



## Alan Ray Carlson

June 29, 1947 - February 2, 2013

### ALAN RAY CARLSON

Alan Ray Carlson, 65, resident of Bartlesville and longtime attorney, died Saturday February 2, 2013 in Bartlesville.

Funeral services for Mr. Carlson will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday at the Oklahoma Wesleyan University-Fine Arts Center with Dr. Devon Smith, of Oklahoma Wesleyan University officiating.

Graveside Services will be at 1:00 P.M. on Friday February 8, 2013 at the Alva Municipal Cemetery at Alva Oklahoma under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society c/o Kathy Leeper P.O. Box 1094 Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74005, or to the American Heart Association P.O. Box 841125 Dallas, Texas 75284-1125

Alan Ray Carlson was born on June 29, 1947 at Alva, Oklahoma. He earned his high school education at Alva High School, a Bachelor of Science-Industrial Engineering with Honors from Oklahoma State University, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa in 1973.

Alan was engaged in the practice of law with the Garrison, Brown and Carlson law firm from 1974 to the present.

Alan was a member of many professional organizations including, but not limited to, the American Institute of Industrial Engineering, American and Oklahoma Bar Associations, American College of Trial Lawyers Association, American Association for Justice, Oklahoma Association for Justice, Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (charter member,) the Hudson-Hall-Wheaton Chapter of the American Inns of Court, and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Alan authored articles on the practice of law for various regional publications. He was a highly regarded speaker lecturing in Oklahoma and other venues throughout the U.S. Alan was the highest ranked speaker for Oklahoma Bar Association Seminars for the year 1989, received the Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Certificate of Meritorious Service and was selected for admission into "The Best Lawyers in America. Martindale Hubbell - the foremost guide for rating attorneys, awarded Alan an "av" (very high) rating, which is the highest possible.

He was admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th circuit, the United States Supreme Court, and several state courts.

Alan was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt quail. Though he was a highly educated and driven man, he never forgot his roots and the lessons learned growing up on the farm in western Oklahoma. Alan loved his extended family and served God through service to his many clients and friends.

Alan is survived by his wife of 42 years, Karen Carlson, sons Eric and Kevin and his fiancée Tanya Kopytin. He is also survived by his brother Dean and

wife Sandra, sisters Virginia Lane and Verona Greenawalt and husband Gary, brother-in-law Dr. Earl Smith and wife Patsy, sisters-in-law Rene Catli and husband Craig and Kipa Smith and her partner Tracy Ferlet, and nine nieces and nephews.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at [www.stumpff.org](http://www.stumpff.org).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Alan Ray Carlson*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Alan Ray Carlson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to all of Alan's family. He was far and away the finest lawyer in Bartlesville during the years I lived there, and also a wonderful and kind human being. Every lawyer on the planet would be better if he or she was a little more like Alan Carlson.*

**Bob Koch** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Alan's death. You have our deepest sympathy. His parents were so proud of him and his accomplishments both as a professional and a family man.*

**Roberta Mosser and Dorothy Erikson** - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We will always remember how Alan gave everything he had to defend our son, Steve. He will ALWAYS be in our thoughts.*

**Doris Allen** - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ You'll truly be missed. Rest in peace Alan.

Rossann

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**Rossann Glover** - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Alan Ray Carlson

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**Rossann** - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I can't express adequate appreciation for being there for Pat and me. That is the way you were. Caring and giving person. I feel fortunate to have known you.

Gay Scudder

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**Gay Scudder** - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Alan made all of us better lawyers. He taught me a lot. He will be sorely missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Craig Corgan** - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IP

“ May your husband's memory be eternal. Be blessed.

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**Irene Pappas** - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Carlson family...*

*Kathy(Walters) Racette  
alva Sr. high school Class of 1965*

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**Kathryn Walters Racette** - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Karen and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you during this time.  
Cheryl Salerno*

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**Cheryl Salerno** - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Alan. We worked very  
closely with Alan while running the Village Inn's in Tulsa and  
Oklahoma City for John Hoyt. He was a man of skill and integrity  
and we will miss him. We are better for having known him.*

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**Bob and Melanie McDaniel** - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Having just moved from Alva to Bartlesville, a neighbor said if we  
ever need a lawyer, Alan Carlson would be the one! Of course....he  
was a Goldbug and knew where his roots were! Alan will be missed.*

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**Kay (Coffman) Campbell** - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Good friend. I will miss you.  
Neil Wilderom*

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**Neil Wilderom** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Sincere condolences to all of the Carlson families. Will remember Alan as both a classmate (Sr. 1965) and longtime friend.

Paul Woodson - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Family, When I started practicing law with another firm in B'ville in the 80s, I met Alan who was a very hard worker, dedicated to his profession but who took time to be kind. One night about 11 he called a few attorneys such as me in to work on a case when he had a novel idea. I always remember that.

Sandra Houston - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Karen, words cannot express my sorrow at your loss. I pray you find comfort in the Lord during this difficult time. Love, Kim

Kim Mulligan - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Karen,  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the boys. Alan was a very kind and caring man. He will be missed greatly.

Neal & Gail Barnes - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ To the Carlson Family; I knew Allen through out high school in many capacities and I never met a finer, gentler man. He was indeed a scholar, an athlete and a Gentleman! You have my thoughts and prayers.

Stephen W. Painton - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Karen, I'm heartbroken for you and your family but I'm happy for Alan that he is in Heaven. My sweetest thoughts and prayers are with you. Tina

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**Tina Morgan** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Our Sincere Condolences to your family.

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**Marvin and Doris Geeding** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ He will be greatly missed.

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**Mike and Janet Geeding** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Alan was not only a respected Attorney he was also a gentlemen gentleman.  
He was a pleasure to work with and an excellant advocate for his clients.  
He will be missed. My condolences to his family for your loss.

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**Jim McGinnis** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Alan, and want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you guys in this difficult time. May God Bless and comfort you today and always.

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**Rocky & Mary Lewellyn** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Dear Carlson family,

*We extend our deepest sympathy to you and will be remembering you in our prayers. May you know the comforting peace of God in these days.*

*Ken & Verna Gooden  
Instructor in the Cross On line program.*

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**Ken & Verna Gooden** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you*

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**Gary Sutton** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Dear Karen, Thinking of you and praying for you. In the midst of your sorrow, may our hope steady you and may God's peace and love carry you. Love Trish*

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**Trish Leggett** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Please knowm that our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
The Roger Bush family*

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**Roger Bush** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Karen,

*I am truly sorry for the passing of your husband. He has transitioned to his 'permanent home'. My prayers are with you and your family. Psalm 34:18 'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.' I pray you will experience God's comfort and strength today and in the days to come. Hugs and love to you.*

*Sincerely,  
Betty-Jo*

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**Betty-Jo Anderson** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I am sorry for your lose, Allen was all ways very kind to me. I will miss his friendship.*

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**mike Bouvier and margaret** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Karen,

*I am so sorry for your loss. May our Lord bless you and keep you and give you great peace during this time.*

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**Ben LeVan** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Karen,

*Just wanted you to know that your OKWU family has you in their thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jeremy Dennis** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Eric, Kevin, and Karen,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I have many great memories of growing up in such a great environment which Alan and all of you provided. He will be greatly missed. Thinking of praying for you guys. Love you guys. Scotty Lew

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**Scott Lewellyn** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dearest Karen, Eric, Kevin & family: Heartfelt thoughts & prayers go out to you all. May you gain strength and understanding as his light continues to shine through you.

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**Janet Lightfoot** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I am sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you Karen and your boys also. May God give comfort and peace to you all. May His Mercy be new every morning for each day's strength.

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**Paula Chronister** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Karen,  
  
Our prayers are with you during this time. Praying that you have strength and comfort.

Brett

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**Brett Andrews** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My heart is broken for you. I'm so sorry, and I pray God's strong arms around you during this time. Much, much love, Donna*

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**Donna Fleenor** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *Lighting a candle in his memory.*

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**Nesha Daniel-Coulson** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *My heart goes out to Alan's family. He was an amazing guy and attorney and i'm glad i got the pleasure to get to know such a sophisticated man. His secretary, Debbie and Alan changed my life for the better and really help me get back on my feet.*

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**Nesha Daniel-Coulson** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Although acquainted with Mr. Carlson a few years, I know he was a very kind gentleman who always took the time to say hello and ask how about my family and me when he came into our office. One thing I will remember him most is that he wore the best men's cologne ever! He will be truly missed by many. God rest his soul. Many prayers to the family.*

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**Pam Grimes** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I will never forget Allan's modeled professionalism and the kindness and respect that Alan showed me from my first day practicing law in Bartlesville.*

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**Todd Cone** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of grief.*

**Vay Facione** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Alan always was appreciative, kind, and reflected true character. My sincerest condolences to the family.*

**Denyse Rushenberg, RMA** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Alans passing. He was a good friend to me and my late father. You will be missed.*

**John E Hoyt** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Dear Karen,  
Ragon and I are so very sorry for your loss. May the Holy Spirit be with you during this difficult time.  
With love,  
Tina & Ragon Steele*

**Tina Steele** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Karen, Eric and Kevin - my heart aches for your loss. I remember the times our families shared resulting in wonderful memories. I will pray for you and Alan. He will be remembered with great admiration and fondness. May God continue to bless you during this difficult time.*

**John & Michelle Sommer** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Alan was a superb attorney and a good friend who gave me encouragement when I entered the practice of law late in life.

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**Don Baker** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Eric and family,  
We were saddened to hear of your father's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences.  
Jim Brewer, Jim Osborn, Linda Doornbos, Jarrod Brewer, Randy Foster

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**Jim's Propane Inc. Staff** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Prayers and condolences to the Carlson Family. This is very sad news to learn of his passing.

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**Ann Shirley** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Our most sincere condolences for the loss of Alan. We light a candle in honor of your memory that still burns in the hearts of many.

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**Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ My sincere condolences and sympathy to the Carlson Family. I appreciated Alan's help when I needed an attorney, and when I asked him to volunteer in my classroom when we were studying the Constitution. May God's comfort and blessings be upon all of you during this difficult time.

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**Paula K Steeper** - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM