



Alan Glendening

January 28, 1938 - August 28, 2018

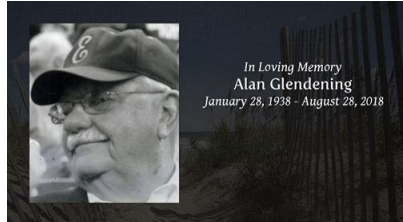
Alan Glendening, age 80, passed away surrounded by his loving family on August 28, 2018 in Kalamazoo, MI, following a brief battle with cancer. He will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him as a man of great faith who loved the Lord, a loyal friend to all who knew him, and a courageous leader who possessed wisdom and integrity, a wonderful sense of humor and a tender heart. He lived life to the fullest with his wife of sixty years, Barbara Born Glendening. They were sweetheart friends since the fifth grade. They both graduated from State High School. Alan was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle who thrived on providing support and encouragement, as together he and Barb crisscrossed the state and country attending sporting events, dance recitals, plays, and choir concerts. His favorite place in the entire world was the front porch of the family cottage at Ottawa Beach, where he cherished spending time surrounded by his family and watching boats; especially the majestic Great Lakes freighters. Alan founded Kapco, a pharmaceutical company, with his brothers John (Marilyn) Glendening and Larry (Betty) Glendening. He spent the remainder and bulk of his career at The Upjohn Company, where he was employed for 28 years. He was given the William E. Upjohn Award in 1974 and retired as director of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing. He is survived by children Tom Glendening (Leslie Parker Glendening) of Grand Rapids, MI, Sally Glendening Jansen (Michael Jansen) of Grand Rapids, MI, Anna Glendening Beird (Jeff Beird) of Holland, MI, and grandchildren Luke Glendening (Paige Snyder,

fiancé), Joe Glendening (Katie Malewitz), Mackenzie Glendening Wilson (Michael Wilson), Josey Beird, Eliza Beird, Owen Beird, Samuel Jansen, Jonah Jansen, great grandchild Henry Wilson, two great grandchildren on the way whom he was eagerly awaiting, sister-in-law, Marty Born and many treasured nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 5-8 pm on Friday, August 31, 2018 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. Additionally, there will be visiting from 10:00-10:45 am on Saturday, September, 1 prior to the funeral service at Christ Memorial Church. The funeral service will be 11:00 am, on Saturday, September 1, 2018 in the sanctuary at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd, Holland, MI 49423. Rev. Jon Brown will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made out to the Historic Ottawa Beach Society, PO Box 8462, Holland, MI 49422-8462, or the charity of one's choice. www.langelandsterenbergh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Alan Glendening*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - August 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Alan Glendening*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"What a beautiful man with a beautiful family. I always smile when I think of Mr. and Mrs. Glendening. The memories made are tucked away safely in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Shelly Groetsema-Dusek"*

Shelly Groetsema - October 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Big Al. That's how I'll always remember him. So sad to hear of his passing. The nickname he conjured for me was unique and the only one to use it, so it was even more special. He'd see me in the distance and be ready to holler out "Randelo!". I liked it and he did too. It was something that he and I shared and now to be cherished. Thanks, Big Al."*

Randy Blalock - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“I was deeply saddened to learn of Alan's death. My sincere sympathies to Barb and the entire family. I looked forward to driving up the hill at Ottawa Beach each summer and seeing Alan. We would talk of crewing together for sailboat races many years ago but mostly of family. The world was a better place because Alan was a part of it and I know that I and countless others mourn his loss.”

Steven Fogel - September 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GH

“I don't remember Alan but remember when Barb became engaged and how happy you were when showing us your ring. We were freshmen together when we met at what was Western Michigan College in 1955, if my memory serves me. So very nice you were able to spend 60 years together.”

Gladys Stevens Hizer - September 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SB

“Ann and I are so shocked about Al's passing. I worked with Al for many years. He was my mentor and most of all a great friend. I will always treasure the wonderful memories of our sailing trips to the north channel and Georgian bay. He was a great man and I will miss him every day. He taught me many things about life. I am so sorry we will not be able to be at the funeral but know that we are thinking about Al and his wonderful family and you are all in our prayers. Steve And Ann Ball”

Steve Ball - September 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“My heart continues to go out to you, Barb, and all of the family. What a fine, complete, personality-capturing, and appropriate that tribute and service that was for Alan yesterday in Holland . . . a special place which has meant so much to you both. As you know, he was my closest friend from kindergarten all through high school - - I will miss him so very, very much.”

Dave Swoap - September 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“I worked for the upjohn Co. when Al worked there. He was a fair and hard working man that was well respected. R.IP. my prayers to his family.”

Janet Zajac - September 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with you Tom and family. Marv and Diane Kladder”

A friend - September 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JI

“Our condolences to you Barb and entire Glendening families--- your children, grandchildren, and great grandson! Alan, you have done well!!Soft as the voice of an angel!”

Jim - August 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Alan Glendening

Tony and Irene Nieboer - August 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Enjoyed working with Alan for many years at Upjohn. He was so full o of the good stuff that made him one our best members of the plant management team. He was especially proud of all he did to develop the sterile mfg. area. WE all enjoyed with him , Luke and the hockey. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Bill Melvin”

A friend - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JV

“Al was a very special Bronson volunteer. I appreciate his dedication, insight and sense of humor. Most of all, it was always very clear how much he loved his family and proud of his children and grandchildren.”

Julie VanderNoot - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM