



Alton Evan Imboden

September 26, 2023

Alton Evan Imboden, 61 of Lakewood Estates in Pequea, Pa. passed away at home on Tuesday morning, September 26, 2023. Born in Lancaster, he was a son of the Rev. Stanley F. Imboden and the late Diane Amelia Shartle Imboden who died in 2004.

Alton was the husband of his beloved Rose Passaniti Imboden. Their 1989 wedding was in St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster whereas a teenager he was on the staff of the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. He was employed by the Lancaster County Library in the Audio-Visual section and later as the driver of the Library Mobile Unit which brought books to many communities throughout the county.

Alton made friends easily as his smile and good-natured personality brightened every gathering along with his homemade treats and meals. He was a talented handyman who could fix almost anything. In his youth, he was a trophy winner in racing off-road motorcycles and in recent years he was refreshed by riding his state-of-the-art white Can-Am Spyder.

After moving into their newly built home in southern Lancaster County, they joined and were active in Colemanville United Methodist Church where Alton served on various leadership committees. He was active in the Cub Scouts with his son and cheerleading with his daughter and choir with both children.

He cherished his relationship with his family, their dogs Tuco and Finley, and cat Tidbit.

As proud parents, Alton and Rose were active in the Martic Elementary and Penn Manor High School education of their son, Eric and daughter, Diane who both won honors in scholarship and music. Their musical talents were inspired and encouraged by not only Alton's own innate talent at the guitar and singing but also his desire to see his children continue to branch out their musical wings in their own way.

Alton enjoyed traveling throughout the western canyon states finding pleasure in tenting, campfire cooking, and hiking. They recently visited Key West, Florida.

Alton rose above the challenges of multiple heart surgeries and repeated hospital stays and five years of daily dialysis treatments. A recent kidney transplant gave him a short but blessed nine-month extension of life. Through it all, Alton was unfailingly supported by his dear Rose, his loving family and the prayers of his countless friends.

The Imboden family thanks all his medical professionals and all his faithful friends who cared for him. We will miss his earthly presence while our faith, hope, and love commend his life into the Nearer Presence of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In addition to his wife, Rose, son Eric - at home, daughter, Diane of Philadelphia, Alton is survived by his brother, Eric (Olivia) of York, and his father, Stan, and stepmother, Sandra of Lititz. He was especially close to his younger brother-in-law, David Passaniti, husband of Michelle of Lititz. He is also survived by many in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Alton Evan Imboden*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Rose, Eric and Diane, we were your neighbors in the late '90's in Lakewood Estates. Alton was such a friendly person and wonderful neighbor. We are so sorry for your loss and the health challenges he had to go through. Please know your family is in our prayers. Steve & Susie Kirchner*

Susie Kirchner - October 09, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ *Peace to you, Al
You were the greatest cheer Dad ever!*

Sue Hershey - October 05, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Our sympathies to Rose, Eric & Diane. We still have the seashell crafts the girls made in Junior Church with Alton. He was generous with his time and always had a smile for everyone. He had a gentle soul and was so very kind and loving. Many happy memories of Sunday mornings spent with Alton in the basement. Dawn, Victoria & Michelle Phillips*

Dawn Phillips - October 03, 2023 at 09:30 AM

CA

“ Word do not express my heartfelt sadness for the loss of Alton. He was such a wonderfully loving person and involved parent in his children’s lives. A great cheerleader for all their endeavors and he’d beam whenever talking about what they were accomplishing. His smile always lifted the faculty room and building at Martic as he left Peppermint Patties, but that was Alton, always giving of himself and leaving a more cheerful environment as a result of his being there. What an impact he was in his life to all those around him. Your family will be in my prayers that God will help you walk through this and you would know with confidence His grace and mercy and love for you all.

*Deepest sympathies and very warmest memories of that dear man,
Cheryl Aucott*

cheryl aucott - October 01, 2023 at 08:01 PM

CW

“ Rose, & Family, I’m sorry to hear of Your Husband passing. Please know Your in my heart, & prayers. If there is anything I may be of help with, Please let me know.

Much Love, & Prayers

Carol Wiker

(Carl & Alice Yarnell’s daughter)

Carol Wiker - October 01, 2023 at 03:01 PM

EH

“ Alton was my best man at Betsy and my wedding and I was privileged to do the same for him. I could always count on Alton to be up on current events and we could talk/debate for hours. He was always so thoughtful. A year ago he saw a Wee Frog lure and remembered how we had such good luck when we went fishing with them and he bought one for Tom and I! He always did cool stuff like that. He was also a great cook and you never left his house hungry!!
My heart and prayers go to the whole family.
I look forward to the day we are reunited in heaven.

