



## Allan Millard Graves

November 12, 1948 - November 30, 2013

Allan Millard Graves, 65, of Charlotte, died at his home with his family by his side on Saturday, November 30, 2013.

Allan was born in Wichita, Kansas, on November 12, 1948. After graduation from high school, he attended Wichita State University before joining a local fire department. In June of 1973, he met Ms. Susan Basinski, a young woman from Flint, Michigan, who had moved to Wichita and was working for The Cessna Corporation. They were engaged that September and eloped to Lake Tahoe in December. There, on December 15, in the laid back and youthful spirit that personified them, they were married in a small chapel by Rev. Love with the music of The Grateful Dead accompanying the service. Allan enjoyed competition, especially volleyball which both he and his wife played. Eleven years later, in 1984, they were blessed with a daughter, Amanda, whom Allan vicariously continued his sporting and competition through. Whether volleyball or golf, he was known to place supporting her before anything else in his schedule. Allan was also fond of dogs with one of his favorites being a chocolate lab named "Hogan". When Amanda was competing in her sports, Allan bought a motorhome so that the family could not only have a room when travelling to her events, but Hogan could also travel with them. Allan was a true sports dad who also enjoyed cars, animals, and golf. One of his favorite cars was the Chevy Camaro, of which he owned a fire engine red version of during the 1980's.

After working for the fire department for several years, Allan spent the rest of his career in the commercial flooring trade. During the time they lived in Michigan near Susan's family, he worked for numerous companies the last of which was Commercial Interior Resources. In 2007 Allan and Susan moved to Charlotte, NC, and in 2009, they opened their own business, Bizfloor Workroom. Extremely talented in the trade, Allan worked all elements of the business from architecture to engineering while Susan handled the financials. When Allan started showing signs of illness in June of 2013 and became unable to perform his duties, he and Susan were blessed by the support of the team that they had built around them and through a true team effort, final jobs were completed.

Most of all, Allan loved his family and friends, and his calm, laid back demeanor and competitive tenacity will be missed by all who knew him. Allan is survived by his family in Charlotte: his wife of almost 40 years, Susan; a daughter, Amanda "Mandy" Casto and her husband, Brian. He is further survived by numerous family members on Susan's side of the family as well as numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Argus and Elizabeth "Bessie" (nee Fenimore) Graves.

Allan's family has given the privilege of serving them during this time to the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105. A Celebration of Life Service honoring the blessing that Allan was as a husband, father, and friend will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 6, 2013, in the chapel at the funeral home. Family will receive friends in the reception room at the funeral home from 4:00 pm until the time of services. To share memories, condolences, photos, and for more information, please visit Allan's personal online tribute page at [www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com](http://www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com) or call 704.545.3553.

In honor of Allan's life and loves, the family respectfully requests donations in his name be made to any of the following:

American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

American Red Cross, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Humane Society of Charlotte, [www.humanesocietyofcharlotte.org](http://www.humanesocietyofcharlotte.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Allan Millard Graves* ”



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**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Allan Millard Graves* ”

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October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Allan Millard Graves* ”

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October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

JL

“ Dear Susie (that's what you were called when I first met you at the Normandy Square Apts so many many years ago!) I am so saddened at the passing of Allan. Having known him since we were in elementary school it's like the loss of a long lost brother who I still thought about once in a while and hoped to see again some day. In fact, I thought he

was coming to a reunion a couple of years ago and I wasn't going until I heard he would be there and I was so excited at the thought of seeing the 2 of you and reminiscing about "old times". Having read some of the memories on this site, sounds like Allan stayed the same nice guy he was as a kid, and young man. Mandy, your dad was really a nice person and sounds like he loved you very much which I'm sure he did. I'll bet he was a good dad and very proud of you.!

Susie, if you get a chance, contact me if you want. My work # is 316-268-5890 (I'm there alot).

