

Obituary: Mr. Robert Bearl Alder Fruitport, Michigan

Mr. Robert Bearl Alder, age 72, passed away Monday, October 5, 2020. He was born in Mancelona, MI on November 29, 1947 to Robert & Ilean (Kiel) Alder. He married the former Leeanne Osterhart on March 24, 1966. Mr. Alder had been employed as a leader for Fruitport Township DPW. Robert enjoyed hunting, raising beagles, projects, and was a very talented handyman.

SURVIVORS

Wife, Leeanne Alder; daughters, Autumn (Kevin) Willis & Marcee (Burton) Barbour; 2 grandchildren, Alyssa Willis & Levi Willis; brothers, Bill (Jan) Alder, Rick (Deb) Alder & Tom (Vicky) Alder; brother's-in-law, Tom (Joyce) Osterhart & Kim (Kelly) Osterhart; sister-in-law, Gayle (Tim) Rosema; uncle, Archie (Carolyn) Kiel; many nieces, nephews, cousins & friends. He was preceded in death by his parents & infant brother, Richard Alder.

SERVICE

Due to Covid - 19, a private family service was held. Please visit www.clockfuneralhome.com to leave a memory or sign the online guestbook.

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Bob began his career in public service at Fruitport Township parks department in 1975. Bob was willing to assist wherever and whenever he was needed. At one point, the cemetery was 13 burials behind in the spring of 1976. Bob hand dug them all in short order to accommodate the families of those who passed. Bleachers he built at Pine Park are still there today.

Bob transferred to the water department in 1975 when Fruitport Township's water system was originally built. Bob provided field-engineering services and was known as a stickler for details.

In 1978 he went to Norton Shores as the supervisor of the water and sewer division while the City was expanding its sewer system. He later went to Muskegon Heights and held the position of water department supervisor and filtration plant operator. Bob eventually returned to Fruitport Township as its utility director in 1992.

In 1992, the water system was experiencing

financial issues and had yet to establish a maintenance program and master plan. Bob quickly streamlined the billing system and instituted a routine maintenance program that has made Fruitport's water system one of the best from an infrastructure standpoint.

Long time executive assistant Pat Nichols stated, "Bob was the right person at the right time. He was what Fruitport needed."

Matthew Vallee, the Township's current water system supervisor stated, "Bob would not settle for anything less than the top quality materials and workmanship to ensure the infrastructure would last 'forever'. He demanded the residents get their money's worth every time. His passion was for the Fruitport water system and the residents. He maintained the system to the highest industry standards."

His last words to Mr. Vallee were, "Matt, please promise me you will take care of this system."

Former employee Matthew Farrar stated, "I've been in the public water business for 31 years and there is not another water system with a superior quality maintenance program that will better ensure reliability for decades to come."

Bob was so dedicated to the Township he was known to take only a few vacation days each year to take his beagles hunting in the UP.

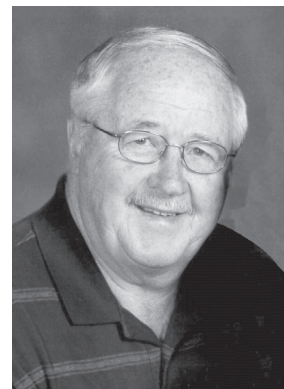
Bob was a regional thinker and always took action with an eye on the future. His forward thinking resulted in Fruitport constructing its first sewer system. Bob worked tirelessly to secure access points to the County system long before Fruitport had its own. He made sure the access points were oversized for future expansion, which eventually allowed for the mall area, the Fruitport Schools, and the Village to connect.

A mentor to many, Bob was willing to teach anyone anything, if they showed interest and were willing to learn. His mentees hold administrative positions throughout Muskegon and Ottawa Counties. Kim Osterhart stated, "he was a great mentor and one hell of a brother-in-law." When Bob retired, he left the Township a solid water and sewer system that is second-to-none, and will continue to be into the future.

The legacy Bob left behind, is for us all to keep, not even death can take that.

