



Wm. Alan Light

November 13, 1947 - August 15, 2019

William Alan Light, 71, of Bluefield, West Virginia, passed on Thursday evening, August 15th at Princeton Community Hospital following a long battle with a chronic and debilitating disease.

The middle child of five, Alan was the second son of the late Janie Poteet and Herbert Woodson Light of Bluefield. Alan is survived by his wife of forty years Ellen Peters. He is also survived by his son, William Alexander of Richmond. Additionally, Alan leaves behind two granddaughters, Audrey Elizabeth Light, daughter of late son David Asher, of Bluefield, and her mother, Lauren Ould of Huntington, WV, and Lucy Emmeline Page Light, daughter of Alex Light and Emily Cook and step-sister, Anna-Neale Houck, of Richmond. Upon becoming a grandfather, Alan officially became to all, "Poppy." He was so proud of the title!

Alan's siblings and spouses all survive him. They are Janet Holman and husband Richard of Denver, CO; Jim and Diane Light of Basalt, CO; Laura and Frederic Guyonneau, Roswell, GA; and Katharine and Richard Sexton, Bluefield, WV. Light family nieces, nephews and cousins are scattered across the country and the globe. He was also an honored member of the Peters Family whose annual Thanksgiving Reunion at Pipestem State Park was a highlight of Alan's year.

Alan attended public school in Bluefield until the ninth grade after which he boarded the Greyhound bound for Chattanooga, Tennessee and the McCallie School for Boys from which he graduated in 1965. Returning home after that,

he attended Concord College and Bluefield State until volunteering for military service in the Army National Guard. Work with Citizens Savings and Loan and Guard Duty followed until he moved to Atlanta in 1970 to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University. In 1977, he returned to Bluefield to accept an offer to join Citizen's Insurance Agency. Here he remained until they were purchased in 1988, by Flat Top Insurance Agency. Alan worked there until opening his own business, Professional Insurance Services, in 1994. He was active in his business until his death.

Alan was devoted to his church, community and family. Born into the First Presbyterian Church of Bluefield, as an adult he served as an Elder and Trustee. He had been the church's Treasurer for longer than anyone can remember. Alan also served on the Boards of Directors of the Davis Stuart Home and the Bluestone Camp and Retreat. He had recently served on the Presbytery's Stewardship Committee.

A prominent member of our local Elks Lodge No. 269, he was currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Over his 42 years of membership, he had been the Exalted Ruler (local president) and District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler (a position reporting to the national president). He was a mainstay at the local lodge. Hardly a one-dimensional person, Alan began working with Summit Players upon his return to Bluefield. He enjoyed his time on the stage and appeared in wide-ranging roles including "The Wicked Witch Grethel" in the "Rapunzel" vignette of Fractured Fairy Tales, then, later, kept the action going as the knowledgeable poker player in The Odd Couple. A talented, yet reluctant tenor, Alan was also a member of Summit Singers. Some of Alan's most endearing qualities were the kindness and devotion he had for his wonderful family. Whether they were Lights or Peters, the family came first. He was always thoughtful and acted for those above self. Sadly, realizing that individuals of his ilk are truly rare, all who knew him will miss our beloved Alan and will mourn his loss. There is comfort, though in knowing that another saint has passed through those glorious gates.

Services for Alan Light will be held Wednesday, August 21 at First Presbyterian Church, 208 Tazewell Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. The Service will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. W. D. Hasty presiding. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the church's Janie and Herbert Light Congregational Care Fund or to the church's Capital 225 Fund (a capital improvement fund).

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Wm. Alan Light.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
208 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Memorial Service

AUG 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Firs Presbyterian Church
208 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Alan Light*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace, comfort and strength.
Andy and Jane Pfau (adult children of Otha & Osie Pfau)*

Jane Pfau - August 26, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *Ellen & family, what a beautiful service for Alan. We all will miss
him. Love, Chip & Georgann*

Chip & Georgann Simmons - August 21, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ *It's always a lot darker when the Light goes out.*

Stephen Thomas - August 21, 2019 at 08:57 AM



*Heart felt condolences to you, Ellen and family, from Diane and me.
Also included are your dad and son who's passings did not go
unnoticed.
Sincerely, Ed & Diane Grych*

Edward Grych - August 21, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Ellen, He was a quality person that I revered for over 30 years! The wonderful memories of you two will be with me forever! God Bless You! He and you are in my prayers!*

Love, Jerry

Jerry Morgan - August 20, 2019 at 10:04 AM

BM

Ellen, Hugs and prayers. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Alan. He was so kind and always knew my name when we would encounter each other. My thoughts and Prayers are with you.
Brenda Miller-Mann

Brenda Miller-Mann - August 25, 2019 at 09:07 PM

AF

“ *Holding you close in my love and prayers and sharing your sadness as we all remember Alan.*



Angie Foley - August 20, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wm. Alan Light.*



August 19, 2019 at 06:29 PM

CD

“ I'll always remember Alan rooting us on from the sideline in countless soccer games and hauling us around to various places in the back of the Dodge Intrepid, listening to Pink Floyd! He'll be missed. Sorry for your loss Ellen and Alex.

Chas Davis - August 19, 2019 at 08:30 AM

 Edith Moser

“ Ellen, I am so sorry for your loss.

Edith Moser - August 19, 2019 at 07:14 AM

RL

“ Hardly anyone ever made me laugh more than Allen Light! We had many serious discussions over the years but he always could add a humorous anecdote to make the problem less onerous. He was always caring and respectful of my family. I know the last few years were difficult but now he rests. God bless Ellen and Alex.
Randall Lester MD

Randall Lester - August 17, 2019 at 11:20 PM

EH

“ Ellen, Ernie and I are so saddened to hear of Allen's death. May God wrap you in His loving, peaceful arms as you travel this dark journey.

Ernie and Beth Hays - August 17, 2019 at 11:17 PM

LR

“ Ellen, I am saddened to hear of Alan's passing. My thought and prayers are with you at this time. May God give peace and comfort.

Laura Rush - August 17, 2019 at 09:15 PM