



Allan Foster McCool

October 29, 1951 - April 4, 2019

Allan Foster McCool “Al” passed away on April 4, 2019 after a short battle with cancer. Allan was a lifelong resident of Kalkaska, Michigan. He was born on October 29, 1951 to Foster and Eleanor McCool. He met and married his High School sweetheart Christine Elaine Baetz. They were together for fifty (50) years: married for forty-eight (48) years.

Allan was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, gardening, syrup making, and mushrooming.

Allan was very proud of his work ethic which started when he was thirteen trimming Christmas trees in the summer, this led him to be a valued member of a construction crew in which he and his crew traveled all over Michigan building apartments and other structures, and finally landed him a position working with his father as an insurance agent for Farm Bureau Insurance where he worked until he retired in 2016.

Allan was full of anecdotes of family history, apt at delivering a great story with humor and drama, he was in possession of a quick wit, and a smart sense of humor.

He was a very active member of his family, as well as the community over the years he developed myriad and lasting friendships with people both in this area and around the state, and he will be missed by all.

Allan was preceded in death by his parents Foster and Eleanor McCool (both of Kalkaska). He is survived by his loving wife Christine McCool (Kalkaska), two (2) beloved children: Arica Raab (White Lake), and Shawn (Yvonne) McCool (Kalkaska), four (4) cherished grandchildren: Nathan Raab (White Lake), Carter Raab (White Lake), Elisa McCool (Kalkaska), Foster McCool (Kalkaska), as well as five (5) sisters: Judy (Ron) Finger, Karin (Van DeLisle) McCool, Lynda (John) Prokup, Sandy (Justin) Straksis, and Lori McCool, one paternal uncle, one maternal aunt, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to Munson Hospice House, or the Cowell Family Cancer Center of Traverse City, MI.

We will gather to celebrate Allan's life and memory over Memorial Day weekend, May 26th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at Elite Steel Builders, 2606 US Highway 131 NE in Kalkaska with family and friends with food, frivolity, stories, memories, music, and spirits, we hope to see you there. The ceremony will begin at 3:30 pm.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Events

APR **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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APR **Service** 03:30PM

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Comments



“ Very sorry for this loss to your family. Al was a great guy and is missed.
Sherry (Beebe) Johnson

Sherry Jihkson - May 20, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ Willard Ryckman, Mary Sue, Ron, Doug, and family's purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Allan Foster McCool.



Willard Ryckman, Mary Sue, Ron, Doug, and family's - May 17, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ I will miss you old friend. Best regards, Sherm Sherwood.



Sherm - May 15, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss, condolences to the family.
Lisa Leve



lisa leve - May 05, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ Christine I am so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayer to you and your family



Yvonne Williams - April 12, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. God bless you all.

Sloke & Skeet Slocum
FBI Agent 1152 Retired

Sloke & Skeet Slocum - April 11, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ Al and I didn't always see eye to eye when it came to how things should go in the insurance business. That being said, I appreciated his unpretentiousness, his honesty, and his desire to always do the right things for clients, and the company. He was loved and respected in his town, and always friendly (well most of the time, :)) with me. When we first moved here, both Chris and Al came to our house for a dinner and were very warm in welcoming us. I still remember that almost 22 years later. He and his Dad helped build Farm Bureau to what it is today, and for that I am most humbly grateful. Mostly, I admired his desire to be a good husband, father, and grandfather. he always lit up whenever a discussion about kids or grandkids was in the mix. We will miss him.

Jim and Barb Camp - April 10, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ Al was not only my insurance man for 35 years, he was my friend. I would go to his office to make a change in my policy and it would take at least an hour , 5 minutes for the change and 55 to discuss hunting and fishing. Al came down to Bay City last summer and fished Saginaw Bay with me for walleyes , we had one of those special days on the water that all fishermen hope for, we caught our limits and threw back several. We had a ball. Al will be missed not only by me but by everyone that knew him. A great man. Prayers to you Chris and your family. Bill Klein

Bill Klein - April 10, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ Al, You lead Us to our Best year of Varsity Football,We all looked up to your leadership.
Rest in Peace, Thoughts and Prayers for the Family and Friends. Frank Castillo #52

FRANCIS CASTILLO - April 10, 2019 at 01:57 AM



“ Lisa Davis lit a candle in memory of Allan Foster McCool



lisa davis - April 09, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Our condolences to all of Al's family. With many years of fond memories, we'll miss you Al.

