so fortunate to have him as a part of our life. Through Alec I came to learn, appreciate and respect ...Friends Are The Family You Choose For Yourself. Alec and Judy were a very significant part of our family. We have so many incredible memories. Our lives were enriched so much. I am at a loss as to how I could possibly capture all that Alec has meant to me in words. I am greatly saddened by Alec's loss but I celebrate the time and experiences we shared.

Kevin McCauley - October 18, 2023 at 01:58 PM

JT

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Joy Tigchelaar - October 18, 2023 at 12:35 PM

JA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Judy Allen - October 18, 2023 at 12:29 PM

SS

“ We remember our family trip many years ago to Ann Arbor, MI. It was almost like a food tour, with Alec as our tour guide!

Alec made the BEST french toast we've ever had, the key ingredient being chocolate babka. Incredible sandwiches at Zingermans, which we still try to recreate to this day. Ordering all of his favorite appetizers at dinner so we could all give them a try.

Such a kind and caring soul. Alec's love for cooking and playful spirit will always be in our memory.

Sending love ☐

Love, the Sahaida Girls

Sara Sahaida - October 17, 2023 at 09:12 PM

RC

“ Judy and Jason,

I first met Alec when we were both working on a defending a recall campaign at Jim Pardoes office. I was instant impressed. I tried to hire him right away. He resisted because he wanted to make sure we were worthy of his expertise. He checked us out and agreed to join us. He was instrumental in changing the culture at Oaklawn into a trusting, family, collegial atmosphere. As head of HR he hired hundreds of employees and terminated a few dozen. Remarkably we never got sued for wrongful termination.

There were many employees whom Alec nurtured and mentored, myself being one of them. I constantly got advice from Alec and I rarely was asked to provide advice to him. He mentored me, not the other way around. There are many others who were greatly affected by his genius.

Two of my fondest memories were an impromptu speech he gave at a former board member's luncheon. We later named the speech the Rejects and Losers speech. In his attempt to praise all the Senior Leadership he spoke of how improbable each members hiring actually had been. It was a classic speech full of love deliyin the most unusual way.

The other fond memory is when our lab director had retired and we needed to replace him. I spoke to Alec and asked him how the search was going. He told me he had already filled the post. I said "you filled the position", that's my job. He said trust me Sherry will do a great job and if you met her and interviewed her you'd agree. I trusted Alec so completely I said if you vouch for her that's all I need to hear. He was right. Just like he was with Juanita Armstrong whom he created an un budgeted job just so we wouldn't lose her. When I questioned that said she was too fantastic to let slip away and he'd find her a budgeted slot as soon as he could. Again I said I trust you and you have my consent. I'm sure Kristin Sims as a newly minted CNO benefited tremendously from Alec's mentorship. There were so many that Alec nurtured. He was a remarkable human being. He had an incredible gift of insight and inspiration. He was a wonderful Chief Operating Officer and he was instrumental in transforming Oaklawn into an outstanding place to work and to be a

patient. He was my friend and mentor and I'll miss him tremendously.

Rob Covert

Oaklawn Hospital President and CEO Emeritus

Rob Covert - October 16, 2023 at 02:46 PM