



Ron Van Alst

August 30, 1953 - September 17, 2020

Ron Van Alst, 67, of Oskaloosa passed away Thursday, September 17, 2020, at his home in rural Oskaloosa.

Ronnie Lee Van Alst, son of Gabel Alonzo and Letola Viola (Ritchie) Van Alst, was born on August 30, 1953, in Ottumwa, Iowa. The family resided in Eddyville, where Ron attended school through the 5th grade before moving to Oskaloosa. He was a 1971 graduate of Oskaloosa High School and then went to work for Oskaloosa Glass and Millwork, a career that spanned almost 25 years. In 2006, Ron started his own glass company, Givin Glass. He operated it until declining health required his retirement.

On October 24, 1975, Ronnie married Laurie Lynne Crosby in New Sharon. To this union, three children: Shannon, Shane, and Shauna, were born. They divorced in 1995. Through the years, he enjoyed deer hunting, dirt track racing, NASCAR, cooking, and playing cards. He also enjoyed finding and collecting all types of brass objects. He was a past member of the Shriners, V.F.W., and the American Legion. After Ron's retirement, he enjoyed living "off the grid" at his cabin on an acreage with a pond on Kent Avenue. He truly treasured the time he spent with his family and his six granddaughters.

Ron's family includes his children: Shannon Van Alst of Oskaloosa, Shane Van Alst of Oskaloosa, and Shauna (Chris) Schwab of Verona, Wisconsin; six granddaughters: Kierstin, Aleigha, Danielle, Shayna, and Braelyn Van Alst and Kenadi Schwab; a sister, Alice Jane Klyn of Ottumwa; and a brother, George (Sandra) Van Alst of Des Moines.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Van Alst, and a sister, Mary Anne Funk.

Funeral services for Ron will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 21, 2020, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory in Oskaloosa with Pastor Charlie McMillian officiating. Cremation will follow the service, and burial of his ashes will take place at a later date at Highland Cemetery in Eddyville, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Sunday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will be present from 2-4 p.m. to greet visitors. Memorials can be made to his family. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and appropriate personal protective equipment are advised for attending this public event. The service will be available to view on the Langkamp Funeral Chapel's YouTube channel Monday afternoon for those unable to attend the ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

2281-2285 330th Street
Eddyville, IA 52553

Previous Events

Open Visitation

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Family Greeting Time

SEP 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ron Van Alst*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *God be with you my friend. You will be deeply missed. I can't even begin start where we had all the fun for so many years. We just fulfilled the time we spent together having fun and dreaming things up that were fun to do. such as cars, boats, hunting and motorcycling, the list goes on and on and on.*

I am sure that you and Mike Sopher are now together enjoying yourselves as well

As for now Goodbye my friend as I will see you again someday.

Bob Green

Bob Green - December 12, 2020 at 12:50 PM



I'm sure he is celebrating with many of his Friends. Bob, I'll never forget the day he called me and said you lived In Dubuque. I looked up your phone number and address, he called and made plans to stay before venturing up to my house. Good Times, and I'm so glad you reunited. You hadn't seen each other on 30+ years and yet you picked right up where you left off. That's a TRUE friend. He loved you Bob. We will all meet him one day..... and he will take us in with open arms for sure.

Shauna VanAlst Schwab - January 30, 2021 at 11:36 PM

SJ

“ I’m so sorry for your loss, Shauna. I don’t recall ever meeting your dad, and I’m pretty sure I’d remember if I had because it sounds like he was quite a character: funny, big-hearted, well-loved. The world could use more people like that! Lean into your wonderful memories of him, and know our hearts go out to you and your family. Take care!