Obituary: Mr. Lambert Namminga

Lambert Namminga, age 77, passed away unexpectedly after a short illness. He was born February 24, 1943 in Yankton, SD to Andrew and Hattie (Wieten) Namminga. On October 18, 1963 he married the love of his life, the former Mary A. Nummerdor in Muskegon and she sadly preceded him in



death on March 22, 2020. Lambert worked as a construction foreman for the JD Bouwkamp Company, worked as an LPN for a psychiatric hospital, and was a jack of all trades. He loved woodworking, traveling, camping, reading fiction, gardening and doing yardwork, and spending 4 months of the year in Texas with his wife, Mary. Lambert was a member of Unity Reformed Church where he had been active as a Sunday School Superintendent, Cadet leader, Deacon, Elder, the XYZ Senior Group, CROSS group, as well as attending monthly breakfasts. SURVIVORS include 2 children: Daniel Namminga and Sarah (Tom Gerou) Pierce; grandson, Allen Jared Pierce; sisters-in-law: Beth and June Namminga; many nieces and nephews; and a very special friend, Jan Palsrok. He was also preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Susan Namminga; and 2 brothers: Donald and Allen Namminga. SERVICES for Lambert will be held 1:00 PM Friday, October 2, 2020 at Unity Reformed Church (1521 Porter Rd., Muskegon, MI 40441) with Pastor Dave Celeskey officiating. VISITATION with the family will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place in Sunrise Memorial Gardens next to his wife, Mary. MEMORIALS to Western Michigan Christian High School Memorials or Unity Reformed Church will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100

GRANDPA'S OPINIONS

by Ron Cooper

To you lifelong Democrats, some of you are friends. Your party has left you, don't follow along like sheep to the chaos and confusion they are leading you into which will lead to socialism/communism. Then it will be too late and your grandkids will be stuck with the choices that you made.

The riots have been encouraged by anti-American groups. The peaceful protesters have been duped and caught up in the emotion of/or strategy by the anti-American groups. These anti-American groups would not have as much success if it were not for the mostly young thieves and undisciplined youth ready to benefit with free stuff and raise hell for the emotional rush they experience.

In the inner city is where a lot of these youth are, and that is why a lot of the riots start in those areas.

Keep in mind that over 1/2 of the youth in the inner city are raised without fathers in the home. This is a big part of the problem. Trump is trying to help that community by creating jobs for them, which does help. A problem is that a lot of these undisciplined kids being produced by unwed mothers don't want a job. Raising kids is a married couple's job. It's not easy and requires two people, a mother and a father. Any other combination has odds for the kids against them.

by no name grandma

Seeing the beautiful fall colors always reminds me that there is a God! Such magnificence! I believe God created the universe and everything in it. And, by the way, He has a lot on His plate today. Some people don't believe that the world was created by a God: that it came from nothing. I decided to test that theory. I took a large bowl out of the cupboard and set it on the counter. It was empty. It had nothing in it. So, I looked at it and questioned, "What can I make in this bowl." It had nothing in it! What can I create from this nothing? Kind of illogical isn't it? From nothing you can make nothing!!! That's the same kind of illogical thinking that we can elect people who are corrupt and anti-American, to be anything but corrupt and anti-American. These powerful, corrupt and anti-Americans want to eliminate the police, believe in violence to get their way, profess to be communist in their beliefs, have a history of trying to destroy the black population, deny us the right to defend ourselves, deny us from practicing our faiths, try to control our thinking, want to undermine every process that strengthens our freedom and call us racist because we honor life from birth to death, don't support the constitution, want to open the borders to all comers (and give them free everything) then ask for our vote! It was the

Democrats who created the KKK, it was the Democrats who created Planned Parenthood with the goal of eliminating the Negroes, it was the Democrat party who helped destroy the family by discouraging the role of the father, it is the present Democrat party that eliminated God from its platform. This is the party that wants your vote to take over your life. Does that sound logical to you?

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The national leaders in the Democratic Party have a goal of chaos and confusion

It's hard to understand because it doesn't make sense. It's evil! We must take action against it, before their goal does us all in, like in other socialist/communist countries. It's difficult to undo the success of a goal of chaos and confusion which deteriorates to socialism/communism. If successful, our present government and way of life and freedom will be lost and we will have to live like the people in other socialist/communist countries of today.

There are many good and capable people that run as Democrats at the local level. In most cases the party has left them also, but it does not affect their performance at the local level. It's too bad that the radicals that are the present party leadership are embarrassing some good local public servants.