



Rex Dale Aldridge Jr.

November 11, 1958 - December 2, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Rex Dale Aldridge, Jr.

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Rex Dale Aldridge, Jr., age 66, of Carbondale, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2024 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale after an auto accident.

He was born on November 11, 1958 to Rex Dale and Loretta H. (Halter) Aldridge, Sr. in St. Louis, Missouri. On November 11, 2011, he married the love of his life, Anita Hubbard and together they have spent over 13 years together and she survives.

Rex was an all-around athlete in High School and then played football at Drake University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He worked primarily in food service and also farmed. He and Anita participated in the Carbondale Farmers Market for many years. Rex enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing poker. Rex was an outgoing, generous,

and kind person.

Along with his wife, survivors include his daughter, Ashley Aldridge; sons, Austin Aldridge, Aaron Taylor Aldridge, John Waldron; brother, Steve (Lisa Bell) Aldridge; sister, Barbara Olsen and Lynda (Matthew) Lennartz; multiple, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Kent Eaton officiating and stories by friends and family at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at Crain Pleasant Grove- Murdale Funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial donations be made to St. Francis Animal Shelter.

The cremation of Rex Dale Aldridge, Jr. has been personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home

Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Memorial Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

ZE

“Rex was a man of extraordinary character—a true embodiment of wisdom, kindness, and steadfastness. To me, he was not just a friend but a mentor, a teacher, and in many ways, a grandfather. He lived his life with a quiet nobility, finding joy and purpose in the simplest yet most profound aspects of life.

I will always remember the hours we spent together crafting Christmas decorations—transforming wood into reindeer and snowmen, as if by sheer will and imagination he could bring life to the inanimate. His greenhouse and garden were reflections of his soul—cultivated with care, patience, and a deep reverence for creation. Whether we were harvesting okra or repairing his greenhouse, every moment felt imbued with meaning, as though he was passing on not just skills but life lessons.

Rex was a man who showed that the beauty of life lies in diligence, creativity, and the relationships we nurture. In his presence, one could not help but feel a sense of peace, as though the world made a bit more sense when he was near.

As I reflect on his life, I am struck by how deeply his influence has shaped my own. Rex's memory will forever serve as a beacon—a reminder to live with purpose, to find joy in the small things, and to give freely of oneself to others. May light perpetual shine upon you. You were a light in this world, and your legacy endures in the hearts of all who knew you.

-Zachary Easton

ZACHARY J EASTON - December 14, 2024 at 11:31 AM

KG

“ Rex was a loving symbolic father to my son, Eliot. They not only went hunting, fishing, farming and farmer's market together, but Rex was part of Eliot's wedding ceremony this past September, thank God. Eliot loved to be at the farm with the animals and riding the tractor. My city son became country because of Rex. Thank you Rex's family for sharing your wonderful Rex and giving Eliot more fulfilment to his life. Love, Eliot's Mom. His sister Lana loved Rex, too.

Karen Gold-fagman - December 12, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KF

“ Karen Gold-Fagman and Lana Fagman purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rex Dale Aldridge Jr..



Karen Gold-Fagman and Lana Fagman - December 12, 2024 at 03:30 PM

SF

“ Simeone family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rex Dale Aldridge Jr..



Simeone family - December 11, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex Dale Aldridge Jr..*



December 10, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Such a nice guy, always. He was respectful, along w amusing. So sorry Anita. Please accept our condolences.*

Angela Olson - December 10, 2024 at 10:04 AM

JD

“Rex’s parents were neighbors of ours in St. Peters, MO. Our parents kept in touch for many years. I remember him as a kindhearted man who very much resembled his father (Senior) and had many of his mannerisms, too. I really only got to know him after he graduated from college when I was about 16 and he offered me a job at the restaurant he managed. He was always friendly to me and interested in what I was up to. He treated me a bit like an older brother that I never had. He even included me in his group of friends that played basketball together and I was easily the smallest person on the court but was never concerned and always had fun, in part because Rex was also always on my side. He trusted 17-year-old me to redo the interior walls of the restrooms at the restaurant and he paid me much better than what I was making bussing tables, etc., to do that work. Eventually, I ended up in Kansas City and so did Rex and his family. My girlfriend at the time, and I, would spend time with Rex and his family in our mid 20’s. They were fun and we enjoyed stopping by their place occasionally to catch up, hear their stories and play with their kids. Rex was always interested in what we were up to, and always complimentary of me to others. His work office was near my apartment, and a few times he even came to the complex gym to work out with me and check in. He also employed my brother Gary, for a time and my dad, Don helped him at one restaurant only to have a wild story to tell about that experience. Regrettably, I have not communicated with Rex for many years, and I had sadly nearly forgotten much of what I am writing here. He was always a good man to me, and I believed he would have done anything for me, too. He is a person that made a big difference in my life as there have been times that it seemed few people were “on my side”. I am blessed to have known Rex Aldridge as a confident, generous and reliable friend and to have these joyful and respectful memories to share. Thanks for who you were for me. You mattered friend & brother, rest in peace...

Jeff Dwyer - December 09, 2024 at 03:48 PM

SD

“ *Suzanne & John Damadio purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rex Dale Aldridge Jr..*



Suzanne & John Damadio - December 06, 2024 at 02:45 PM