Shawna Walker Johnson - September 30, 2020 at 08:07 AM

AV

“ grandpa ron... oh how much i'll miss you. you always brought happiness to all of grand babies! i'll never forget the times you took me and kierstin to coffee time with you, and we would either go to smokey row and get cookie dough ice cream or we would go to hyvee and get a dough nut and chocolate milk, we would always sit around and listen to you old farts talk about everything going on and your friends telling us that we are little cuties and other names. you always picked on us kids and made jokes that no one would ever be able to beat. i'm gonna us walking down to the pond to go swimming and you would always yell out the door “hi kiddies” and ask us how we were. you never failed to make us smile. you always pinched our noses when you were walking past us and we acted like it didn't hurt when in reality it did but of course we would never say anything about it. you always took us on four wheeler rides down to see the neighbors and to see the rodwell family so we could play for a bit, or take us around the pond, or on the dirt road. those memories are some i will never forget. and for christmas you would get us stuff made of brass and i never understood the point of it and i thought it was kinda silly and useless, but i finally understand and will keep them for the rest of my life. swimming, thanksgiving, the cabin, deer season, and everything will never ever be the same again. at least you're not in pain anymore and with the people you love now! continue watching over us and keeping us safe. we will never forget you. thank you for everything you have done for us as a family. it will never be the same. i can't wait to see you again, give grandma and diane a hug for me. i love you so much! fly high grandpa ron! we love you and stuff so❤️ your ornery attitude and your big heart will be missed dearly -sincerely, your grandbaby Aleigha❤️

Aleigha VanAlst - September 21, 2020 at 09:35 PM

DV

“ life won't be the same without you grandpa..im gonna miss the things you did and said to us kids, like coming out while we are swimming and asking how the water feels,seeing us walk by and say really loud “hi kitties”, and of course your road rage on our way to wisconsin, and the trips to mcdonald's getting the same thing everytime in dubuque, sitting in the cabin hanging out with you watching wheel of fortune, coming up to us and pinching our noses and we have to act like it doesn't hurt we just smile and go on with it haha, or sitting with us at christmas watching us open our gifts, and even the little things that you did like seeing us outside driving up and saying hi and telling us what you were going to do, even giving us the suckers you got from the bank, all the little things will always matter and have a special place in my heart❤️i love you so much grandpa, can't wait to see you again one day and tell you all the crazy stuff that happened in life without you there! rest easy grandpa❤️-danielle

danielle vanalst - September 21, 2020 at 02:01 PM

GB

“ Grant Gardner and Shannon Blakey purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ron Van Alst.



Grant Gardner and Shannon Blakey - September 21, 2020 at 09:35 AM

AA

“ *Angi Arkema lit a candle in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Angi Arkema - September 21, 2020 at 09:34 AM

AA

*Our deepest sympathy to Ron's family, he was a good friend and we have great memories of spending time with Ron.
Jeff and Angi Arkema*

Angi Arkema - September 21, 2020 at 09:36 AM

DB

“ *Thinking of his family during this difficult time*



Dave Boender - September 20, 2020 at 05:12 PM

SL

“ *Sherri And Bob Lockett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Sherri and Bob Lockett - September 20, 2020 at 03:34 PM

SL

Ron was such a great guy and he will be missed so much in our little neighborhood. Sending love and hug to his family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sherri and Bob Lockett - September 20, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ron Van Alst.*



September 20, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ron Van Alst.*



September 20, 2020 at 10:01 AM

DR

“ *I am really glad Ron came to my shop on his birthday for a visit. He said to me well i made it 67 years. Never thought i would last this long and we both laughed. I told him i would stop at his cabin before winter and visit for a while. He said to me please do that!! I didnt think that would be our last visit. Ron was a very good friend and would do anything for you. I will really miss the class of 71 picnics at his cabin and his smoked turkey. Rest in peace Ron!!!!*

Darrell Rust - September 20, 2020 at 01:56 AM

LS

Graduated with Ron in 1971. We were good friends and he was always available to talk. Left Iowa years ago but was able to go to his cabin for one of the reunions. He will be missed. LARRY SLECHTA

Larry Slechta - September 20, 2020 at 03:50 PM

SS

He enjoyed having those Class Reunions at his cabin too! He loved his classmates very much and talked to me about all of you often we he came up to visit. He will always be remembered for sure. My Dad was a classic, and many have already felt the void of him begin gone. My heart goes out to you all in the Class of 71. He had soo many friends from upper and lower classes as well. He was ornery back in the day, and still showed it to the day he passed. He always enjoyed talking about old times, and most times would have a few years flow down his face. 2021 would have been 50th Class Reunion and please know "he will be there" God Bless you all.

Shauna VanAlst Schwab - October 26, 2020 at 03:43 PM

KV

“ Grandpa, I wish this was easy, but I’m so glad I got to spend the BEST 18 years of life with you and of course, the BEST 18 years of memories that came with it!!

Kierstin VanAlst - September 20, 2020 at 01:32 AM

KA

“ Grandpa, I wish this was easy, but I’m so glad that I got to spend the BEST 18 years of life with you and of course, the BEST 18 years of memories that come with it!!

Kierstin Van Alst - September 20, 2020 at 01:28 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ron Van Alst.*



September 19, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ *Mary Edwards Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Mary Edwards Anderson - September 19, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, Ron was a prince of a fellow!*

God Bless you all.

Mike Vogt



Mike Vogt - September 19, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *Our sympathy to you all .Linda (Binns) Dixon N John. N he will be missed by everyone... he was a well liked guy for sure 😊!!! Thinking of you all in our prayers...Olathe Ks*



Linda N John Dixon - September 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM

DK

“ *Denny Kirby lit a candle in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Denny Kirby - September 19, 2020 at 09:59 AM

BD

“ *Barb DeGeest lit a candle in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Barb DeGeest - September 19, 2020 at 09:07 AM

JF

“ *Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Jeff & Jill Ferguson - September 19, 2020 at 08:49 AM

SA

“ Dad.... there are no words to take away the loss we have now, but rest assure that we 3 kids will stick together and make you proud. In 42 years I've seen and heard a lot of things. That being said your responses to certain questions will forever be remembered. The outpouring of love we have gotten the past few days really shows all the friends you have made in 67 years. We will never forget you.... Never! We will make you proud, I promise.

Love you Dad,
Shauna Lynne

Shauna Van Alst - September 19, 2020 at 05:02 AM

GI

Sooo many hugs to you girl ❤️

Gina - September 21, 2020 at 01:24 PM

SA

Thank you.... wish I could've seen you!

Shauna Van Alst - September 21, 2020 at 10:07 PM

BS

“ So very sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with the family from Deanna and I
❤️



Bill and Deanna Swink - September 18, 2020 at 11:30 PM

GP

“ Very sorry Shannon & Braelyn about your loss. Prayers, hugs for you & your family at this very difficult time!! The memories you will have forever! Take care & stay safe! If ever in Panora stop by.

Glennis Peterson - September 18, 2020 at 11:07 PM

LF

“ *Larry and Karen Davis & Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ron Van Alst.*



Larry and Karen Davis & Family - September 18, 2020 at 10:28 PM

LC

“ *Liz Childs lit a candle in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Liz Childs - September 18, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ron Van Alst.*



September 18, 2020 at 06:45 PM

DR

“ *Valerie and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to Ron's family. He was really "one of a kind" and his infectious smile and memorable laugh will be missed! Our prayers to you all during this time of mourning.*

Dan Ridnouer - September 18, 2020 at 06:41 PM

DR

“ *Dan Ridnouer lit a candle in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Dan Ridnouer - September 18, 2020 at 06:39 PM

BT

“ *Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Ron Van Alst*



Brenda Todd - September 18, 2020 at 06:31 PM

BA

“ *I AM SO SORRY I CANNOT BE THERE WITH THE FAMILY . THIS IS QUITE A SHOCK FOR EVERYONE .I COULD NOT MAKE THE SERVICE IF I LEFT TODAY . MY PRAYERS GO WITH THE FAMILY .
WE SAW HIM LAST WINTER AND HAD A GREAT VISIT AND TIME . MY HEART IS WITH YOU .
GRANDMA BEV*

beverly van alst - September 18, 2020 at 05:46 PM

CW

“ To Ron Family,
I am so sorry for your loss of your dad. He was a very special guy. He was in my class and home room in school. He kept everyone on their toes but was great fun to be around. May God give you peace, comfort, and strength for the days ahead.
Connie Wymore Wright



Connie Wright - September 18, 2020 at 05:05 PM

DH

“ The class of 1971 will greatly miss Ron and his sharing of stories, hospitality, and very good times.

Dede Horn - September 18, 2020 at 04:20 PM

KL

“ The Class of 71 extends their love and prayers to Ron's family. Ron tried to always make all the coffee times we would have. He also volunteered his time and his cabin for many class events. For this we will forever be thankful.
We will miss his stories and presence at all our class events.

*Kathy Larsen
Class of 71*

Kathy Larsen - September 18, 2020 at 04:15 PM