



Alfred David Burke

May 16, 1962 - February 10, 2023

Alfred David Burke, known to his family and friends as Al was born in Redwood City, California on May 16, 1962. He passed away on February 10, 2023 at the age of 60 at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fresno, California. Al's medical diagnosis was reported as severe pneumonia and lung disease. His condition was sudden and unexpected.

He is survived by his two children Jenner Lee of Sacramento, California and Vincent Barosso of Novato, California; his siblings Sherry Pelster and her husband Stan of Hawaii, Kathryn Keene and her husband Bryan of Oceanside, California, Donald Burke of Redwood City, California. Al was also a loving uncle and had many cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Grady and Mary Lou Burke; brothers William McClain and Ronald Burke; sisters Carol McClain and Karen Albracht.

Al grew up in Los Altos and graduated from Los Altos High School in 1980. Al was a lover of all sports. The 49ers were his team and the place where his passion ran deep. He also loved motorcycles, spending many of his younger years on the racetracks where he enjoyed the thrill of racing with his younger brothers and friends. Al learned upholstery at a young age while working in his father's shop in Redwood City, CA. He then devoted his career as a master craftsman in the trade. Al's favorite jobs as an upholsterer were on airplanes,

motorcycles and boats. He loved all of these moving machines, so he fittingly named his business “Air, Land & Sea” which later he changed to simply “Upholstery & Canvas” by Alfred Burke.

Al was one-of-a-kind, someone who made his presence known when walking into a room with his big smile and hearty laugh. He walked his own path, enjoying the simple things that made him happy; good food, hanging out with friends and being around family every chance he got. He loved many things, but none more than his children, Jenner and Vincent. Al was a believer in Jesus Christ, and we take comfort in knowing that he now watches over his family and friends from Heaven.

A Celebration of Life to honor Al and share in his memories will be held at the SPANGLER CHAPEL, 399 South San Antonio Road in Los Altos, California on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Following the service, there will be a continuation of fellowship at a place yet to be determined, but informed at the service. All who knew him and whose lives were touched by Al are invited to attend. His Irish Eyes will be smiling on all of us as we honor a life that left a mark on many! Al’s services will also be live streamed for anyone who cannot attend. The link for the service will be available on Al’s Facebook page. Al’s cremated remains will be interred at a later date in a family plot at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo.

Thank you to all of Al’s family and friends for their outpouring of love & support during this difficult time.

The family has set up a GoFundMe account to assist with memorial expenses and for his children in his memory. Please visit [GoFundMe: Honoring Al Burke](#).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (PT)

Spangler Chapel
399 S. San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Al was a maters craftsman who fixed my leather sectional. He was very kind and am grateful that I got to meet him! My sincere condolences to his sons and family!* ”

Ms. Glass - November 25, 2024 at 08:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alfred David Burke.* ”



March 17, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred David Burke.* ”



March 16, 2023 at 04:56 PM

MB

“ *Sending big hugs and prayers of support and comfort to you Kathi for your love and dedication to your brother. Al was always bigger than life in our times together in Los Altos.* ”



Missy Bechtel - March 08, 2023 at 08:32 PM

MD

“ I'll always remember how much fun we all had at the Simon's shop and racing motocross. Sometimes we would run together at the hilly workout course at Foothill College in preparation for the Sunday races.

Mark Drebert - February 28, 2023 at 10:15 AM

KK

Thank you so much for sharing a memory. Al had a lot of fun in his life and will leave a huge void. He loved motor cross for sure!! He called it his simpler days! God bless.

Kathi Keene - March 02, 2023 at 12:42 PM

DB

Al I will miss your 49er knowege we had a hell of a year I will carry on my big bro love Donny

Don burke - March 11, 2023 at 08:04 PM

DG

I worked with Al in upholstery... he never paid me... Al still owes me \$752. 00 I guess I will never get paid for all the work I did when the customer said it was the best he has ever seen Al do ... But it was me.... that did the work, I never got paidfor....!!!

Daniel Ghosoph - April 07, 2023 at 05:06 PM

LG

Al was big hearted and gave to the community of Pinedale. Donated his time and talent to the Pinedale Museum and we will miss his happy smile along with the joy he brought. Sympathy and prayers to the family and friends. Much love - Lisa

LM Guzman - May 04, 2023 at 07:39 PM



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February 28, 2023 at 10:11 AM