



## Alan K Simpkins Sr.

March 25, 2015

Alan Keith Simpkins Sr., 70, of Southampton, NJ, formerly of Cinnaminson, NJ passed on March 25, 2015. Beloved husband of JoAnn (nee Schilke) for 48 years. Loving father to Laurie and her husband Tim, and Alan Jr. Loving Poppy to Amanda and Shane.

Born in Camden, NJ on February 22, 1945, Al was the son of the late Raymond Simpkins and Sarah Lindemuth, and stepson of the late Paul Lindemuth. He is survived by his brothers Raymond and Frederick Simpkins and sister Isabel Lindemuth Teplitz.

Al was a graduate of Moorestown High School Class of 1963, where he was a varsity letter winner in multiple sports. He attended Fullerton Junior College in California after high school. Upon his return from California, Al and JoAnn were married and began their family in Riverton, NJ and were longtime residents of Rancocas Woods and Cinnaminson. He spent 28 years of his life working for Stroehmann Bakeries.

To his friends and family he was known simply as "Big Al".

Big Al enjoyed going to Philadelphia sporting events, concerts and casinos. He also could be found on soccer, softball, baseball and football sidelines rooting both his children and grandchildren on over the years. He also took great pleasure in spending time at the various beaches of the Jersey Shore and Atlantic Coast swimming in the ocean. He loved to ride the waves, float, and always had to have one last dip. Or, you could find him enjoying the simple pleasures in life at his home relaxing on his deck, reading the newspaper every day from front to back, taking a swim in his pool or attempting to start a roaring fire in his rec room.

He was a member of the Fleetwood Sportsmen Association where he spent numerous hours playing softball, making many friends and hitting monstrous foul balls. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge where he would love to stop and visit at each local lodge during a road trip.

As a father, Al lead by example. He was a dedicated, hard-working, selfless man who took great pride in raising his children.

As stated by one of his former high school classmates and a life-long friend, "Al had the demeanor to always make you feel he genuinely cared about you, and he was always very interested in your well-being. And, yet he asked for nothing in return. I never once heard him complain about anything regardless of what was going on with his life whether it be working very long hours as a bread man, or later in life dealing with health issues. He was in the classic sense a survivor in this world which more people should emulate. It just was part of his persona to be upbeat and positive regardless of the situation. I will miss his very easy going attitude, his very quick smile, and his robust laugh. I will miss being his friend. Big Al truly was the most gracious, and no question in my mind, the nicest person that I have ever known. I am humbled to have been a friend of his."

We invite you to share more thoughts, memories and photos to this site. Big Al was an amazing man and we would love to hear your stories. He will never be forgotten, and will live in our hearts and minds forever. We are all blessed to have had him for 70 years on this Earth.

Funeral service Monday 10:30 am at the Lewis Funeral Home, 78 E. Main St. Moorestown, NJ. Visitation Monday 9:30- 10:30 am at the Funeral Home. Interment Lakeview memorial Park, Cinnaminson, NJ

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the American Heart Association or the Cinnaminson Township Parks and Recreation Youth Sports.

May you Rest in Peace Daddy.



# Comments

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“ I was saddened to hear about Big Al that was very important to myself & my family. He has been in my life since I was a child. We have kept in touch from living in Rancocas Woods and moving to Cinnaminson and spending time at the shore. I have fond memories babysitting Laurie & Alan for JoAnn and Al for many years. After spending time with the family, that had always been there for me, I decided to become a teacher. JoAnn & Al have been wonderful caring, supportive people and a big influence in my life, which I am very thankful for. I wish I could have been there today. Please accept my condolences. I know 70 years seems too young, I lost my father at 70 as well but I know my Dad & Al will be playing softball & sitting on the beach up in Heaven like they were 25 years old again.

Love & Hugs to you all,  
Terri Schneider Chase, Calvin, Nick & Chelsea  
Cape Coral, Florida

**Terri Chase** - March 30, 2015 at 09:18 PM

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“ Dear JoAnn, Laurie, Alan, Tim, Amanda, & Shane,  
We're so very sorry to hear of the tremendous loss of your husband, father & Poppy. Big Al was as big as his heart & always had a warm smile & kind word. Our friendship of almost 50 years will be cherished. My favorite Big Al memory is the Mystery Midnight Race around Barnegat Pier near my parents summer home. A neighbor was asking around who the driver was. I denied knowing anything. Now my parents, the neighbors & neighborhood (Hurricane Sandy) are all gone now. So now I can finally TELL.  
It was Big Al. May he rest in peace.  
Sorry we can't be with you for Big Al's service but you'll be in our thoughts & prayers.  
Love, ELLEN & BOB MOSS

**Ellen Moss** - March 29, 2015 at 05:50 PM

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“ We are heartbroken to hear of your loss. Big Al was truly a friend to everyone and always had a smile on his face. JoAnn, Alan, Laurie, Tim, Amanda, and Shane (and family) - may you find peace and comfort from your family and friends and the memories that you will cherish forever. You are in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come! We love you! ~Jen, John, Annie, and Sydney Buyser



**Jennifer Buyser** - March 28, 2015 at 06:32 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alan K Simpkins Sr..



March 28, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ "Big Al" was a very kind, gentle man. His legacy will endure.

