



Alan Eugene Kahn

May 30, 1936 - March 31, 2021

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Alan Eugene Kahn, a native of the Napa Valley, was born May 30, 1936 in San Francisco, California. He died on March 31, 2021 in Napa CA.

Alan was educated in the Napa Public Schools, and earned a bachelor's degree, majoring in Art, from Cal State Sacramento. While serving in the US Army, 1958-1960, he was stationed for a time in Greenland, an experience about which he enjoyed reminiscing. As a young man working as an artist in San Francisco, he drove a taxi cab, and often attended 49ers games in Kezar Stadium. He had resided at the California Veterans Home, Yountville, since 2003.

Alan was an avid and accomplished tennis player. He enjoyed reading, creating art, especially stained glass panels, watching and discussing classic movies, and following sports, focusing on his beloved San Francisco Giants.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis Elkus Kahn, a Boy Scout executive, his mother, Mildred Iva Washburn Kahn, a public health nurse, and his brother, Louis Elton Kahn, a career Foreign Service Officer. Survivors include his sister-in-law, Ruth Hoff Carlsen-Kahn, Rochester MN, niece Melissa Kahn Richey, Sewickley, PA, cousin Jonathon Elkus, Berkeley, and

life long family friends Paul and Nancy Caffo and family, St. Helena, CA.

Alan will be buried, next to his brother Louis, at the Fort Snelling (MN)
National Cemetery, at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Snelling National Cemetery

7601-34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Alan graduated from college in California and then served in the Army from October of 1958 - October 1960 in Greenland and talked fondly of his service as an Information Specialist.

Alan served as an Artistic woodworker in the sheltered production industry for 19 years. During this time he lived in Napa with his mother Iva Kahn and helped care for Iva, enabling her to live at home until the age of 95!

Shortly after Iva passed away, Alan moved into the Veterans home where he lived comfortably from 2003-2021. During this time he would call his brother Lou on a weekly basis and clipped articles of interest and wrote letters back and forth to family and friends including Susan Baker.

Alan and his brother Louis will be buried side by side in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery for Veterans in Minnesota.

drruthkahn - May 07, 2021 at 04:47 PM

SB

Thank you Ruth and Deb for creating this lovely tribute to Alan.

Susan Baker - May 08, 2021 at 11:05 AM

DR

“ Nancy & Paul Caffos Letter:

Dear Ruth and Family,

Alan and Paul have shared so many experiences during their long lives... playing in the neighborhood, playing pick-up baseball games at Shearer School, and painting Al's 1930's Model A Ford "Sky blue" with brushes no less! While Al played football at Napa College, Paul was doing the same at Napa High. Alan loved playing chess, and he valiantly tried to teach Paul, without much success. When Al was at Sac State, he Helped Paul write a book report of A House is Not a Home, written by a prominent "Madam" ... Paul's professor was a bit skeptical that Paul had done the writing by himself!

Over the years. Alan shared so many Thanksgiving feasts, Christmas celebrations, and birthdays with our family and friends. Uncle Alan always took an interest in the activities and achievements of Amy, Chris, Brittany, and Jared, and he hosted a meal for our entire family once a year at a Chinese restaurant.

In Alan's later years, Paul returned the favors given him in his youth, by assisting Alan in the purchasing of several "Electric Scooters", buying him snacks and other necessities,, and visiting as often as possible. One of the most fun events was taking Alan to the Museum of Modern Art in San Francisco. While Paul pushed Alan around in a wheelchair, al showed his extensive art knowledge by giving us both background and commentary on all of the art we experienced.

We will miss our long-time, dear friend, but know he is now at peace.

Love, Nancy and Paul

dr Ruthkahn - May 07, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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drruthkahn - May 07, 2021 at 03:39 PM

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This vibrant stain glass window was created by Alan and given to Ruth and Lou Kahn as a window display when Alan was 60 years old. This illustrates Alan's exceptional artistic capabilities. Alan designed, cut, assembled and colored this window!

drruthkahn - May 07, 2021 at 03:39 PM

SB

I was able to visit Alan in Napa and helped to celebrate his 80th birthday. We continued as pen pals and I enjoyed Alan's comments on classic movies. The art work he made, particularly the lovely stained glass window that is now in Ruth's place in Rochester, MN is appreciated by all who see it. Rest in peace Alan.

Susan Baker - May 08, 2021 at 11:14 AM

SB

I enjoyed celebrating Alan's 80th birthday in Napa together with Ruth, Lou and the Caffos. Alan and I continued as pen pals and I was entertained by Alan's commentary on classic movies. I am thankful to all the staff who provided wonderful care for Alan at the Veterans Home. Rest in peace Alan.

Susan Baker - May 08, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JD

I was surprised to read of Alan's death. I lost contact for a few years. I was of his generation, met him in San Francisco in a Victorian apartment rental we shared on Broadway, and enjoyed getting to know him. He was a loyal friend and supporter, wishing always the best for me, and for all his many friends. I met his brother Lou, in Washington, D.C. and he, too, was a fine person. My greetings to the family. Joanna Dymond of Bemidji Minnesota

Joanna Dymond - July 10, 2021 at 08:20 PM