



Reginald "Reggie" H. Alt

July 15, 1942 - April 25, 2016

Reginald "Reggie" H. Alt age 73 of Spring Green, passed away Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. Reggie was born July 15, 1942 in Richland Center the son of Joseph & Edith (Phetteplace) Alt. He had a love for music, especially watching his son's play in their band. Reggie joined the horse wagon train and enjoyed his time traveling with the wagon train. Reggie loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his 3 children, Kyle (Tracie) Alt of Spring Green, Christopher (Tina) Alt of Spring Green, Emma Stephens (Marcus Kraemer) of Spring Green; 5 grandchildren, Brandon, Taylor, Ethan, Evan, Alicyn; 4 step grandchildren, 2 step great grandchildren; 3 brothers, Merle (Dorothy) Alt of Baraboo, James (Rita) Alt of Spring Green, Thomas (Della) Alt of Spring Green, a sister Cheryl Alt of Middleton; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Kenneth Alt.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4:00 PM until the time of service at 7:00 PM.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

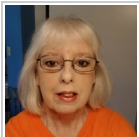
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Tribute Wall

GP

“ My sister Ann just told me, I am so sorry to hear this. Reggie is one of the reasons I wanted to play guitar as a kid. When the family got together he would ask me "where you at with your playing, show me" He would hand me his Gibson es335 and let me play it, and couch me up. A very loving man. one more great guitar player in heaven tonight. My dad singing and he's playing! George J Phetteplace

George J Phetteplace - May 18, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ I only just learned of Reggie's passing. He was always one of my favorite cousins. He was so full of laughter and smiles and was always ready to have a good time. My fondest memories are of going to halls and wedding receptions to listen to "The Plain Folks" play. So much talent within one family. I still remember Kyle, so small, getting up on stage and playing the drums with the band. We would all head out to the dance floor because you just could not sit still and listen to the wonderful music that the band played. Even my parents, George and Bev Phetteplace, would rock out. My condolences to all of the Alt family. Reggie will be missed greatly but our wonderful memories of him will keep him alive in our hearts.

My heartfelt condolences,

*Ann (Phetteplace) Landmark
Las Cruces, NM*

Ann Landmark - May 18, 2016 at 09:20 AM

KF

I agree Ann. Music was a huge part of our fun loving family ! The Plain Folks along with Edith, Reggie's mom & my mom, Norma & your dad, my uncle George,harmonizing whenever the occasion presented itself. Wonderful memories.

Karen (Peter) Fowler - May 31, 2016 at 09:22 PM

JS

“ *The one that sticks out most of all was; we were out one night and as always we had our 12-pak of beer. We hit the bars in the Dells and it was getting close to bar time. We said lets go to Richland Center, I said to Bird do you think we can make it before time with that 327 Red Chevelle, lets go, 80 to 100 miles an hour where we could on Hyw 58 (very curvy road) we were getting close when he lost it on this 25 mile an hour corner and we went in to a corn field, I got out and said, "Bird backup 50' and we'll be back on the road, he said shut up and get in. We went forward 50-70 miles an hour through the corn field (very noisy), than it was quiet until splash we're in the Wisconsin River, I roll the window down to through out my beer and the water just gushed, half the car was under water and the other half was caught on the bank, we called the cops, they came out and wanted to jail us, but didn't, even had a helicopter flying over to see and takes pictures of all the corn that was ruined. We called our wives Aud & JoAnn, needless to say they weren't happy. Poor Bird, they interegated him for a long while. I will never forget that little trip.*

Jim Schluter - May 04, 2016 at 05:11 PM

KF

“ To Reggie's Children and Grandchildren;



You know that your dad and grandfather was a special man and a cool one at that ! He was so many things to so many people. A sweet little boy to his parents and grandparents and a little brother to bug from his older siblings, at least until he grew older and turned the tables on them.

It has been stated in numerous books and other publications that God sends each of us to earth for a " special purpose " and to do His Will to the best of our ability. So, I'm thinking that at least one of Reggie's Lessons must have been to create hundreds of friendships, not to just be a friend but be a helpful friend when and wherever the need was there. That was Reg alright !

I know that each of you have your own special memories of him, happy and sad but without those moments in your life, there would have been such a void. Things happen for a reason...he became your dad and grandpa because God ask him to be and he loves all of you still ! Reg is gone from our sight only. You can still feel his presence in your life if your heart is open.

He will always be with you, he just has a new address is all !

