



Alan R. Chilson

December 16, 1944 - December 11, 2011

SPRINGFIELD - Alan R. Chilson, 66, of Springfield, MA died December 11, 2011 at Mercy Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Born in Springfield, MA on December 16, 1944 to the late Elmer and Beatrice (Maston) Chilson, he was a life-long resident and a graduate of Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical High School where he studied in the automotive shop. This led to a career in the transportation business, working for Roy's Towing. He was passionate about auto racing, especially modifieds and went to the racetrack at Riverside Speedway, Stafford Speedway and Thompson Speedway for 65 years. He owned a novelty concession, "Wing Nut Motorsports," at Riverside Park Speedway. He enjoyed camping at the races and cooking meals for all. A kind-hearted man, his three dogs and cats were special to him and he regarded them as his grandchildren. At the holidays he loved decorating his home. He was a Roman Catholic and member of Holy Name Church. Besides his parents he was pre-deceased by his sisters, Lois Haranoc and Doris Chilson. He leaves Patricia (Illingsworth) Chilson, daughters Lisa Ashline and her husband, Norman and Deborah Marier and her husband, Francis; brother Elmer Chilson; godchild Maryanne Nihill, all of Springfield; several nieces and nephews and two long-time friends, Robert Stromberg of Springfield and Terry Battle of CT, and his extended racing family. His family extends their heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Mercy Medical Center for the many years of wonderful care given and especially to Dr. Glynn and his staff during Alan's long, courageous three year battle with

lung cancer. A Celebration of Alan's Life will be held on his birthday, Friday, December 16, 2011 at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA. The family will receive friends from 6:00-7:30PM with a service to follow at 7:30PM conducted by Holy Name Church. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Sr. Caritas Cancer Center, Patient Service Fund, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. For directions and online condolences please visit www.nefcc.net

Tribute Wall

AF

“ To a fun loving and always smiling man..you will always be remembered fondly and missed dearly by those who knew you. God Bless.

Amy Fontaine - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

TR

“ SORRY ABOUT YOU DAD,GOD MUST OF NEEDED HIM TO HELP ST. FRANCES WITH ALL THE ANIMALS, HOW HE LOVED HIS CATS. GOD BLESS

THERESA&STANLEY ROGERS - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

DE

“ Dad, I miss you so much, I cant beleive your gone. You are a kind hearted and GREAT person. I am so proud of you for batteling your disease of lung cancer for 3 long years, you did AWESOME. I know these last few months were tough on you, but you always faught with a smile, im sure all that fast food and ice cream helped with your fight.I want you to know that I dont regret spending all my free time with you, I enjoyed it. Im not gonna know what to do with myself at the races with out you, I sure will miss hearing you cheer for Kid Rock. I must tell you that its been really hard the past few days, I have been waiting for that phone call to bring you food at the nursing home, because what they feed you isnt good enough for the dogs to eat, as you would say. Speaking of dogs, the pets \"The Children\" they really miss there Grandpa, dont worry I will take care of them all. I just want you to know that I couldnt be prouder of anyone and I admire how you always lived life on your own terms, I am honored to be your daughter. I hope you are now at peace in heaven. So go find all your old timers up there and get to a race. I will always love you and never forget you. GOD SPEED DAD <3

Debbie - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

TB

“ AL will always be remembered by me as being a kind person we attended many races, camped in our group of campers for many years at local tracks including nh. I met Al and Pat back in the 70`s during the Bodine era we had alot of fun times at the tracks and he will be remembered always as the greatest modified model maker. Al will be sadly missed at the track and campsite where he was our chief he will always be on our minds and will be watching over us R,I,P, man i will miss u buddy. My condolences go out to his love of life Pat and two daughters Debbie, Lisa and his family and friends my thoughts and prayers to family and friends and all who knew AL

Terry Battle - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

RN

“ Our deepest condolences to Patricia, Lisa & Debbie for their loss. Our prayers & thoughts are with your family.

Robert & Linda Nihill - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

PC

“ Going to miss seeing you at the races. From Riverside Park to the Grandstands at Thompson & Stafford. God bless.

Pastor (Pat) Cales - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

MS

“ We want to send along our deepest sympathies to all of the family. We always chatted with Al when he was over at Norm and Lisa's house and he always had a smile on his face. He is at Peace!

Michael & Barbara Sullivan - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

DE

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD!!!! I <3 and miss you so much <3 <3 <3.....*

Debbie - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

LI

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD ENJOY YOUR DAY!!! I LOVE YOU!!!*

Lisa - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM

RC

“ *We are very sorry to hear of Al passing away. We have known him & his family for about 30 years. Al was a very friendly person. He will be truly missed by all. We send our condolences to his family. God Bless.*
Signed The Coolbeth family.

Ronald Coolbeth - February 14, 2023 at 10:32 AM