



## Alan L. Stockdale

March 5, 1957 - June 24, 2025

Alan L. Stockdale, age 68, of Mentor-on-the-Lake, passed away at home on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. He was born on March 5, 1957 in Painesville.

Al lived a life full of quiet strength, warm laughter, and deep devotion to the people he loved.

He was a highly skilled pressman and retired from The News Herald, where he took great pride in his work. He was known for his contagious smile and easy laugh - both of which made everyone around him feel welcome and at ease.

A loving father and gracious friend, Al will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and love for his family. He found peace in tending his garden, had a passion for cooking and sports, particularly baseball, and was a Cleveland fan throughout his life.

Al's legacy lives on in the flowers he grew, the family he loved, and the kindness he showed to everyone he met.

He leaves behind his cherished daughters: Erin Stockdale, Allison (Dillon) Furlong, Jessica (Jason) Yates, Jena (Mike) Manson, Jillian (Zachary) Morris, Leighanne Rath and his beloved grandchildren: Casement, Kellen, Michael,

Makenzie, Caleb, Emma, Lucas, June, Reese, Mac, and Leilah. He is also survived by his brother, Bryan (Debra) Stockdale; niece, Rachel Stockdale; and nephew, Jason Stockdale.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Debra Kaleal; his father, Wesley (Mary Jane) Stockdale; and his mother, Bonnie (Robert) Goe.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2025 at the funeral home.

A celebration of Al's life will follow Friday evening, July 11, 2025 at the Mentor Beach Park Pavilion, located at 7779 Lake Shore Blvd., Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Al's memory be made to the Ed Keating Center or the Prince of Peace Church Life Recovery Group.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Visitation

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## Celebration of Life

JUL 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

Mentor Beach Park Pavilion  
7779 Lake Shore Blvd  
Mentor on the Lake, OH 44060

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Al may you rest in eternal peace it was great knowing and working with you at the News Herald. To Al;s family sorry for your loss and you are all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Robert Woods

Robert Woods - July 11, 2025 at 03:37 PM

TT

“ To a best friend of 60 years, I love you and miss you. Thank you for being my best friend. I love you forever and a day. Rest in peace.

Tim Tessmer - July 11, 2025 at 10:28 AM

LH

“ Laurie Beth Hummer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan L. Stockdale.

Laurie Beth Hummer - July 11, 2025 at 06:21 AM

LH

“ Laurie Beth Hummer purchased the Pretty Pleas e for the family of Alan L. Stockdale.



Laurie Beth Hummer - July 11, 2025 at 06:21 AM

MF

“ Mike and Michelle Tankovich and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alan L. Stockdale.



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**Mike and Michelle Tankovich and family** - July 10, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alan L. Stockdale.



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July 10, 2025 at 10:05 AM

BS

“ Al and I enjoyed many great times over the years. I have so many great memories of golfing with Al. While I did not see him as often as I would like, I was fortunate to see him now and then when he came to North Carolina and he and my wife and I would visit and enjoy a dinner together. Rest in peace my friend you live on in our hearts.

*Brian and Kathy Sparrow*

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**Brian Sparrow** - June 29, 2025 at 04:10 PM

JF

“ Al was a great friend, teammate, and co-worker at The News-Herald. He was a very good baseball pitcher when I met Al, and one of my first friends when I moved from Euclid to Mentor in 1972. I remember we both made the varsity baseball team at Mentor High School our sophomore year in 1973 along with Thom Mock. Al had outstanding stuff, and he was just as great on our '74 & '75 teams. I always enjoyed catching a game when Al was pitching. We both ended up working at The News-Herald after high school and college. Al was one of the best Pressman I ever worked with in my 35 year career in the newspaper industry. I remember that he had a great smile and an unforgettable laugh. There are so many great memories I'll carry with me for the rest of my life. I was so fortunate to know him, to work with him, and to call him a friend. Rest in peace Stocker. I'll see you again someday. Until then, keep that arm warm. Frust.

John 16:21-22.

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**Jim Frustere** - June 28, 2025 at 07:42 PM

PF

Al was a neighbor of ours when we moved to Mentor on the Lake 10 years ago. We were the neighbors who talked over the fence. He got a dog he named Bonnie. Our Doogan loved Bonnie. He would call for her to come out. It may have drove Al nuts. When we were out & the dogs would bark he said don't worry it doesn't bother me. That's good because Mallori & Doogan loved doing their twilight barks. To his family, keep his memory alive for the young ones! Rest easy Al!

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**Paul & Marsha Fox** - June 29, 2025 at 12:40 PM

JM

Truly sad, one of the best!  
Rest in Peace Al Stockdale.

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**James McCrea** - July 01, 2025 at 07:46 AM