



Alan Charles MacAllaster

December 26, 1941 - August 22, 2015

Alan Charles MacAllaster “Mac”, December 26, 1941 - August 22, 2015. Alan was born to Alice Payne MacAllaster and Willard Richard MacAllaster in Atlanta, Georgia along with brothers, Willard “Richard” MacAllaster and Robert G. MacAllaster.

Alan moved to Orlando, FL in 1952. He attended Howard Middle School and Edgewater High School class of 1960. Alan played football for the Edgewater High School Eagles. After graduation he attended Furman University where received a scholarship and played for their football team.

In 1962, Alan decided to join the Orlando Fire Department. He loved working for the fire department and helping others. December 2, 1972, Alan was at a fire call at the shoe outlet on West Central Blvd when he was ascending the ladder when a backdraft caused him to be thrown from the ladder 35 feet into the parking lot. Although he sustained serious injuries including a broken neck, he survived the accident. Alan moved up the ranks within the Orlando Fire Department reaching the rank of Deputy Chief. He retired from OFD in 1997.

Alan couldn't stay retired for long, and joined the St. Cloud Fire Department in 1998. While there, he became the Training Officer and held other administrative duties. He was instrumental in bringing in many grants into the

department. He retired from St. Cloud in January 2015.

In addition, he was instrumental in the development of the Central Florida Fire Academy. He taught at Mid-Florida Technical institute and supervised and trained fire fighters at burn buildings.

He was passionate about teaching fire fighters and ensuring their safety.

Alan loved Florida State football, fishing and playing golf. He spent much of his free time playing golf with good friends. He enjoyed keeping in touch with his high school classmates and fellow retired fire fighters.

Alan and his wife Sally have been married 41 years. They enjoyed many vacations in North Carolina and trips to the beach with their grandchildren.

Alan is survived by his wife Sally. His children Matt (& Brandi), Beth (& son-in-law Matt Flynn), Terry and Chuck. His eight grandchildren, Cody, Kyle, Mackenzie, Connor, Andrew, Tyler, Olivia, and Conor. Along with his nephew Donald MacAllaster and wife Valerie and their two children, Dylan and Ethan.

Alan was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He lit up every room he entered. He never met a stranger, he loved to talk to everyone and share stories. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Donations may also be made to: Orlando Fire Department Museum

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 4:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Orlando - Henry Chapel
3000 S. John Young Parkway
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 425-2555
http://www.firstorlando.com/Church/Directions_Campus_Map.aspx

Tribute Wall

EK

“ In December of 1970, I walked out of Chief Rivenbark’s office at OFD, having just been hired and was introduced to my first Lieutenant at Station One...the guy who would mentoring me until our standards class started. He was a big, rugged looking guy..... reminded me a lot of Clint Eastwood. That officer was Lt. Alan MacAllaster and he would not only mentor me during my few months before my standards class but throughout my career.

A few years later, I became an engineer and Mac was our DC. One afternoon, we had a bad storm come through the city. Every unit in the city was committed...going from one call to another to another. Dispatch was having a tough time prioritizing who would go where (we had no CAD back then) and the confusion was setting in. Suddenly, Mac got on the radio and started moving units, re-routing some to a more important call, canceling some, and giving direction to others who were on a scene. I recall wondering how anyone could possibly command that many units so effectively and with such decisiveness. I learned later that he was doing everything “off the cuff” with no aid and no time for a command sheet. He did it as calmly as if were sitting in the ready room drinking a cup of coffee and talking about his Seminoles.

Mac was the epitome of the phrase “incident command”. It was as if he was born to it. At any fire where he was in command, there was an air of confidence among the firefighters and other officers. Mac was on the scene and no matter what happened, he was going to handle the job and take care of his firefighters.

As time passed, I became a Lt with Mac as my first DC and then a DC with Mac as my AC. When he would see me on a scene or in a station he would come up from behind, plant that big hand on my shoulder (just about knocked me down) and say “Kendrick! You’re still a damn rookie!”

When Mac became Deputy, I was sent to the Training Division to replace him in the AC spot. Our transfer of command consisted of

driving down to Kissimmee to eat lunch with Chief Bell. When we got back, he slapped me on the shoulder, said..”it’s yours now, Rookie. Don’t screw it up!” and off he went to City Hall.

After I retired and headed up another department, I needed a someone to teach fire ops and incident command. I wanted someone who had the depth of experience and charisma that it would take to keep the firefighters’ attention. Mac was my first and only choice. When he introduced himself and gave short bio including what happened at the Behr Shoe Store fire, there was no a firefighter in the room who was not focused on his every word.

The initiatives that Mac started, his focus on safety and training, as well his depth of knowledge in all phases of the fire service, has touched so many lives and in doing so, has kept countless firefighters safe when doing their hazardous work.

Mac was one of kind and like the rest of us, I am blessed to have known him.

Farewell, Chief.

Emory Kendrick - August 28, 2015 at 10:04 AM

CS

“ *I have known Alan since Howard JH. We read track together at Edgewater. Great guy and will be missed. Prayers for Sally and family.*

Charles Sherman - August 27, 2015 at 11:40 AM

JT

“ I will miss this great Guy's big voice & smile. He was always so full of life & fun ever since I've known him from high school on. During my time as an Orange County Firefighter I heard great things about Alan serving OFD. I would have liked to have served with him in that capacity. I regarded Alan as a great friend. My deepest sympathy to Alan's family.

Jim Thompson

Jim Thompson - August 27, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Alan Charles MacAllaster.



August 26, 2015 at 07:51 PM

BF

“ BC John Koones (SCFD Ret'd) and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Alan Charles MacAllaster.



BC John Koones (SCFD Ret'd) and Family - August 26, 2015 at 07:35 PM

JP

“ Chief Mac was an exceptional fire officer and a fine Man. He will be remembered for many years to come. May God give comfort to the MacAllaster family.

jack pelletier - August 26, 2015 at 06:53 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Alan Charles MacAllaster.*



August 26, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ *I am deeply grieving the loss of such a wonderful person. To know Alan was to know life because he brought such joy when you were in his presence. I will miss Alan, but I know he is in the arms of Jesus and suffers no more.*

My sympathy is with Sally and all of the MacAllaster family. I pray for God to give you the strength to get through this sad and difficult time.

John Stevenson

John Stevenson - August 26, 2015 at 12:38 PM



“ *You will be missed my brother. Much Love Mickey Merola*

MICKEY MEROLA - August 26, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sally, our prayers and our love go out to you at this time of sadness. You and Mac have always been good friends to us and we will miss him. Joe and Peggy*

Joe Bivins - August 26, 2015 at 09:16 AM

DH

“ *Sally, our thoughts and love are with you at this difficult time. The memories that we have of Mac will continue to live and he will not be forgotten. Deb and Chet*

Deb and Chet Hamlin - August 26, 2015 at 08:02 AM

FF

“ *Sally, Beth, Matt and family we are so sad to hear of Alan's passing yet thankful he is no longer suffering. Our prayers and thoughts are with you as you walk this difficult journey. Your family has a very special place in the hearts of each of the Flemings. We are so thankful for your support and love helping us raise our 4 children. We could always count on you. We trust that Alan has found rest and comfort in the arms of the Savior. Well done, Alan! Well done!*

Fleming Family - August 26, 2015 at 06:35 AM