



Mr. Albert "Big Al" W. VanAken

July 23, 1945 - February 1, 2017

Albert W. VanAken ("Big Al") originally of Kripplebush N.Y., passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family at the age of 72.

Al mastered many jobs over the years, but his favorite was truck driving. Al worked for several companies in area, as well as owning his own trucking company. Al loved working on cars, boating, fishing, and riding his "cycle"; making people laugh with stories and jokes over a pot of coffee. Those were his favorite past times.

Al is survived by his loving wife Patricia VanAken of 50 years, his brother Richard VanAken and his wife Nancy, his daughters Irene VanAken, Kim Mirto and her husband Anthony, Margaret Sommer and her husband Joseph, and his 9 grandchildren Robert and Gabrielle Tompkins, Angelica McDonald and husband Lance and great-granddaughter to be, Austin and Devon Walters, Lorenzo, Filicete and Chante Bordina, Kyle Sommer and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Tuesday February 7, 2017 from 3:00P.M. -7:00 P.M. at Richards Funeral Home- 29 Bross Street, Cairo N.Y.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on February 8t, 2017 at 11:00am at St. Josephs Novitiate, Round Top N.Y.

Interment will follow in the family plot of The St. Joseph's Novitiate Cemetery, Round Top, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers we respectfully ask that you make donations to Community Hospice, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, New York, 12414 or to St. Joseph's

Novitiate, P.O Box 205, Round Top, New York, 12473, who were a Godsend to our family in our time of need.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Webster, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
29 Bross Street
Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-9503
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Mass

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Novitiate
1275 Hearts Content Road
Round Top, NY 12473

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I remember all of the kids going over to the house when they lived in Kerhonkson. He always had a smile on his face when I saw him. He will be sorely missed. Sorry I can't make it there, but my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Xoxo Jessica Knapp & family

Jessica Knapp - February 07, 2017 at 05:47 PM

LI

“ Lorraine locovello lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert "Big Al" W. VanAken



Lorraine locovello - February 07, 2017 at 11:37 AM

LI

My Deepest Sympathy to you Pat & the family. He'll be sorely missed. May he RIP & may all the beautiful memories you hold in your hearts bring peace & comfort during this difficult time. I remember all the laughs & fun we had setting up for all the Town of Rochester Youth Comm. parties. Sending love, prayers & blessings to all.

Lorraine locovello - February 07, 2017 at 11:43 AM

KG

“ Pat and Family I am so sorry that you have lost Al. I can remember all the fun times we had boating and just sitting around having a beer or mostly coffee and just laughing at Hank and Al making fun at something that happened at work or themselves. Most of the time I don't think they knew what they were laughing at. I can picture them up in heaven acting like fools and just having the best time. Please call if I can do anything for you.



Kathy Gallagher - February 05, 2017 at 04:28 PM

BK

Dear Pat and Family,
I just heard the very sad news. AL was a very good man, and a very good Christian. He lived his faith, was kind, open and very positive to everyone. He was a big man with a big heart. May the Good Lord bless you and your family at this time of your great loss.
Bob and Pat

Bob Keagle - February 07, 2017 at 04:45 PM

CS

“ Celia Silberman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert "Big Al" W. VanAken



Celia Silberman - February 05, 2017 at 02:17 PM

CS

“ Back in the 60's, Tongore Park was a popular place for kids to swim. Al was a lifeguard there & the memories are all good. He was always kind, lots of fun & easy to smile...just a really sweet guy! Al has been taken from all of you much too soon. My heartfelt thoughts are with all of you at this very sad time. R.I.P., Al & continue to smile & make people laugh. Celia Silberman

Celia Silberman - February 05, 2017 at 02:16 PM

VS

“ VAUGHN F STANCAGE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert "Big Al" W. VanAken



VAUGHN F STANCAGE - February 05, 2017 at 07:24 AM

VS

What a great guy ,we some great times together back in days!

VAUGHN F STANCAGE - February 05, 2017 at 07:31 AM

TE

“ Ternice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert "Big Al" W. VanAken



Ternice - February 04, 2017 at 11:07 PM

SW

“ My First husband and I worked with Al at KTB in Saugerties when all of our children were small. He made all of laugh daily. I have thought of him , Pattie and the girls fondly over the years. RIP Al and peace be with you all. I remember how when my son JR was born right before Margaret was born he kept saying how much he would enjoy a son (although he loved his girls to death) Remembering the day he first saw Margaret and said I got exactly what I wanted, she was his little fighter and the love for all his Girls shone in his face. A wonderful Man. Sharon Norton Wilber

Sharon Wilber - February 04, 2017 at 01:41 PM

BS

“ My condolences and love go out to you and the girls. He fought a long and hard battle and will now be at peace.

Barbara Scheffel - February 04, 2017 at 09:38 AM