

Alan Evans

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A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Visitation will be held one hour prior to his service.

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Alan Kent Evans was born the son of Gervais and Sylvia (Mellette) Evans on September 22, 1948, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was raised and educated in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin.

Alan honorably served in the United States Navy in the late 1960s. He attended the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and studied conservation. He was united in marriage to Robin "Tish" Hennigan in Winona, Minnesota. They were together for 20 years. Alan began his post-Navy career tending bar in Milwaukee, Wis. He was also skilled in file work and painting. He later worked in maintenance in Winona, Minn., and found his calling in that field with St. Anne's Hospice. He loved fixing things for the residents and spoke fondly of the many friendships he formed there.

Alan loved classic cars, fishing at his family cabin on Big Lake, the Green Bay Packers, and The Three Stooges - especially Curly. He was a history buff who enjoyed reading about World War II and collecting "antiques." His other enjoyments included live music and attending blues festivals. He will be fondly remembered for his smile and infectious laugh; for his ability to make others laugh; and for his kind, caring, and loving way.

Alan is survived by his step-children, Evan (Abby) Petig of Grinnell and Emily (Marc) Bartels of Loretto, Minn. Alan has six step-grandchildren: Addyson, Brody, and Tate Petig, and Levi, Cale, and Adalina Bartels; they were the light in his life and he loved to tell everyone and anyone all about them. Alan has two living brothers: Larry (Kathy) Evans of Shawno, Wis., and Gary (Cheri) Evans of Amherst, Wis. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother Donnie.

