



Alan Wayne Stonecipher

March 19, 1950 - January 21, 2025

Alan Stonecipher, 74, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 21, 2025. Alan joked for many years that he would like his gravestone to read “I always suspected this would happen.” As he would say, his premonition was correct.

Alan’s life was defined by his strong sense of ethics, justice, and desire to help people in need, which animated his career working to advance progressive policies. He was especially proud of his work at the Florida Board of Regents under Governor Lawton Chiles to reduce class sizes, improve the state’s child care centers, and increase access to school readiness programs like pre-K. Alan had an ear for music and loved baseball, basketball, and football. He was a skilled writer, a voracious reader, and had a near-photographic memory.

Alan is survived by his beloved children Caroline and Christopher; his siblings Lynne, Elliott, and Philip; and his loving family by marriage (and divorce), the Grahams.

In his own words, Alan said he believed the purpose of life “might be to attempt, even after failure after failure, to make existence a little better for both the people we know and the world at large.” If you would like to join his family in honoring his memory, please consider making a donation to the COPD Foundation, www.copdfoundation.org and, in his words, "make the most of

daily opportunities for kindness."

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Stonecipher family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

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“ Alan played basketball together at C.E. Byrd High School from 1965-1968. Alan was not the fastest or high scorer, but when he stepped on the court, in a game or practice, he gave 110% effort. Off the court, a never heard him say anything derogatory about a fellow student. Nobody ever questioned his integrity , his morality, or his sense of fair play. I never saw Alan after we graduated, but his sister Lynn became my neighbor in Fredericksburg, VA. Rest in peace Alan.

Steve Robertson - January 23, 2025 at 04:04 PM

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Thanks so much, Steve. That was a lovely and informative comment that warms my heart. Glad we got to be neighbors after so many years after Byrd. I know Alan is done with pain and free as a real bird. Lynne

Lynne Wood - February 04, 2025 at 09:21 PM