



William Alan Presnell

August 16, 1959 - February 2, 2022

William Alan Presnell, 62, passed away on February 2, 2022, after a two-and-a-half-year battle with melanoma cancer. He is healed now and moved on to his eternal home in heaven. Alan was born on August 16, 1959, in Burnsville, NC and lived there until after high school when he moved to Asheville, NC. For the past thirty years, he resided in Black Mountain, NC. Alan's childhood was good—always outside fishing, camping, skiing, boating, hunting, and hiking. His passion for the outdoors took him to his first job with the US Forest Service. His career, however, was in law enforcement. For most of this profession, Alan worked for APD on the SWAT team. He also served on HNT as a hostage negotiator. His fellow officers nicknamed him 'Hammer' and fondly remember "Story Time With Hammer" before their shift began. "He told the best stories," they said, "about lots of things. But after his son was born, they were mostly hilarious 'Will Stories,' as we called them." How fitting it is that while in Hospice care the children gathered around him and listened as their Dad told stories

Alan was a superior officer, earning a purple heart, and dozens of other awards. For most of his career, he was a law enforcement instructor, field training officer, and firearms instructor—training at Singleton International. One of Alan's fellow officers said this about him: "Alan was the guy you wanted with you when things started getting bad. He knew what to do and how to get it done in every situation. Many times, Alan calmed the others

down during stressful situations.” At the time of his passing, Alan served at the AB Tech police department as day shift lieutenant over training.

Alan was dedicated to his work and has been told by many that he was instrumental in helping them turn their life around. But he was dedicated to his family more. Alan was a faithful husband to Debbie for 37 years and together they raised three children: Mary Alexis, married to Nick Conrad whom Alan adored, Julianne Grace, married to Bobby Pinata also greatly loved; and our precious son William Paul.

Alan was actively involved in every aspect of his children’s lives: dance recitals, basketball, soccer, baseball games, boy scout leader (who later become the proud father of an Eagle Scout) and he helped make numerous AWANA cars for the church races, where inevitably the sibling’s cars raced against each other. He liked playing “monster” and chasing the children around the house. He enjoyed making things for his young children, too, like the giant dollhouse and the Lego table. But one of his favorite things to do when they became adults and moved from home was to call each of his children on his way home from work just to chat. Other favorite things included taking his granddaughter to Big Lots and buying her treats, and making dinner with Debbie, and eating on the front porch.

Alan is preceded in death by his parents Harold and Alma Presnell, both of Burnsville. Other survivors are his sister, Sharon Morgan, her husband Mike, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alan was a member of Arden First Baptist Church. He was a strong supporter of Debbie and an advocate for her ministries, often helping her in her writing with his vast knowledge of history. He loved family vacations, taking out the camper, and riding his motorcycle.

Alan loved God and his family more than anything. We love him and he’s

going to be missed.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at Arden First Baptist Church, Arden, NC. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to <https://www.muktimission.us/campaigns/alan-presnell-memorial?id=alan-presnell-memorial>. A future playground will be built for the children of the Muki Mission in Alan's memory.

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is serving the family. Condolences and remembrances may be sent to the family through our website at www.morrisfamilycare.com.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB 10. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Arden First Baptist Church
3839 Sweeten Creek Rd
Arden
Arden, NC 28704

Memorial Service

FEB 10. 5:00 PM.

Arden First Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *William Alan Presnell*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Hey Debbie,*

Sorry I was not able to attend the funeral. I was in Florida at a business event. I know you will miss Allen. While we lived next to your family, Allen was always willing to help with anything we asked. He was a fine man and a Southern gentleman. He is in a better place and you will see him again. Again, my condolences to you and your family.

Bill White

Bill White - February 14, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *My condolences to Alan's family and friends.*

I came to know Alan when I started at APD in the mid 90's. Working with him over the years I found him to be a dedicated, caring, and honest person. His passing makes this world a bit dimmer and we're all at a loss for that.

Fran - February 12, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“ *Truly sorry to hear of your loss .*

Alan was comrade a brother in blue and it wad a pleasure to have known and served with him .



Steve Dillingham - February 11, 2022 at 09:52 AM

BB

“ *My condolences and prayers for God's Grace and peace to comfort you and your family during this difficult time. Brenda Brigman*

brenda brigman - February 09, 2022 at 11:11 PM

KR

“ *It was a pleasure and an honor to know Alan and his beautiful family as his nurse. I will not forget him nor will I forget the many moments of love and laughter we had in the midst of his battle. God bless your family always!*

Karen Miller, RN - February 09, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Alan Presnell.*



February 09, 2022 at 11:56 AM

AP

“ *Presnell Family,*
We are sorry for your loss. I remember Alan, he was always smiling.
His heart was as big as he was.
Alan, will be missed by many.
I remember one time during a snow storm Allan and Paul (Pug)
picked me up from work.
He was there when my dad passed away in 2010.
You will always be remember of your kindness and your funny
stories.

Debbie, keeping you close in our thoughts and prayers

Pug
April
Puglisi

April Puglisi - February 09, 2022 at 10:43 AM

JB

“ *We have many happy memories of al Alan's early life in Burnsville.*
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in a special way for added
comfort, strength, and courage now and in the days ahead. James
and Judy Byrd

James and Judy Byrd - February 08, 2022 at 08:41 AM

CC

“ *My heartfelt condolences and prayers for God's great strength,*
peace, and comfort during this time of great loss. Love to all, Mrs.
Clark

carol Clark - February 05, 2022 at 06:04 PM

DO

“ Alan was a pillar of strength and wisdom. He loved his family and he loved God. He will always hold a special place in our hearts and we miss him dearly.

*With all our love,
Ann and Dennis Opala*

Dennis Opala - February 05, 2022 at 01:46 PM

JG

“ Dear Presnell Family! A man of faith, honor and love....with Godstood strong and loved big, his family! I know he will be greatly missed!

Joy Griffith - February 05, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Alan Presnell.



February 05, 2022 at 06:35 AM

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“ Loving and fond memories to a friend and APD coworker. Your smile and kindness will always be remembered. We all quickly learned that "it was not a wreck unless YOU said it was a wreck" and that lovingly earned you the title of "Admiral". You always had the answer! The stories so many of us still share. Our more recent conversations of encouragement will forever be held close to my heart. We both knew God has a plan for us. Rest in peace Admiral. My condolences and prayers for strength and comfort for you and the family Debbie. A family he was so proud of.

Cathey Trimnal - February 04, 2022 at 08:02 PM

LM

“ Alan was one of my officers when I was first promoted to Sgt. He was a valued member of our team and could be counted on in any situation. I remember him buying food for a poor family that an 18 year old was trying to take care of. And I remember one of the Will stories that I can't repeat here but still brings a smile to my face when I think about it. I wish peace and comfort to his family.

Lynn Maxwell

Lynn Maxwell - February 04, 2022 at 06:52 PM

LV

“ I met Alan working 3rd shift at Walmart when we were on Tunnel road. He was an outstanding police officer and loved talking about his family. He watched over us, protecting us from anything that happened overnight. My prayers are with his family as I know this is a tremendous loss. Alan was one of the finest men I ever had the chance to know. 😭

Leslie VonCannon - February 04, 2022 at 04:42 PM

JW

I worked with Alan at Craggy Correctional Center prior to his transition to APD. He always had humorous tales and kept everyone positive in a negative environment. He was one of the most reliable officers on my shift and never hesitated to support his fellow officers. We called him "Pork Chop" because of his size. He will be missed.

John Wilson - February 05, 2022 at 01:51 AM

KW

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Kara Walker - February 04, 2022 at 12:37 PM

DM

“ *To a great man, great friend, and a great person! Hearing Alan say every time we were in the HNT wagon, "what was I thinking when I was on SRT for not switching over to you all. There's food, a/c, heat, and whatever we want!" He would still tell his stories for sure! Love you bud!*
D McCurry

Darrell McCurry - February 04, 2022 at 11:06 AM

LD

“ *Lindsay Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of William Alan Presnell*



Lindsay Davis - February 04, 2022 at 09:18 AM

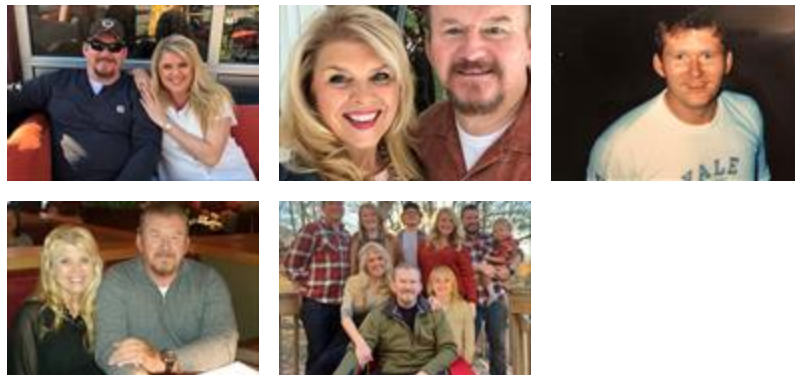
JW

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Alan's passing. I met him when he was with APD, I worked at Mission in Security. We used to cut up every time he had to come by to do a report or whatever the case was. He also helped my mom when she was in a accident in Oakley with a tractor trailer truck several years ago. Family-just know that he touched a lot of people in a positive way while he was here. I know he is completely healed and his mom and dad are showing him around heaven. I will be keeping you all lifted in prayers for peace, comfort and strength in the coming days.

Janet Wofford - February 04, 2022 at 07:41 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Morris Funeral Home - February 03, 2022 at 04:39 PM

FW

True professional, well done brother.

Forrest Weaver - February 06, 2022 at 10:33 PM

CD

You fought a good fight! We'll miss you terribly but you left everyone who knew you with great stories & experience You'll never be forgot Be well

Christine DeVico - February 07, 2022 at 08:44 AM

BO

If Alan was your friend there was no limit to what he would do for you. If you were not his friend there was no limit to the lengths he would extend himself to become your friend. Alan was always a pleasure to be around and a joy to work with. Most of all Alan was a TRUE CHRISTIAN MAN!!! There are few professed Christians today who exhibit their belief and walk the walk like Alan did. Alan now knows all of the lives he has impacted. You see, Alan is now in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well as those who have gone on before him that he had a profound impact on their lives. Well Done Alan Presnell, Well Done! See you soon

Butch Oxner - February 11, 2022 at 01:35 PM