Ed Hahn - October 01, 2023 at 02:57 PM

MV

“ My sincere condolences to the Imboden family... I worked with Alton at the Lancaster County Library he was a very friendly & helpful man, we were very happy for him & Rose when they announced there pregnancy he was a proud family man he will be deeply missed. May God give his family & friends peace & strength to get through this difficult time



Milta Vega - October 01, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Alton Evan Imboden.



October 01, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alton Evan Imboden.

October 01, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ I remember my first meeting with Alton, geometry at McCaskey. We shared a common bond of friendship and the unwavering visions of undefeatable youth. Many a night was spent above the passing multitudes on Duke St. Listening to Rush, drinking Erlanger, and goofing around.
He will be missed.
My condolences to Rose and the rest of the Imboden family.
Sending Positive Waves to strengthen you during this time of hardship.

Bruce Franze - October 01, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ My condolences to the Imboden family. Alton knew that I loved to feed the birds so the kids and I could watch them outside my classroom window and he often brought birdseed to fill the feeders. He also treated us with York peppermint patties in our faculty room. He will be greatly missed.

Candy Steiner - October 01, 2023 at 11:05 AM

SR

“ *The third floor at 115 N Duke was a special place, it was Alton’s lair, home to a wonderful group of friends for many years! Stan and Diane’s tolerance of the continuing blasting of Rush over the stereo, and the constant traffic of friends up and down the stairs was legendary! So many of us with so many wonder memories. I often thought of a reunion, but unfortunately we were unable to. Never take time for granted. My thoughts and prayers to Rose and family, and the rest of the Imboden family. May he rest free of the earthly suffering.*

Steven Roy - October 01, 2023 at 10:06 AM

BH

Sending Condolences to your family, Diane! Your father was so much fun at various high school chorus events. I am so thankful to have gotten to meet him. His positivity and enthusiasm for you and the entire music program at Penn Manor was terrific! Sending our sympathies, the Hershey family

Bernie Hershey - October 02, 2023 at 06:40 PM

VF

“ *Al was a kind and joyful man who put a smile on the face of everyone he spoke to. I enjoyed every brief encounter. My heartfelt condolences to your family.*
Vicki Fafel

Vicki Fafel - October 01, 2023 at 08:00 AM

BW

“ My heartfelt condolences and empathy to the entire Imboden family: Rose, Eric, Diane, father Stan, brother Eric and family, and to all those whose lives Alton touched. So many "Sweet memories, flashing very quickly by:" The Lancaster County Library, late night guitar jams, camping at the Jersey Shore, dirt biking, hiking, Rush concerts, crabbing on the Chesapeake Bay, raiding the parents' fridge, Goober and Penny, teaching Vacation Bible School and Sunday School at St.James. He taught us all so much, and he never, ever met a stranger; rather he seized the opportunity to make new friends. Be at peace, and free from earthly pain, brother. Summer of '79 forever.

Brent Weaver - September 30, 2023 at 08:00 PM

TF

“ Imboden family - My heart breaks for you over and over. There are not enough words to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Alton was a BEAUTIFUL soul!!! He ALWAYS had a smile to share along with his peppermint patties at Martic Elementary. So many memories of Alton. Loved to hear him laugh and tell his stories. What a terrible, terrible loss to your family and the world. I am so sorry - please know that I am sending you all air hugs and a special air hug for you, Rose.



Thinking of you - Traci Frantz

Traci FRANTZ - September 30, 2023 at 11:44 AM

KE

*Dear Rose, Eric, and Diane,
Joe, Christian, and I are deeply sorry for your loss. Alton was a shining star wherever he went! His contagious smile, and wonderful, personable, and humorous personality were always greatly appreciated by everyone! He was "Mr. Peppermint Patty" at Martic Elementary and kept us well stocked with them! He also volunteered as much as possible and helped to make things run smoothly. I also encountered him, a handful of times, at Weis. After we'd both shared family news, I'd drive home with my heart overflowing with appreciation for having run into him. Alton made this world a better place, and we consider ourselves blessed for our paths having crossed with his. God speed.*

~ Kelly, Joe, and Christian Eby

Kelly Eby - October 01, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ So many memories have washed over me since hearing the news- from Alton’s days of being cub scout master of Pack 101, to his stint of commentating a little league game at Hobo Hollow (he was a natural), our time at the hunting cabin, Dewey Beach, the Waterpark in Erie, meeting Governor Corbett, and countless times in both our backyards. We will cherish it all, and continue our traditions with the rest of the family... 🙏💕

Lynn Christine - September 30, 2023 at 09:26 AM

CT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Alton was such a wonderful supporter to his children while they attended Martic Elementary. He will be greatly missed.

