



Franklin P. Alter

September 6, 1945 - June 7, 2020

RICHMOND, Ind. – Franklin P. Alter, age 74, of Richmond, Indiana, died unexpectedly Sunday, June 7, 2020, at his home.

Born September 6, 1945, in Dayton, Ohio, to Harry A. and Katherine Albin Alter, Frank lived in Richmond most of his life. He was a 1963 graduate of Richmond High School and attended IU East. Frank served in the U.S. Army. He retired from Alcoa/Silgan in 2011, where he worked for over 40 years. In 2015, Frank and his family became the owners of Legends Southside Bar. He enjoyed spending time on his farm and with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Suzanne Roberts Alter; children, Jon (Mark Killingbeck) Alter of Texas, Kristen (Tim) Cole of Richmond, and Brian (Amber) Alter of Washington; grandchildren, Travis (Kirstin) Wolfe of Kentucky, Jesi Cole of Richmond, and Broc (Ashley) Cole of Centerville, Indiana; siblings, Diane (David) Porfidio of Florida, Katy (Andy) Kneier of California, and Skip (Debbie) Alter of Ohio; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends, including his Legends family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Barbara Alter.

Private burial for Franklin P. Alter will be in Earlham Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at <http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com>.

Cemetery

Earlham Cemetery

1101 National Road West

Richmond, IN, 47374

Comments



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. We shared many Berry Field memories.

Bill and Norma Surber, Michael Surber, and Shelley Sams.

Shelley Sams - June 24, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Alter family. Praying for God's comfort upon all.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Banda (Silgan Closures)
Co-Worker to Frank Alter

Rosemary Banda - June 17, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ I'm so sadden to hear of the death of my classmate of 1963 and co-worker of Alcoa! Frank was my friend! Patty Smith-Brown!

Patty Brown - June 14, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ My love and care go out to Suzanne, Jon, Kristen and Brian and their families at this time and always. We lost Frank a few days ago and he is in my heart and a part of my soul...forever.
I have a zillion memories...some great, some good and some quite funny. And, all those memories make up my older brother. .. but, he was much more than those memories because he had relationships of meaning with so many others! Thank you Frank for having a good heart and for being a generous and loving person in your community. I hope you are somewhere with Barb, Mom and Dad... being pure “love” ... because in the end that is what we surely become... and you too Frank!
Love you, Katy (your littlest sister)

Katy Kneier - June 13, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Mr. Frank was my soccer coach for many years and Kristin was my wonderful teammate. He was not only a soccer coach in the 1980's but a dedicated coach of girls soccer. As I have gotten older I have appreciated this much more. If not for his dedication to coaching me and my teammates would not have had the opportunity to be the first girls varsity soccer team at Richmond High School. He fearlessly sported a mustache and wanted us to be great but it would be okay if things didn't go our way. He was a good kind man and that whole team was a highlight of my high school experience. My most sincere condolences to Miss Suzanne and to Kristin and the whole Alter family.

Allison (Toedebusch) Tierney

Allison Tierney - June 12, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I first met Frank when I worked at Silgan. He sold me my first house and he was always willing to give advice on those darn rentals. He was such a sweet person, always pleasant and smiling. He will be truly missed by so many. My condolences to his family.



Cindy Hofer - June 12, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ So sorry for the passing of Frank. It knocked me down to hear about it and took me a few days to be able to write this. My heart hurts for Suzanne and the rest of the family. When we moved into Berry Field in the early '60s I had just gotten out of 6th grade and my brother, Kevin, still lives in the family house on North Dr. I spent many a night spending the night in the Alter house with Skip in those early years. Katy and I were in the same grade and she and Diane were two beautiful ladies. When I think of those years I think of playing basketball there in the driveway and many wonderful nights of kick the can in the cul-de-sac. We had our own little slice of heaven back then. I always looked at Frank as like a big brother and in fact bought the house across the street from them for my oldest girl. I wasn't shown until I was 65 yrs. old that we are all part of God and forever, always have been and always will be. Our bodies just wear out and we merge back with God, prepare for our next lifetime and we're back again in a year or so starting another lifetime. So it doesn't help ease the pain any now but he's just transitioned and you will be with him again in a coming lifetime. We leave a little piece of our souls with family so we can find each other in coming lifetimes. And he'll always be a part of you for the rest of this lifetime. So if you ever want to talk to him just do so because he'll always be with you. God bless and much love to all. Brian Demuth

Brian D Demuth - June 12, 2020 at 07:00 AM



“ Dear Alter Family,
My heart breaks for all of you at the sudden loss of Frank. I spent a good portion of my younger years at the Alter house in Berry Field with Katy and Diane as we were all swimmers for Mr. Tiano. Then, knowing Suzanne and Frank over the past years, having Kristen at RHS, and all those fun times of coaching with Jon are memories I will always treasure about all of you. What a beautiful family and my hope for you is to find comfort and peace knowing you are surrounded by the strength and love of your friends. Dear Alter family, you will always hold a special place in my heart. With my sincerest sympathy and love, Rae Ferriell Woolpy

Rae Ferriell-Woolpy - June 11, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ I am sorry for the tragic loss of Frank.

