



## Allan A. Bischoff

March 11, 2016

Allan A. "Al" Bischoff, 84, loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, March 11, 2016.

Born in Lancaster, husband of Elizabeth "Betsy" Kleinginna Bischoff, they would have celebrated their 20th anniversary on May 26th. He was the son of the late Chester M. and Mae Alexander Bischoff.

Al graduated in 1949 from McCaskey High School, Lancaster. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1951-1954. He worked for Leffler Oil Co., formerly Sico and Bob Lutz Co. in the sales and service departments, retiring in 1996. He was a 32nd degree member of F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania, Ephrata Lodge #8665.

Al enjoyed singing in chorus groups and choirs. He began singing at the age of 4 in the children's choir of St. Paul's UCC and was still singing in the Church of the Apostles UCC adult choir just three weeks before his death. He was proud to sing bass beside his son Dale for nearly 25 years in the church choir. In 2011 Al was recognized by the congregation for his 75 years of continuous service in the church choirs. Additionally Al is remembered at the church as the "pie man," making hundreds of pies and apple dumplings yearly for the Church bazaar for the past 25 years. Al also sang with the Ephrata

Cloister Chorus for many years, accompanying the chorus on tours including one to Europe. He developed sets and provided lighting for the summer Vorspiel programs at the Cloister and baked bread in the Cloister brick ovens.

Al was an avid salt water fisherman. He had fished off the coast of every state on the East Coast and also California, Hawaii, Alaska, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and Lakes Ontario and Erie. His most recent trip in January included fishing from Key West to Destin in the panhandle of Florida.

Most of all Al loved his family. For 40 years "Pa" gathered his family for Sunday dinners with such delicious delights as buttery mashed potatoes, roast corn, and fresh strawberry pie!

In addition to his wife, Al is survived by 7 children: Russell Bischoff, Detroit, MI; Gayle Bischoff, Stevens; Lori, wife of Ken Robinson, Enid, OK; Lisa, wife of Randolph Sweigart, Ephrata; Brian, husband of Karen Bischoff, Lititz; Elaine, wife of Jeff Orlor, San Diego, CA; John Michaels, Tucson, AZ; daughter in law, Cindy Bischoff, Ephrata; and a brother, Carl, husband of Marilyn Bischoff, Queen Creek, AZ. He is further survived by 12 grandchildren: Jeremy Bischoff, husband of Tara, Ephrata; Jason Bischoff, husband of Aimee Kumer of Blue Bell; Joel Bischoff husband of Kristen, Lititz; Jared Bischoff husband of Kait, Manheim; Shawn Robinson husband of Leslie, Enid, OK; Matthew Sweigart; Sara, Eric, and Mariah Bischoff; James and Debbie Orlor; Holden Michaels; 7 great grandchildren: Alex, Will, Carter, Parker, Kaitlin, Kyle, and Miles; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Dale Bischoff in 2015.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Al's Celebration of Life Service at Church of the Apostles UCC, 1850 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster on Saturday, March 26, 2016 with Rev. Kathryn L. Kuhn officiating. The family will receive friends at the Church from 3:00-4:00. The service is at 4:00 and the internment will be held at the Church Memorial Garden immediately following

the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Church of the Apostles UCC, attn: Choir Fund, 1850 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

# Cemetery Details

## Church of the Apostles UCC Memorial Garden

1850 Marietta Ave  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Apostles UCC  
1850 Marietta Ave  
Lancaster, PA 17603

## Memorial Service

MAR 26. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Allan A. Bischoff*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Betsy and family,*  
*I'm so sorry for your loss. You and Allen are in my thoughts and prayers. Both you and Al were incredible friends to my dad, Karl Reddig, who passed less than a year ago. Since I lived out of town, you did amazing things for him, taking him places, doctor's appointments, shopping, etc. What a testament to your faith and friendship. Al was my dad's best friend and certainly favorite fishing buddy over the years. I would like to think that my dad was there along with others to welcome Al as he passed over into Heaven. Friends like that don't come along very often. My dad was very fortunate to have friends like you and Al.*  
*Joanne Reddig Kostecky*

Joanne Kostecky - March 20, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *Dear Betsy,*  
*Just want you to know I'm thinking of you in your loss. Please accept my sympathy and may the God of peace carry you through these sad days and bring you to a place of hope and comfort. I'm sure you have many happy memories.*

*Fond regards,*  
*Ruth Ellen McCullough*

Ruth Ellen McCullough - March 17, 2016 at 10:57 AM

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“ We'd like to express our deepest sympathy to the Bischoff family. I had the pleasure of attending St. Pauls UCC with Allan a few years back. He was also an usher at our wedding back in 1956. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

*Harold and Thelma Hoover. Leola, Pa*

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**Harold Hoover** - March 15, 2016 at 09:36 AM