



## Mr. Albert "Al" W. Egli

December 9, 1947 - June 3, 2013

This is a different type of obituary tale than you would normally see in this space. This is a tale of love. This is a tale of commitment.

My love was not a rocket scientist, a poet, a doctor, a philanthropist, or the builder of great buildings. He was not especially outstanding in the minds of most. He was most outstanding in mine.

My cousin introduced me to Al four weeks after the birth of my fourth child, in 1977. My first husband had left.

We all went fishing that day and that was the day I fell in love. Really, so soon? I know that many thought I was on the rebound after being hurt. Many thought all I wanted was someone to help with my six year old, my three year old, my sixteen month old and my four week old children. True, but my falling in love that day wasn't anything more than loving Al.

You see, Al had a way of making people feel important. He had a way of making women feel pretty no matter their appearance or size. Al had a spectacular sense of humor. I needed all of that, especially at the one of the lowest times of my life. I felt joy with my young children, but I was terrified about how I was going to handle it all on my own. I was blessed to have help from my family over many years.

Al tried to run away from me for years. Who could blame him?

Finally, after five years, he moved to Orlando to work with his brothers in the mobile home business and to be near his family. I was in Jacksonville, broken hearted, but vowing to move on. After a few weeks he wrote me and later called. I let him know that I was going to the Daytona 500 with some friends and that I was doing ok. He asked if he could meet me there. It was on the infield of the 1982 Daytona 500 when Al asked me to marry him. The rest they say is history. Oh, by the way, Bobbie Allison won that year, all though we didn't pay much attention!

In Orlando we settled in to raise our combined family. We weren't a "perfect" family, but we managed pretty well thanks to Al's hard work and his learned patience. He operated his own mobile home company for eleven years. In 1993 he went to work for T.G. Lee Dairy in the transport department. He worked hard and became "Driver of the Quarter" and soon after he became "Driver of the Year."

He cherished that honor. Mainly because it was voted upon by his fellow employees. He was asked to become a supervisor and did so for several years. In his twenty years there, he drove, supervised, drove again and ended his time there as transport dispatcher. When Al got the honor of "Driver of the Year," he gave me the \$1000.00 travel voucher he had won and told me to "Book a cruise." We took a dozen or more cruises over the years and loved them all.

Al and I went to Bike Week for thirty-six consecutive years. It was always a special time and we made many friends over the years.

Al escorted the baby girl at homecoming court when she was in high school.

Al walked two of our daughters down the aisle at their weddings. He would speak at the altar and there was never a dry eye in the house. Over the years, he was a strict but very loving father.

In June 2012 Al started his battle with cancer. He battled with astonishing style and grace. It broke my heart to see him ill. It broke my heart to watch him fade away. He is at peace and free of pain. I feel his presence all around me.

He loved me unconditionally for thirty-six years. He helped raise my four children. He loved them and he loved their children.

He was my rocket scientist; he was my everything.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Our love and thoughts to Sally and the family...Al always made me laugh and always made me appreciate life...I had such a high respect for him. Al will always be in my heart. Michael and Sharon Pugh

Michael Pugh - June 07, 2013 at 09:53 AM



“ We here at the Ocala Branch of T. G. Lee loved Al..He was the greatest to work with and will be sorely missed by all here..May God Bless his family and know we will keep you in are prayers..

Joy Berardo

Joy Berardo - June 07, 2013 at 08:24 AM



HB

“ Sally, I will always remember the day I asked Al if he was a newly wed because of the way he always spoke to you on the phone. His " Hi Pie" told me that it was you on the other end. He told me he was fortunate to have married his best friend 30 something years ago. He spoke to you like newly married couples do. I am sure you know he loved you but you should know that he expressed that Love whether you were in the room or not. Al will be remembered constantly by all of us that worked with him. He inspired us with the battle he fought this past year. I am saddened by his passing, but I am blessed to have known him. Henry Blais

Henry Blais - June 06, 2013 at 10:59 PM

SS

“I worked with Al at TG Lee in the Late 90's and Early 2000, He was one of my supervisors when I first came to Orlando, He was a great Mentor, latter on I came to work side by side with him in the dispatch office. Al was a Great man and was well respected by everyone he comes across in his life, I have many great memories of him and he will be truly missed by many.  
May God bless you and your family through this difficult time; I can truly say I am a better person for the Honor of knowing Al.”

*Steve Strickland*

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**Steve Strickland** - June 06, 2013 at 10:29 AM

BL

“Sally, I worked with Al at TG Lee in the 90's. I personally trained him and respected him as a driver and later when he became my supervisor. He was a great guy and I enjoyed working for him. I remember him speaking of his many cruises and calling you the "boss". He always had to check with the "boss". LOL....

May all the great memories you created keep you lifted in the weeks ahead when it is so difficult to go through the grieving process.  
May God bless you and the family at this time. PS...you chose the perfect picture of Al to represent him and the tribute you gave him was very special.

*Bryan Lookenott*

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**Bryan Lookenott** - June 06, 2013 at 10:00 AM



LG

“ We are so sorry for the passing of Al. May you find comfort in your many happy memories and in God's promise of an end to all suffering and death here on earth.  
*Revelation 21:3,4 Soon we will be reunited with our deceased loved ones. What a happy time that will be. John 5:28,29*

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**Linda Gilbert** - June 06, 2013 at 07:09 AM

PC

“ Al, exemplified what made life on this earth worth living for and all that is good about our lives!  
*Pete and Carolyn Craft*

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**pete craft** - June 06, 2013 at 06:28 AM

HW

“ I didn't know Al but knew about him from his loving wife Sally. He was revered by her as well as a bunch of kids and grandkids. That says a lot. I know he'll be missed. Much love, Sally.

*Harriet Williamson*

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**Harriet Williamson** - June 05, 2013 at 10:01 PM

TT

“ I worked with Al in the late 70's at the Honda & BmW motorcycle store. He always made me laugh. We shared many good times together, I loved him so much like a brother. I introduced him to Sally many moons ago never dreaming what a match they would be. They complimented each other in so many ways. He is a person I will never forget. Sorry for your loss Sally and family.

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**Teresa Tennant** - June 05, 2013 at 09:31 PM

DS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time.*

*Diana*

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**Diana Strade** - June 05, 2013 at 10:49 AM

BG

“ *Our prayers are with you and your family in your time of loss. My deepest sympathy to all of the family.*

*Beth, Sienna, Ann, Mark*

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**Beth Graham** - June 04, 2013 at 01:26 PM