*Continued blessings to your family
love ,
Karen Fowler, your cousin*

Karen Fowler - May 02, 2016 at 10:12 AM

GR

“ Reggie,

What a surprise it was to Ruthie & me to hear of your death. I would've liked to say goodbye to you in person, but that's just not possible anymore. It's been quite awhile since I last saw & talked to you, but you were never out of my memory. Since I believe you're still around, for a couple more days, before you're off to peace in the wild blue yonder, I'll add a few remarks for you to read. So many others have remembered you and commented on your 'friendship' with them...they all have certain memories of times with you. To me, you were the guy waiting outside school to pick up a 'certain someone' nearly every day; the guy who helped us 'underaged' get a six pack or so from time-to-time; the guy who helped line up the many nite-time field 'kegger parties' out in the country somewhere where the 'cops' wouldn't find us; the guy who had to park his '54 grey 4-door Bel Aire Chevy on a hill, so that he could release the brake, coast downhill, pop the clutch and start the car(geez, that'd always make me laugh); the guy who introduced me to nite-time shinning for coon and proved to me that it could be prepared well and be tasty!; the guy who loved to entertain, with his guitar or whatever(spoons?); the guy whom my mom(Bertha) had a special fondness for, especially when he walked the donkey with 'Mary' on board, down Main Street in Plain each year around Christmastime(usually unannounced, so you had to catch it happening or you'd miss it; word of mouth travels fast in Plain, so most got to see this special 'event'); the guy who seldom showed anger, most often showed a smile and was most always willing to help; a guy who was generous with himself to others in need. Reggie, I could go on, you know!! I hope you're reading and enjoying all the comments that have been posted to this 'memory' log. Take them with you as you move on; share them with those you'll come to see again. God speed, Reggie. Pray for those of us you know whom you leave behind. We instantly missed you when we got the news and you'll be missed forever by us here in this world. You know you'll be 'talked good about' in many casual conversations for a long time to come. Hope to see you...in the next life!

Love Ya, Gil & Ruthie Rieder

Gilbert Rieder - May 01, 2016 at 02:53 PM

JF

“ *Jane Fendryk lit a candle in memory of Reginald "Reggie" H. Alt*



Jane Fendryk - April 28, 2016 at 07:27 PM

JF

It's been a long time since my Cardinal days. I still can remember Reggie's laugh/ chuckle, his friendship & fatherly wisdom- even when I didn't realize I needed it! Chris & Tina, my heart goes out to yous & your family. Jane

Jane Fendryk - April 28, 2016 at 07:32 PM

 Philomena
Rieder-
Endres

“ *Philomena Rieder-Endres lit a candle in memory of Reginald "Reggie" H. Alt*



Philomena Rieder-Endres - April 27, 2016 at 06:27 PM

DS

“ Dear Reggie,

You've reached the top of the ladder -- no more worries, sickness or the many things we face in this life.

I've never forgotten being with you and some of your brothers, including your brother Tom. We'd be riding along, car packed with friends & you'd get out your guitar and we would all sing and sing and sing, country music. What carefree days. Those were the days, my friend, those were the days. Mom would get so mad at me and she'd say, "You were with those Alt boys again!" Ya, but she grew to love you all.

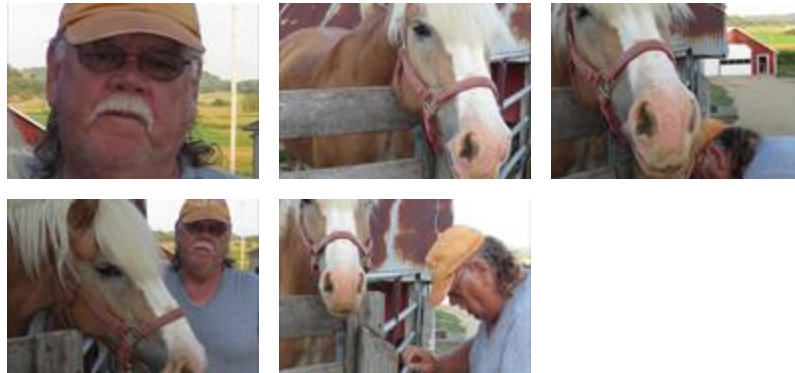
May Jesus, Mary & St. Joseph keep you in their care. Say some prayers for us to help us climb that ladder to Heaven. It's such a rough & sad world down here. I miss you, Reggie, & can't believe you've gone to Paradise.

Love, Donna Mae (Rieder) Schultz

Donna Mae Schultz - April 27, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - April 27, 2016 at 09:48 AM

DR

“ Vivid teenage memories of mine define Reggie as a real gentleman...loving and compassionate, and a lot of fun. His unique and most pleasant personality made him a "rare find", and should be a template for so many others...