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**Dan Larter** - March 28, 2015 at 02:32 PM

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“ Dan and Margie Larter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alan K Simpkins Sr..



**Dan and Margie Larter** - March 28, 2015 at 02:27 PM

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“ Martha Vandegrift Sowers purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alan K Simpkins Sr..



**Martha Vandegrift Sowers** - March 27, 2015 at 08:07 PM

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“ Wilson Arroyo & Vineet Chib purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Alan K Simpkins Sr..



**Wilson Arroyo & Vineet Chib** - March 27, 2015 at 06:26 PM

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“ stu clark purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alan K Simpkins Sr..



**stu clark** - March 27, 2015 at 04:46 PM

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“ Al was always upbeat and positive no matter the situation, a great friend and teammate. My condolences to Joanne and family  
Stu Clark

**stu clark** - March 27, 2015 at 04:38 PM

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“ Big Al will be greatly missed by many people. He always told me I was his favorite but now I'm hearing he said that to many people . What a remarkable Gift to let people know how very much he truly cared! He always had a smile and wanted to know how you were !

**Denise Schneider Brown** - March 28, 2015 at 05:19 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Big Al. He was like a father to so many of us growing up. Sending love and hugs to all of you.

Love,  
Lori (Sauer)

**lori powers** - March 27, 2015 at 04:00 PM

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“ May God's grace and peace surround Joann and all of Al's family and friends. I remember Al's smile and gentle ways of being in the world. Another light of love in the world has been extinguished...but continues to shine in God's glorious realm.



**Penny Anderson Gladwell** - March 27, 2015 at 02:23 PM

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“ LOVE JEFF, JAMIE, SHAUNA AND DYAN SMITH purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Alan K Simpkins Sr..



LOVE JEFF, JAMIE, SHAUNA AND DYAN SMITH - March 27, 2015 at 10:11 AM

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“ I still have such fond memories of "Big Al" and Moorestown days. Al was a wonderful, nice, and caring person. He had such a great group of friends and a fabulous family starting with Joann. I'm thinking of you guys! He will be missed!  
Eggie

Gregory Egner - March 27, 2015 at 10:04 AM

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“ Dear family of Alan Simpkins Sr.:

I am sorry to hear that you lost your dear husband and father. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. We have a great hope for the future because God promises to bring those we lost to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief Bible message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

S. Johnson

s. johnson - March 27, 2015 at 06:03 AM

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“ Blessings and sincere condolences to Al's family.  
I was a classmate of Al's at Moorestown High School and remember him as truly "salt of the earth". Solid, solid, solid, warm and humble.  
I am blessed to have known him.  
Peter A Thomas

**Peter Thomas** - March 26, 2015 at 07:43 PM



“ Condolences to Al's family. Though I didn't keep in touch over the years after high school his sudden passing saddens me. I'm ready other's accounts of a warm and giving person Al was and I'm have missed that. As we wave good-bye to him from one shore, know that there are those waiting his arrival on the other. May he forever rest in peace and may his family know that Al is with our God, safe and happy. Rich Worrell

**Richard** - March 27, 2015 at 10:52 PM



“ How to sum up the life and gentle heart of Big Al in a sentence or two? His legacy is the greatest tribute and will live on in the memories of his wife, his family and his legion of friends. The class of 1963 has been blessed by the years of friendship with Big Al.

**Gayle Roberts Payne** - March 28, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ Al was our next door neighbor for 39 years, and a high school friend before that. He was a wonderful man: always friendly and caring. And he always made you feel special. Our condolences go out to Jo Ann, Laurie, Alan, Tim, Amanda and Shane. You all are in our prayers. Al will be greatly missed.

Dan and Donna Cooperson,

**donna haller cooperson** - March 28, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ Big Al, our favorite and best neighbor of 39 years. We will always remember the great smile, the big hello, and good times over the many years plus your appreciation of Carmella's Italian cooking.

Our sincere condolences to Jo Ann and her wonderful family.

Louis and Carmella Alessandroni

**louis/carmella** - March 29, 2015 at 02:22 PM