



Alan Eugene Baczuk

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Alan Eugene Baczuk, loving husband, father, Granpa & Great Papa, was surrounded by his wife and all his children as he returned to his Heavenly Father on May 26, 2020.

Alan was born in Joliet, Illinois, on September 16, 1938 to Joseph Robert Baczuk, Jr. and Mary Agnes Pucel. He was the third of five children. When they moved to Ogden Utah, he attended Ogden High School and Weber State where he met his sweetheart Sonia Dayle Harris. They married in the Salt Lake Temple on December 18, 1959. Alan served active duty in the United States Navy from 1960-1961 and the navy reserves until 1981. He worked loyally for State Farm Insurance for 47 years, living in Idaho, Washington and in a sweet log cabin home near Missoula, Montana. His family loved spending time with him there fishing, shooting arrows, sleeping in his tepee, and listening to his harmonica, Indian flute, and endless fishing and hunting stories. He was happiest in the mountains, sage brush and yellow “quakies”! His desire to serve the Lord drove him to sell the log home so he and Sonia could serve two missions: Singapore and Oklahoma City. He loved people and loved helping and serving them all of his life. He was preceded in death by both parents, brother Robert Joseph, and sisters Lorraine Jeannette and Janice Schroeder. He is survived by his sister Patty Chaffin (Don) and children: Eric (Kathy), Kyle (Cynthia), Stacy Ferguson (Ed), Aaron (Mindi) and Gregg (Karisa) with 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren (with more on the way!) A graveside service will be held for the family.



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RC

Richard Clark posted:

I lived a couple blocks from Alan in Ogden. He wanted to begin playing football as a senior and on the way to the first practice, he asked me if I thought he could make the team. I said yes, but probably not first string. He suited up, putting his hip pads on backwards. But, he was a great athlete and was soon a starting defensive back. We would walk by Saint Benedicts on the way to practice. He said the sisters wouldn't mind if we picked a few peaches. After my mission, I attended stake conference and the next speaker they announced, was Alan Baczuk. I thought, "I didn't know they invited Catholics to speak in stake conference." He had joined the Church. He was always a wonderful friend. Richard Clark June 13, 2020

June 13 at 6:14 AM

RC

Richard Clark posted:

Alan lived a couple blocks from us, on 36th street, in Ogden. We played football together at Ogden High,,,often stopping by St Benedicts on the way, to pick a few peaches. He was a superb athlete, although he didn't play until his junior or senior year. He put his hip pads on backwards the first day he suited up. He was a wonderful friend. Richard Clark

June 12 at 6:29 PM

BM

Brian Mcclatchie posted:

I met the Baczuk family soon after I joined the church as a teenager in Federal Way. Al took such good care of me in those first few years as I learned new things. Always positive, full of enthusiasm, and teaching life lessons anytime he could. After getting married, we loved living in Missoula, MT for two years of college and visiting them for Sunday dinners in their log home overlooking the Bitterroot Valley. I especially remember how sincerely he would praise Soni during those dinners. He made it clear he was deeply in love. Very grateful for his influence and friendship and pray the best for Soni and the family.

June 7 at 7:01 AM

LG

Leilani Garfield posted:

I was sad to hear about Uncle Alan. He was always so friendly and kind. I have many good memories of him and his family at family reunions. I appreciated the special relationship he and Aunt Soni had with my parents, especially in their later years. My parents looked forward to the times they spent together and often enjoyed playing games with them. I send my condolences to his family and pray for your comfort.

June 6 at 11:07 AM



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DB

Debbi Morgan Bardsley posted:

I am sorry to hear about Alan's passing. I have a lot of fond memories of your family and wish you peace at this time. -Debbi Morgan Bardsley

June 5 at 5:16 AM

EL

Elyssa shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I have fond memories of visiting Grandpa and Grandma in their log cabin house in Missoula, MT, and spending Christmases together. Grandpa loved to scare us grandkids, and shout "Fe Fi Fo Fum!" When I was little, he would take me for a ride in his green truck, and go on a trip to the dump. Sometimes he would take me on the "Scary Road" when they lived in Federal Way, WA. I would beg him to pull the cord to toot his truck horn. I remember his Indian whistle and other native knick-knacks. We spent time panning for gold at Reed's gold mine in North Carolina, and carving hiking sticks. My little dog Joey adored Grandpa, and loved sitting in his lap for scratches. I will forever love and miss my Grandpa Baczuk.



June 4 at 1:41 PM

GN

George Neilson posted:

I couldn't understand my home teacher taking me all the way East of the Cascades to bow hunt and our driving back Saturday evening... after all when we went hunting it was always 'til Sunday night. After the second or third time, I understood how much better to have both hunted and worshiped on the same weekend. Thanks Al for sharing your friendship and your greatness with me and our family.
George & Kay Neilson

May 31 at 7:54 AM



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MP

Mindy Pitcher posted:

When we were kids, even though they lived far away, we always loved it when Uncle Alan and Aunt Soni and their family came down to visit all of us in Salt Lake City. Uncle Alan's big, warm smile, his entertaining stories, and his interest in us and our family made for some wonderful visits and great memories. It was also fun to see the sweet relationship that he had with his wife, and to hear them teasing each other back and forth, they were so cute together 😊 and both of them always made us laugh!! It was also neat to hear him talk about our Harris relatives and his love for our side of the family, but especially about his and Aunt Sonia's kids and grandkids in such a loving way. I'm sure he and Aunt Soni must feel very blessed to have their beautiful family. They've also helped and served many others in this life, and we're so grateful to have known them and their family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you Aunt Soni, and with your kids and grandkids. Love you, Mindy and Dave Pitcher

May 29 at 7:40 PM

MJ

Marilyn Janes posted:

Alan and his sweet wife Sonia were down the street neighbors who regularly came to pick up their mail from the community mail box located next to our home. They were both very dedicated to the Lord's work and were always welcoming people to come and learn about "His" church. Alan was a fighter, as exemplified by his determination to fully recover when he had foot/ankle surgery. He just kept plowing on, even when it was extremely challenging; then after a year or so, his success was evident. He loved delivering sacrament meeting messages and eloquently preached the doctrine with his loving, committed wife and testimony. Rest in Peace dear man, your friends, family, neighbors and fellow church members will help Sonia carry on.

May 29 at 1:57 PM

MR

Maren Roberts posted:

I have only known Alan and his loving wife, Sonia, for a short time. But Alan is someone that I feel privileged to have met and known. He was a devout man, and so willing to help and serve others. He had a contagious smile. I feel grateful for his memories and happy moments that we were able to converse over. What a life he lived! And with such a wonderful woman by his side! My heart and my prayers go out to Sonia and her beautiful family at this time, and always. Sending you all my condolences and wishes for comfort and peace! Sincerely, Maren Roberts

May 29 at 8:55 AM



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Barbara & Derek Dunaj lit a candle in honor of Alan.



May 29 at 7:50 AM



Barbara & Derek Dunaj posted:

As recent convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Brother Baczuk and I got it off right away. He and his beautiful wife Sonia mentored us in our Temple preparation classes. We were so looking forward to Alan and Sonia attending our endowment to the temple. I sure hope he is there with heavenly father in spirit, no don't his presence will be felt. Our most sincere prayers go out to Sonia and their entire family. May our glorious Lord bless them all.

May 29 at 7:49 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Baczuk family.



May 28 at 11:03 PM



Christine Evans posted:

Sonia and family I'm so sorry for your loss.I will always remember the countless times we shared together. He was a great example in all he did. Love you Chris Evans

May 28 at 7:17 PM



Jeffrey Vanderhoeven posted:

He was one of my scout leaders for many years. He was a good and honorable man and always had a great lesson or skill to teach. He gave freely of his time to help us boys become better people. So sorry to hear of his passing.J. VanderHoeven

May 28 at 7:02 PM



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TB

Ted & Mary Burgess posted:

Alan & Sonia knew more games to play than any body than I knew off and they often invited my wife and others to play them and share their friendship and we will miss him greatly

May 28 at 12:51 PM

MB

Mike Baczuk posted:

We are saddened to hear the news of Uncle Alan and extend our sympathy to Sonia and the rest of Alan's family. The descriptions in his tribute coincide greatly with those of his brother Robert. Dedicated to his family, his field of service and his company. They both had a great love for the outdoors that was most likely instilled by their father Joe, fishing and hunting the canyons east of Ogden. Both Alan and Robert enjoyed artistic expression. Alan in music and Robert in painting, taxidermy and wood carving. And it seems both of their favorite trees were the beloved "quakies" that really drove home the similarities of these two brothers. Like Robert, I am sure Alan with Sonia, relish in the accomplishments of their children and grandchildren. I've always respected Uncle Al as engaging, attentive and extremely cordial and wish I had taken him up on his offer to visit the cabin. Similar to the loss of Robert, we sympathize and identify with Alan's immediate family and the difficult loss of the family cornerstone. Godspeed Uncle Al, Michael John and Peggy Eble Baczuk

May 28 at 10:16 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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