



Alan J. (Pops) Desmarais

December 9, 2023

Alan Joseph (Pops) Desmarais, 74, of New Britain, CT, passed away on December 9, 2023. He was the beloved husband of Joan (Carey) Desmarais for 51 years, and loving father of his three children: Matthew Desmarais and his wife Laura Bondi, Carey Campbell and her husband Grant Campbell, and Andrew Desmarais and his wife Lexie Tseng; his four adored grandchildren August Desmarais, Zoey Campbell, Garrett Campbell, and Emaline Desmarais. Born on May 7, 1949 in Hartford, CT to Blanche (Rioux) and Tony Desmarais, he was the fifth of six children. Alan is survived by sisters Jo-Ann McCann (husband Bill) and Diane Ullman (husband Pete), and predeceased by sister Jeanne Ward, and brothers Stuart Desmarais, and Richard Desmarais. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Roisin Desmarais (wife of Stuart) and Terri Desmarais (wife of Richard), several cousins, and 15 nieces and nephews, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. Alan had a long career in municipal finance, most recently as the Director of Finance for the Town of Manchester, from which he retired. Alan was generous, spending his time and energy volunteering for several organizations. He was coach, referee, and administrator of youth sports in West Hartford, supporting his children at all times, and later supported and enjoyed his grandchildren's activities. He served on the Board of Directors for MARC of Manchester and Oak Hill. After retiring, he challenged himself by undertaking the five-hundred mile Camino de Santiago pilgrimage over the Pyrenees from France to Spain. Alan spent his adult life caring for his family, and that feeling of being cared for

will continue for all of our lives. He loved playing with his grandchildren, making them laugh, and keeping them on their toes ... Oh, Pops. We love our Alan, Honey, Dad, and Pops.

Calling hours will be held at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford on Saturday, December 16th from 11am until 1pm, to be followed by a memorial service from 1pm until 2pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Oak Hill, MARC of Manchester, Michael J Fox Parkinson's Foundation, or a charity of personal significance

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Memorial Service

DEC **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *This picture reminds me of a time ago, yet still today.*

*Your feet in the sand and cuffs rolled up
You just loved the scene
It was comfortable
It was family
Whether in Biddeford or Carlsbad, you brought the peace Alan
I can still hear your laugh
That makes me smile
It made us all*

*Sending our love and prayers
Blessings from San Diego.
Jonathan, Melissa and Roisin Desmarais*



Jonathan Desmarais - December 16, 2023 at 03:52 PM

DU

That's beautiful, Jonathan. He was a wonderful brother, uncle, husband, father and grandfather. Thanks so much for thinking of him

diane ullman - December 18, 2023 at 08:36 PM

JG

“ Dear Joanie, We met you and Alan in October on our cruise to Australia. We had such a wonderful time that we could not stay away from each other. So we spent another 5 days together in Australia talking about everything and anything. We knew we had found lifelong friends and are just thankful that we got to meet Alan. Our only regret is that we didn't meet years ago. Love Victor and Judy

Judy Grinblat - December 15, 2023 at 06:00 PM

DC

“ Our deepest condolences to you Joanie and the family. Al was a special friend and we have so many fond memories of great times together. His sense of humour and sense of family was admired and we miss him already! Love Dora and Paul Carter

Dora Carter - December 15, 2023 at 05:33 PM

ND

“ Nancy and Dan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan J. (Pops) Desmarais.

Nancy and Dan - December 15, 2023 at 07:26 AM

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“ Nancy and Dan purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Alan J. (Pops)
Desmarais.



Nancy and Dan - December 15, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Alan J. (Pops) Desmarais.*



December 14, 2023 at 08:22 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan J. (Pops) Desmarais.*



December 14, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *The entire Okaty clan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan J. (Pops) Desmarais.*

The entire Okaty clan - December 14, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Alan J. (Pops) Desmarais.*



December 14, 2023 at 04:09 PM

KS

“ Karen Simoneau lit a candle in memory of Alan J. (Pops) Desmarais



Karen Simoneau - December 14, 2023 at 03:54 PM

JP

“ Dear Joan and family,

Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Alan. I have such great memories of working with Alan when he was Finance Director for the Town of East Hartford. Over the years we have keep in touch with our holiday cards and I was so saddened to read the obituary in the Courant today.

God bless everyone, Jan Penney

Janet Penney - December 14, 2023 at 03:05 PM

SD

“ Dear Joan, Matt, Carey and Andrew,
Our hearts and thoughts are with you on the passing of your beloved husband and father, Alan. His warmth, caring, and commitment to his family and community was always so evident in his acts of kindness and involvement in your activities. We treasure many years of shared times together centered around our kids playing sports in the youth leagues and then at Conard. Clearly, his gentleness and benevolence, from which so many benefitted, was a central core to your family. Laugh, cry, share stories, and hold one another closely as you carry the best of Alan with you.

With deepest sympathy,

Frank, Suzi, Casey and Matt D'Annolfo

Suzi DAnnolfo - December 14, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Alan J. (Pops) Desmarais.*



December 13, 2023 at 01:51 PM