With love and prayers.

Carol Hostetler Twitchell

Carol Hostetler Twitchell - September 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM

Jl

“ The Imboden family , Sends its heartfelt condolences. We grieve with you and know your sadness . But there is Joy in the morning and a promised hope to hang onto that through Faith and acceptance of our Lord Jesus Christ there is a prepared place for prepared people like Alton . What a joy and peace even in grief and sadness.

May you rest with that confidence and hope.

Love Dot , Tammy ,Robbie, Sandy, Andy, Josh and Jill.

Josh Imboden - September 29, 2023 at 08:45 PM

PM

“ Forever will cherish the memories of every school field trip, every hug after a chorus concert, and every shared moment in between. Truly the kindest soul. Beyond blessed to have him apart of my childhood

Paige Miller - September 29, 2023 at 08:12 PM

HK

“ Hiromi K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alton Evan Imboden.

Hiromi K. - September 29, 2023 at 05:39 PM

CF

“ I have the fondest memories of uncle Alton, playing guitar, telling stories, and teaching me how to play my very first computer game Duke Nukem (which was my all time favorite) I remember I loved the game so much Uncle Alton surprised us with our own game and joyside for our computer at home! Theae are just a few of my favorite memories I will forever cherish ❤️ . Sending prayers for strength during this difficult time and big hugs!

Corinne Miller and family - September 29, 2023 at 01:25 PM

LA

“ Alton was always a bright spirit in the community. He was a humble, kind and giving soul. My prayers are with his family. May his memories always be a blessing.

Laurie - September 29, 2023 at 01:22 PM

JW

“ JW Westlund purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alton Evan Imboden.



JW Westlund - September 29, 2023 at 01:21 PM

JW

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JW Westlund - September 29, 2023 at 01:21 PM

MA

“ Dear Rosie, Eric and Diane
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
I thought of Alton every day.
Although not nearly enough, I am thankful he enjoyed special events with those that mattered the most to him following his kidney surgery. Love you, Cousin Marcie

Marcie - September 29, 2023 at 12:39 PM

SC

We knew Alton as an energetic little boy who kept his mother busy on Sundays at St. Paul's in Harrisburg. Regrettably we did not know him as an adult, as it is clear he brought joy to those around him. Sincerest sympathy to his family and friends from Shawn Williams Corcetti.

Shawn Corcetti - September 29, 2023 at 02:05 PM

CE

“ To my lovely Imboden family, I send you all the love in the world. Al, you'll greatly and dearly be missed. Thank you for always inviting me kindly to stay over, cracking the best jokes, and for always ALWAYS having powdered donuts ready with my name on it whenever I came over. I'll never forget you, and I love you all. -CiCi

CiCi Echavarria - September 29, 2023 at 12:31 PM

SI

“ Alton gifted us with enduring memories enriched by the pleasant personality he brought to every friendship. Alton's presence among us at family events increased the joy of every gathering. Remembering him as a devoted family centered son, husband, father and brother will forever inspire us. His hope and courage taught us how to rise above life's most difficult health challenges and now we find peace in knowing he is perfectly healed. His earthly presence is deeply missed as we lovingly commend him into the heavenly care of the Lord Jesus whom he followed and served.

Stan and Sandra Imboden - September 29, 2023 at 12:29 PM

AJ

Remembering my nephew Alton and praying for Rose and Eric and Diane and Stan and Sandi and his brother Eric. May wonderful memories and God's love comfort you. Aunt Jane

Aunt Jane - September 29, 2023 at 12:43 PM

TE

“*Rose, Eric and Diane,
We are so sorry to hear this news. Alton was one of the nicest, caring, and giving man we knew. The whole Echterling family has so many memories of Alton with Scouts, helping out at Martic, and being his friend. My heart is breaking right now. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. He made such a difference in this world and our memory of him will live on forever. With much love-
The Echterling Family*

Tanya Echterling - September 29, 2023 at 12:18 PM

WH

“*Dear Rose, My heart just breaks for you, Eric and Diane and what you must be going through. Please know that I am thinking of you all and praying for you during this difficult time. He was a wonderful man and will be deeply missed! Please reach out if we can do anything to help!! My sincerest sympathies, Wendy Herr*

Wendy Herr - September 29, 2023 at 11:01 AM