



Alan Frederick Murley

July 9, 1953 - December 1, 2016

Alan Frederick Murley, 63, passed away on Dec 1, 2016 at his home in Draper, UT, surrounded by his loving family; after a long and courageous battle with a rare form of melanoma. Alan was born on Jul 9, 1953 in Gander, Newfoundland, Canada to William and Iris Murley (Ash). He married Michelle Hoffman on May 30, 1975 in St. John's, Newfoundland. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Cardston, Alberta Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on June 21, 1975. They celebrated their 41st anniversary this year.

Alan was raised in Newfoundland, and after marrying his sweetheart, Michelle, moved to the west coast of Canada and settled in Abbotsford, BC where he lived for the next 24 years. He worked for the City of Abbotsford as a surveyor, and then in civil engineering as an Engineering Plans Examiner after completing his education.

Alan then moved to Olympia, Washington where he again worked as an Engineering Plans Examiner for the City of Olympia for 17 years. He enjoyed his work and coworkers very much. He always enjoyed working with the public and being a support to others.

Alan was an avid gardener and landscaper. He had an incredible green thumb and could nourish almost any plant or seed into growing beautifully. His yard was his happy place and he spent many peaceful hours there. It showed in the beauty he cultivated into the most beautiful yards and green spaces. He enjoyed photography and in recent years had travelled with friends, family, and his wife on cruises, which he enjoyed immensely.

Alan was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served his church community in many different ways as a scout and youth leader, teacher of an early-morning seminary class, a counselor in the bishopric in the first ward (congregation) formed in the Abbotsford area, and many other assignments. He served willingly and had a kind and open heart for others.

Alan will be remembered as a great story teller with a great sense of humor. His humor

kept him, and his family and friends, strong through all of the years of surgeries and treatments he had to endure.

Survived by: His mother, Iris Murley; His spouse: Michelle Murley (Hoffman) Siblings: Elaine Nofle (Carson), Ken Murley (Valerie), Bob Murley (Shân) and Barry Murley (Gloria). Children: Craig Murley (Shelley), Erin Forchuk (Graham), Shannon O'Donnal, Stephanie Beard (Spencer) and Chelsea Swain (Willie). And fifteen beautiful Grandchildren: Jordan, Emily, Austen, Tanner, Averie, Clara, Evan, Gavin, Benjamin, Brynlea, Rowan, Corinne, Asher, Parker and Jeik.
As well as many, Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Preceded in death by: His father, William Murley; and his infant son, Alan Frederick Murley, Jr.

Funeral Service to be held Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 1pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 498 E. Hollow Creek Road (14085 S.), Draper, Utah. A viewing to be held for family before the service. Graveside service to be held following the funeral service at Larkin Sunset Gardens 1950 Dimple Dell Rd, Sandy, UT 84092.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com

Cemetery

Events

Larkin Sunset Gardens

1950 East 10600 South
Sandy, UT, 84092

DEC 10 **Visitation** 12:00PM - 12:45PM

LDS Church
498 E. Hollow Creek Road (14085 S.), Draper, UT, US,
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DEC 10 **Funeral Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I had the privilege of working with Al at Matsqui/Abbotsford from 1989 to 2006. He was a great co-worker, team player and reliable in crisis. He always had a gentle demeanor about him but knew when to dig in if he had to. Really sorry to hear about the struggle with cancer and this being the end result. My prayers go out to the family who are left behind, especially his wife. May you find new peace in your faith through this time. God sees your need and will walk with you when you call out to Him. Proverbs 3:5,6.

Jim Duckworth

Jim Duckworth - December 12, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Murley family. I had the pleasure of working with Alan at the District of Matsqui/City of Abbotsford since 1993. Alan was truly special, always taking time from his already busy schedule to help a college, and share funny stories, I loved his Nufi humour, he was one of the best. My thoughts and prayers be with you and Alan.

Al Turra, Abbotsford B.C.

Al Turra - December 10, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Murley family. I had the pleasure of working with Al at the District of Matsqui/City of Abbotsford where I worked for 38 years from 1974. Al was always smiling and had a great sense of humour. Truly a lovely man. We shared a lot of laughs. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. He was too young but I hope he is in a better place.

Shirley Kowalchuk - Abbotsford, BC

Shirley Kowalchuk - December 09, 2016 at 10:50 PM



“ Worked with AL from 1985 to when he left. Great guy dedicated worker. Funny as hell with his wit & sarcasm. So easy to get along with.

My condolences to his family & friend. May he rest in peace.

Bob Crossen

Bob Crossen - December 09, 2016 at 11:12 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Murley family at this difficult time, I worked with Al for a number of years at the District of Matsqui/City of Abbotsford. Al always had a pleasant demeanour and a memorable sense of humour. His story telling abilities of his time on the East Coast were unparalleled. He was a "go-to" guy and I am glad I am able to say that I had the pleasure of working alongside him. He will be missed.

Allan Campeau - December 09, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ He was an inspiration and very dedicated employee. He made me laugh on many occasions. My prayer and thoughts go you all his family. Paula Smith

Paula Smith - December 08, 2016 at 01:41 PM



“ You know when you meet someone that has a Spark and a good smile to share with? Alan is a great guy, I had the pleasure to meet him and this seems unreal. I am deeply grateful for the time spent with him and other relatives. He will be remembered.

The Bernabeus - December 07, 2016 at 06:44 PM



“ Our condolences and deepest sympathy to the Murley family, I knew Alan in his younger days growing up in Mt. Pearl, with the Wall brothers and his old friend Bish. Alan always had a great sense of humour, quick wit, and a friend to all. Our thoughts are with you. Jeannie and the Baldwin Family.

jeannie baldwin - December 07, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ I am still in shock, thought for sure he had beaten that nasty cancer. Alan still has lots of friends here in Newfoundland that miss him very much. I will remember him for his sense of humor, he was always carrying on about something. He also introduced us all to the Lord of the Rings back in the 70's. As well as our walks up the track to our Moose Jaw.

Desiree - December 06, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Alan these past couple of years enjoying his thoughtful and considerate approach to life. Thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this challenging time.

Todd Cunningham

Todd - December 06, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Aunt Iris, and other Murley family members. You are in our thoughts and prayers here in Edmonton, AB. We pray that the God of Comfort will draw close to each of you and give you peace through this difficult time!

Love & Prayers,

Pastor John & Marilyn Murley
Edmonton, AB

John Mulrey - December 05, 2016 at 07:46 PM



“ Michelle and family,
Marty and I are very saddened at the passing and difficult years that Alan has endured. He was such a good man, and we were glad to get to know him and your family in Olympia. Our hearts ache for your hearts, especially at this time of year.
Love, Diane & Marty Ladwig
Inkom, Idaho

Diane Ladwig - December 05, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ I feel very fortunate to have known Alan and worked with him the past three years at the City of Olympia. His humor and grace in all situations, and his knowledge and problem-solving, made this city a much better place. We miss him! - Leonard Bauer

Leonard Bauer - December 05, 2016 at 07:05 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Alan was a very important member of our family here at the City. He is greatly missed. My thoughts are with his whole family. ~Diane Utter

Diane Utter - December 05, 2016 at 06:57 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Murley family. The death of a loved one can bring much tears and pain but may your hearts be filled with wonderful memories of times spent together and have comfort in God's promise of a new world where death will be no more.(Isaiah 25:8) My deepest sympathy to you all.

W.W - December 05, 2016 at 05:37 PM