



Alvin "Eipster" Joseph Pope

June 2, 1948 - March 7, 2024

Alvin J. Pope ("Eipster"), born June 2, 1948, left this world on March 7, 2024, with his wife and sons holding his hands while Louis Armstrong sang "Dream A Little Dream Of Me" and "When The Saints Go Marching In".

Al is survived by his beloved wife, Carol, his two cherished sons and their spouses, Jason (Camille) Pope, and Douglas (Ryan) Pope, his four adored grandsons, Charlie, Nate, Henry and Teddy, his brother Edward D. Pope, Brothers and sisters-in-law Kathleen Mayers, Robert Coine, Thomas and Theresa Coine, and Sheila and Steven Karp and several much-loved nieces and nephews and their families.

Al was a proud graduate of the University of Illinois, and earned his MBA from DePaul University. Al's career was spent in manufacturing, where he last worked at Honeywell-Hobbs in Springfield for 19 years. From 1979-1987, Al generously stayed home to raise his sons and keep the home fires burning so that Carol could pursue her legal career. Family was everything to Al. He loved family vacations that included many trips to Disney World, including two with his grandsons. He loved fly-fishing, Glacier National Park, pinochle, and his annual guys' trip to Las Vegas with his sons and brothers-in-law. His home on Lake Petersburg was a dream come true and the annual extended visits when his family could be together to fish, ski, tube and just hang out were his favorite times of the year. He was very proud of the people his sons grew to

be and openly expressed his appreciation and love to his wife, Carol and the rest of his family.

A family graveside service was held Saturday, March 9, at Oakland Cemetery. A Celebration of Life is planned for this summer. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Al's family with the arrangements. Memorials can be made to the PORTA Community School; District No. 2 Foundation, (PORTA Foundation), 17651 Bluejay Road, Petersburg, IL 62675.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

17536 Oakland Terrace Ave
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 9 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest condolences to you and your family.*
Mike & Pat Vig

Pat Vig - March 15, 2024 at 11:47 AM

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“ *Carol and family, it was always a special joy when Al came along with you, Carol, to judges' events. One of my favorite visits with Al was at your beautiful lake house when Al entertained four or five women judges the night before we had a meeting in Springfield. He was so welcoming and patient with us as we sat on the screened porch laughing and not worrying about being judges. My boys and I send prayers and hugs to you and your family, Carol.*

Sue Hutchinson

Susan Fayette Hutchinson - March 11, 2024 at 05:44 PM

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“ *Carol and family: our sympathies to you all. Steve and Brenda Pacey*

steve pacey - March 11, 2024 at 09:52 AM

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“ *Carol and Family,*

Please accept my sincere sympathy. Peace to you in the difficult days ahead.

Linnea E Thompson - March 11, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Alvin "Eipster" Joseph Pope.*



March 09, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Alvin "Eipster" Pope*



Larry and Mary Hundt - March 09, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ellen Standish lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Eipster" Pope*



Ellen Standish - March 09, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ *Ron and I will always remember Al. He was a friendly funny guy. Spent many summer days visiting with him and his sister's family who lived next door to us at that time. Watched him and his family grow and the changes that took place in their busy lives. Never forget his awesome smile. Our sympathies to the Carol and the boys and rest of his family. Sincerely, Ron and Pat Royer*

Ron and Pat Royer - March 09, 2024 at 07:40 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss.*

vicky stuber - March 08, 2024 at 09:53 PM