



Alex Tunning

June 21, 1955 - August 29, 2017

Alex Tunning, age 62 of Bellaire, OH died Tuesday, August 29, 2017 in Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

He was born June 21, 1955 in Fairmont, WV.

He was a teacher with Wetzel County Schools for over 30 years; a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Martins Ferry, OH; and he enjoyed playing tennis.

He was preceded in death by his mother: Sara Ellen Linn Parks; step-father: Cliff Parks and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his best friend, confidant, and caregiver, Ron Unterzuber of Bellaire; a sister, Jane Ingram of Weirton, WV; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved pets, Ruth Ann and Tigger.

Friends will be received on Saturday from 10:00am until time of Memorial Service at 11:00am at 1st Presbyterian Church, 400 Walnut Street, Martins Ferry, OH with Rev. David Stammerjohn officiating.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home, Bellaire.

Memorial contributions may be made to 1st Presbyterian Church of Martins Ferry.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
400 Walnut St.
Martins Ferry, OH

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Alex and I became friends working at NMS together for many years, and during that time, we shared everything from lunch duty to our lives. He was such a kind and caring man; a dedicated teacher, very patient, and very fair. Alex was one of the most meticulous men I ever knew, always neat, perfectly dressed, with that perfect Zaner-Bloser handwriting. He was quick witted, liked to laugh, and had a lot of interests. He was such a hockey fan, loved playing tennis, liked books by Pat Conroy, and loved going to shows in Pittsburgh and New York. He touched so many lives over the years, and will be deeply missed. Rest In Peace, my friend, and know that you were loved.

Jeanie Deem - September 01, 2017 at 07:20 AM

NM

“ I was blessed to be a friend to Alex for many years. We shared so many wonderful adventures together. I have often said that he enjoyed sports to Broadway and everything in between. He has taken a little piece of my heart with him. God bless you, my friend. You will be missed!

Nancy Marple - August 31, 2017 at 02:54 PM

SF

RIP Alex

Sue Flesher - August 31, 2017 at 09:08 PM

EM

“ My sympathies to Jane and family. I want to express my heartfelt sympathy to Nancy, without whom Alex's life would have been so different. You were a true friend.

Emily - August 31, 2017 at 02:30 PM

BV

“ Alex was a member of our Family known as First Presbyterian Church... there every Sunday always a smile always helping always loving his God! And God loves him. We were all blessed to have Alex in our Family. He is loved by God, us, and many many more! Alex, you are with your God!

barbara vickers-morris - August 30, 2017 at 10:26 PM

DI

“ I went to West Liberty with Alex for years. We had some classes together now and again. He was also a good friend during those years. There were about eight of us who ran around and usually ate together at some time during the day. We all had a lot of good times together. I am saddened to hear that Alex has passed away. He always had time to talk, study, and do things with our group of friends. I have not saw him after he retired, but I am sure he will be missed by many of the people who had the opportunity to know him. He was a good person and I am sure many of his students over the past years will be sad to hear he has passed away. I am glad I had this time to write a small note to his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. A friend of Alex. Sincerely Donna Eller Ice



Donna Eller Ice - August 30, 2017 at 07:50 PM

CE

“ Alex and I taught together for many years, both 3rd grade and 4th grade. We started our mornings filling each other in on what had gone on in our lives the previous evening and ended our days waking out together, ready for the next day. He loved his family and friends and he loved teaching!! He will be missed. God bless.

Ceci and Larry Edgell - August 30, 2017 at 07:21 PM

HT

“ *Mr. Tunning was my 4th grade teacher, he was a great man and took his job to heart. He truly cared for all the kids he had in class. Prayers for his family and friends during this time.*

Haley Tuttle - August 30, 2017 at 07:16 PM

JM

I met Alex when I started working at NMS in 1998. He was so nice, and very witty. I took a sign language class he taught through WVNCC. He met my mother when many of us went on a trip to NYC. He helped her with her coat, made sure she was getting the help she needed, etc. So sad to hear of his passing. Yes, he will be missed. He taught many students, and they will remember him fondly.

Joyce M. Martin - August 30, 2017 at 07:28 PM

KT

I had Mr. Tunning his first year of teaching at NMS. Many years later my youngest son had him as his fourth grade teacher. By then I was working at NMS myself. My family all enjoyed Mr. Tunning as a teacher and friend. Our thoughts are with his family. He was such a kind man.

Kelly Taylor - August 30, 2017 at 08:08 PM

MC

Alex was such a dear, kind man. We taught at NMS together for years, and encouraged each other to complete our Masters Degrees. I never would have made it through statistics without his patient explanations. Rest In Peace, dear Alex.

MB Crawford - August 30, 2017 at 08:38 PM

MS

I worked with Alex at New Martinsville School. I think of him as a caring, soft-spoken, cooperative, professionally dressed gentleman. My condolences to his family and friends.

Margaret Sine - August 30, 2017 at 08:56 PM

LA

We first met Alex when he came to pick out his beloved puppy Ruth Ann. I remember how happy and excited he was when he got to take her home. We knew she was going to be loved and well cared for. Alex was very kind and we will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron, who took such good care of him. May God bless all who were touched by Alex over the years and were privileged to know him.
Sincere Condolences

Lori & Terry Ackerman - August 31, 2017 at 04:52 PM

SD

I am saddened to learn of my former colleague's passing. Although I would only see Alex as he dropped his students off for my art class, I recall laughing with him at the humorous comments or unpredictable actions of his fourth-grade students. Alex loved laughter and will always be remembered as an especially giving person of great character.

Stephen Duckworth and family

Stephen Duckworth - August 31, 2017 at 07:25 PM

JC

I met Alex through his friend Ron at York Terrace Apts. we had many cook outs and fun times together. Alex you will truly be missed.
Condolences to the family.

Jill Campbell - September 02, 2017 at 01:47 PM