Dennis Rieder

Dennis Rieder - April 27, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ "Reggie Alt !!" What a good guy was he. I rode so many miles with him in his "souped-up" 50's Chevy (antenna on each rear fender, another on front fender; mud flaps, fake white walls, fuzzy dice hanging on rear view mirror, little hulu doll dancing on the rear deck along with a bobble head beagle hound, a spotlight and re-verb for the radio's rear speaker), and all were driven up & down Main St. in Plain, WI. I remember the time our town cop, Leonard (Len) Aaron called out on his loudspeaker as Reggie made yet another pass, "Move 'er over a block Alt; You're wear'n out the pavement." He called his Chevy "Warshawski's on Wheels".

Reggie, you're being missed right now by everyone whose ever known you. All I can think to say: you were a good friend, a nice man, and a great pleasure always, whenever I was lucky enough to hang out with you. My sympathies to your brothers and Cheryl to see your photo in the 8:15 band. God bless us all. .../tom rieder

Thomas Rieder - April 26, 2016 at 03:47 PM



Should say, "...Cheryl, it was good to see..."

Thomas Rieder - April 26, 2016 at 03:51 PM

JH

My dear friend: you were always a ray of sunshine, when others like me couldnt even see the rainbow. I will never forget all the good times we had, and singing the music we grew up with. May we meet again in the heavens above, as god just got another singing angel. You will be missed and may god comfort all your family and friends. Judy (Alt) Hein

Judy (Alt) Hein - April 29, 2016 at 10:55 AM

PP

*“ Reggie was my second cousin .I have ALWAYS thought of him as fun loving ,and very friendly . His love of music knew no bounds . It saddens me to hear of his passing and my deepest sympathy's to all of his family .Now you have wings Reggie .
Patty (Pletzer)Montgomery and family*

patty Pletzer - April 26, 2016 at 06:35 AM

TC

“ We met in the early 70s when we worked at Badger Ordinance. He had invited me to come hear the band he was in and I did. The following Monday he asked what I thought. I told him I could sing allot better than the guy they had. About a week later he called and invited me to audition at the old Family Farm log cabin. I did and that was the beginning of the 8:15 Band! We had fun and made friends for life. I will miss you Reg. Love Ya Man!



Tom Collins - April 26, 2016 at 04:52 AM

KF

Thanks for this cool picture Tom ! By the way, the singer that you replaced was a cool guy too.....

Karen Fowler - April 29, 2016 at 09:04 PM

KF

“ To Reggie's family I send my sincere sympathy in his passing. Reg is my 1st cousin and we enjoyed many fun family gatherings over the years. Of course, music was always a special part of nearly every get together. What fun we had growing up with so many family & friends in our life. Rest in Peace Reg. ..you will be missed!



Karen (Pletzer) Fowler and family

Karen Fowler - April 25, 2016 at 09:45 PM



“ R.I.P. Reggie. Had a lot of good memories with you at Cardinal.

Matt Franklin - April 25, 2016 at 07:20 PM

HR

This from an old friend who shared many times fishing running around including coon hunting with the mules at night. I cannot believe the times I followed Reggie riding on one of the mules I asked Reg what do I do when we come to a fence Reg would say "hang on because he will jump over the fence" I would say say we are crazy thought we would die many times. One day Reg came to the house in his souped up Chevy slammed on the brakes and called me outside. Reg said "come on quick I just seen a male lion down at the Ferry Bluff landing where I was fishing" I said are you sure - have you been drinking - Oh by the way the lion is with a naked beautiful lady. Oh my we better get down there right away it might be Jane waiting for Tarzan - I never rode in that Chevy going so fast - we arrived and much to my surprise Reg was right there was a beautiful naked blonde lady lying on the bank and the Lion standing by. Reg took me back to where he was fishing and there he had a large sturgeon fish caught but needed help to land it and get it out of the river. We landed the fish and dragged it back to the car but when we got back the lion was gone and so was the lady. We tried to tell others but they would not believe it so we never shared the story again. We would go to the river slough and fish for the big one with quick lime in a jar - we would fix it up and drop the jar in the hole wait a minute and they the big bubble would show the damage and up came a big cat fish this we did many times - no one knew how we got the big ones. I stopped by to see Reg at home but never was there. Reg was a very great person enjoying the simple things. I know he is happy now and although his life was cut short there is a reason why he had to go but and I know he will make those in heaven laugh - I loved his band with the great music they generated especially at the three day celebrations - I will miss him along with many of my friends as well

Harvey Rieder - April 27, 2016 at 05:10 PM

KL

^^^ What a great story about the lion. That really does remind me of Reggie. Knew him from bands with Kyle and Chris. RIP Reggie - he was really a great guy.

Kari Labansky - May 02, 2016 at 03:27 PM