He and I worked closely together during the latter part of his career at Silgan and I learned much from him. His influence was not limited to Silgan as he was truly an important figure in the ROPP closure and bottling industries. He worked with and educated individuals from many of the biggest beverage brands in the world and they still speak of him to this day – almost ten years after he retired. This is a great loss for all of us, but I want to extend special condolences to his beloved family.

Josh Chesney - June 11, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and love ones in this time of loss. Frank was a good man and will be missed. May he Rest In Peace

Keith Deans - June 12, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Franklin P. Alter.



June 11, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Rest in peace old friend. Condolences to the family.

John W Bowman - June 11, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ We were very fortunate to have worked with Frank. He was part of our family at White Cap and will be remembered as wonderful co-worker and a friend to many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Alter family.

Les Herold

Les Herold - June 11, 2020 at 08:05 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Frank at Silgan Closures. What a hard working and very knowledgeable man. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Lisa Quinlivan
Silgan Closures

Lisa Quinlivan - June 10, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ Dear Alter Family,
We are saddened by the sudden death of Frank. He was such a jolly and friendly soul who always seemed glad to see you at Legends. He will be greatly missed. Our prayers to your family that God grant you peace and comfort during this most difficult time.
Ron & Kathie Allee

Ron & Kathie Allee - June 10, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ I worked with Frank At Alcoa. He was one of my favorite foremen . He had "backbone" which was rare at that time. He knew you outside of the shop as well, when he saw you out and about. A great loss . Deepest condolences to all of his family. S. Hawkey

shirley hawkey - June 10, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Cousin Suzanne, so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. It's been a long time ago, but I have fond memories of Christmases past in Cambridge City. May you find comfort in your many memories.
Carol Bachmann

Carol Bachmann - June 10, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ Frank was a great guy, always had a smile for everyone. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. Prayers to all the family.

Bobbi Fields Carter - June 10, 2020 at 12:57 AM



“ Sarah Erbse Hellrung lit a candle in memory of Franklin P. Alter



Sarah Erbse Hellrung - June 09, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ So sorry, Suzanne and Kristen, I let Allison know
Bill Toedebusch

Toedebusch - June 09, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ Susie; so sorry to hear about Frank,I worked with Frank for many years. I considered Frank a friend and had a lot good times outside of work. I am sure you will miss him so much and you're entire family will feel the lost. God Bless. Jim & Dana Bradshaw

Jim Bradshaw - June 08, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ Rest easy good man in so many ways , We road the school bus to Pleasant View, us 27 was 2 lanes. We snow ball fought and played in Berry Field, raced bicycles , had bbgun fights, raised great children. Your laugh at a good story was infectious. Your steel trap memory was like we were stil kids. Loyal to all, helpful; creative and capable of enjoying the moment at hand. You could have fun in a phone booth. We will all miss you , Frank ---Go with God!

Bob Van Pelt - June 08, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ I only met Frank once but he stood out as a very nice man. Skip and all the family, my deepest condolences to you. I pray you will find peace and comfort in the days and weeks and months ahead as you come to terms with the loss of a loved member of your family. Next time we are in Richmond, we will certainly go to Legends and toast his memory. God bless. Linda Carroll Burbridge

Linda Carroll Burbridge - June 08, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ Frank was such a fun loving person. My sincere sympathies to his friends and family. May he rest peacefully in heaven.

Becki Demuth - June 08, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Just a few months ago we were riding around on his farm. As soon as I get back to Richmond I'll be going to Legends to drink a beer in honor of this fine man.

Jerry Holthouse - June 08, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Frank for many years at the Richmond Alcoa plant. He was a wonderful guy and will be greatly missed. He sailed in the Caribbean and ran marathons in his younger days. He also dedicated many hours to developing the sport of soccer in Richmond. He lived life to the fullest. May he rest in peace.

tom donat - June 08, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ My deepest condolences for Frank's family and friends. He was a dear friend, and I will miss him. Prayers for comfort and peace during this sad time. I have such fond memories of him to cherish, and know all of you do as well. RIP dear Frank.

Elizabeth Stracener - June 08, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Kristen, so sorry to hear about your Dad. Such a nice guy, fond soccer memories. Condolences to you and your family.

Anne Wettig - June 08, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

David Lydick and the Staff of Doan & Mills - June 08, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Suzanne and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with all.
Joan Taulbee

Joan Taulbee - June 08, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ One of nicest persons I ever met!

Ron Parshall - June 08, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ WONDERFUL NEIGHBOR !! HE WILL BE MISSED !!

Connie Smelser - June 09, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ We will miss our neighbor & friend...

marian sanger - June 10, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Mr. Frank was my soccer coach for many years and Kristin was my wonderful teammate. He was not only a soccer coach in the 1980's but a dedicated coach of girls' soccer. It is only because of his years of coaching the Richmond girls' competitive team that we were able to become the first varsity girls soccer team at Richmond High School. I know that was meaningful to me and to all of the great girls on that team. I offer my sincere condolences to Miss Suzanne, Kristin and the entire Alter family. Allison (Toedebusch) Tierney

Allison Tierney - June 11, 2020 at 03:58 PM