Gary & Mary Bessemer



Gary Bessemer - April 09, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ Jean Dombrowski lit a candle in memory of Allan Foster McCool



Jean Dombrowski - April 09, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Lori McCool lit a candle in memory of Allan Foster McCool



Lori McCool - April 09, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Erin Lantzer lit a candle in memory of Allan Foster McCool



Erin Lantzer - April 09, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ I have so many fond childhood memories of coming in to the store to get gummies from Chris and hanging out with Al in the front office. He was a friendly face at an age when other adults seemed to loom over us, always giving us a hard time but right at the level kids enjoy the most. You were one of the good ones, Al. We'll miss you.

Jesse Iott - April 09, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ Chris, I'm so sorry to hear the sad news. I have been praying for you ever since I heard he was ill. I will continue to pray for strength for you and your family. Blessings and love

Erin Lantzer - April 09, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ Dear Chris it seems like yesterday that "Frosty, Al, Foster" we called him different nick names but to me he will always be the "second baseman" on the 3 different softball teams we played on together. I remember the end of the year party (ball team) we had so many years ago at your home going on a hay ride after dark with Al at the wheel we had such great friends. His wit and humor were always present and always maintained a positive attitude. The times we all spent together way back when we were young to me were always and still are some of the very best times. My heart hurts for you and the kids I will always keep Al in my most special memories from a time when we thought we would live forever. God Bless Al's soul he was one of the best.

David Grimm - April 09, 2019 at 07:37 AM



“ AL, WAS OUR INSURANCE MAN FOR MANY MANY YEARS.... AND IN NO WAY COULD I HAVE KEPT MY FAMILY HEALTHY WITHOUT CHRIS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY... BIG HUGS.

Brenda Rogees - April 09, 2019 at 07:32 AM



“ I sat in his office one day and said, "Wow. You've been my insurance agent for 35 years." Such a great man! I laughed when I would call him, and he would answer the phone: "Hi Kerry. Not covered." Always interested in my family and personal life, not in a prying way. He will be truly missed.

Kerry - April 09, 2019 at 05:34 AM



“ Chris, I am so sorry for you and your family!! Al was a great guy and he will be missed by anyone that knew him. Hugs and prayers for you!!!

Sue Vowels - April 08, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Allan Foster McCool.



April 08, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ Karin, Van, Lynda, and family, I am so sorry that you've lost Allan. He was clearly a very special person. I hope all of you will find comfort through sharing your memories of him and what he meant to you.

Ingrid Bock - April 08, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ Chris, I am so so sorry. My heart breaks for you and your kids, your grandkids, your family. Al was such a good man during his life on this earth. I love you, and you will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sue Wilkinson - April 08, 2019 at 09:05 PM



“ Christine, we are so sorry to hear of Al's passing. We know how hard it will be for you. If we can do anything at all, please let us know. You are in our prayers.

Joan Cheeseman - April 08, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ So sorry for you loss. Al was such a gentle man. He lead a full life. He will be missed. Sincerely, Dee Ruby



Dee Ruby - April 08, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ Al was a great guy. He will be missed!

Dan Fritzsche - April 08, 2019 at 07:52 PM



“ Al was a great guy. Always enjoyed him. He will surely be missed

robert larsen - April 08, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ We so look forward to our move back to Michigan in 2020 and Al was one of the people we hoped to have more time with. And now this.

We miss him already, knowing that our sense of loss pales when compared to what his immediate family is experiencing. Our prayer for you is that the joyful memories of Al will gradually eclipse your present sorrow.

Al will be remembered, not forgotten.

Paul McCool - April 08, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ We are so sorry for this tremendous loss!!!! What a kind man.
Ellen and Jerry Besaw

Ellen besaw - April 08, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ So very sorry for your families great loss! Al was such a kind, gentle soul. Chris big hugs to you.

Mary Slick - April 08, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Van DeLisle - April 08, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Al, Sandy, Lori, Foster, Karin, Eleanor, Judy and Lynda

Van DeLisle - April 08, 2019 at 06:00 PM



“ Chris and family, our hearts are broken for you all. He was such

a good man and we loved our insurance agent Al. Oh yes, can't

forget his delicious corn on the cob, he shared with the

community. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Prayers for you all.

The Paternoster's

paternoster's - April 08, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ John And Laura Latham lit a candle in memory of Allan Foster McCool



John and Laura Latham - April 08, 2019 at 04:16 PM