My thoughts and prayers will be with you for peace and comfort through the coming years. I know you will be lonely, but you obviously have lots of people to turn to.

With love and fond memories,  
Judy Lemon

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**Judy Lemon** - December 08, 2013 at 11:40 AM

KM

“ We first met Allan and Sue in 1991 building our homes in Michigan. They lived right behind us. We became good friends and play golf together, watched them raise a beautiful daughter and of course Hogan! We are sorry to hear of Allan's passing. Allan was a great dad, loving husband and a good neighbor. We looked forward to their Xmas letters telling all of us about their adventures of the year. Sue you and Mandy are in our thoughts.

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**Kathy and Ron Martinez** - December 05, 2013 at 07:27 PM

BB

“ *Brett B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Allan Millard Graves.*



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**Brett B.** - December 05, 2013 at 01:46 PM

JH

“ *Allan was a gentle, intelligent, creative, and trustworthy man who was a joy to be around. He was a dear friend who will be sorely missed.*

*Jo Anne Hege*

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**Jo Anne Hege** - December 05, 2013 at 11:32 AM

DC

“ *Donna Casto purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Allan Millard Graves.*



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**Donna Casto** - December 05, 2013 at 09:09 AM

JD

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Allan's passing. I grew up on the same street as Allan...and we played together when young. He was always a very sweet friend...and my prayers are with his family at this time of loss.*

*Keith and Joyce (Wilson) Dial  
Wichita, Ks.*

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**joyce Dial** - December 04, 2013 at 01:20 PM

PH

*I too remember hanging w/ Allan while I was at Joyce's house. My brother Craig was a friend of Allan too! I am so sorry to hear of Allan's passing...way too young! We were sorry that he missed the 45 yr. reunion as I know he wanted to come. My prayers go out to this family! God Bless!*

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**Pam Harris** - December 09, 2013 at 09:52 AM

DB

“ *Dear Graves Family,  
What sad news to learn of Allan's passing. We were expecting to see Allan at our next Wichita High School North, Class of 1966 Reunion. We will keep our classmate in our hearts. We want to share our sympathizes to you his family for your loss.  
Diana Bryson-Brooks, Class of 1966 Reunion Committee*

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**Diana Bryson-Brooks** - December 04, 2013 at 11:35 AM

SD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.  
Love ~ Larry, Sandy, Cameron and Bailey Doherty*

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**Sandy Doherty** - December 04, 2013 at 08:02 AM

MJ

“ *Mandy,  
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that the good memories of happy times far outweigh the tears at your loss and bring you comfort on difficult days. We love you.  
Jeff and Melanie Jarvis*

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**Melanie Jarvis** - December 03, 2013 at 08:09 PM

GC

“ GEDC-Willow Creek purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allan Millard Graves.



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**GEDC-Willow Creek** - December 03, 2013 at 07:39 PM

DT

“ Allan was a great guy who taught me many things in my career. He will be truly missed. I am sorry for your loss Graves Family.

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**David Teper** - December 03, 2013 at 05:32 PM

JC

“ Joe Lozowski, Jack Hooven, Nick Greenko, Dave Teper (UBI Crew) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Allan Millard Graves.



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**Joe Lozowski, Jack Hooven, Nick Greenko, Dave Teper (UBI Crew)** - December 03, 2013 at 05:27 PM

TD

“ Mandy - I did not know your Dad, but he raised an exceptional daughter. So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. xo Teena

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**Teena Donaher** - December 03, 2013 at 12:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allan Millard Graves.*



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December 03, 2013 at 10:14 AM



“ *Mrs. Graves and Mandy...my heart aches for you during this time. Losing such a wonderful husband and father is hard. Please remember you have many loved ones sending thoughts and prayers.*

*Stephanie, Dan, Scott, Zara, April and Cody*

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**Stephanie Gregory** - December 03, 2013 at 09:05 AM



“ *Lee Brewer purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Allan Millard Graves.*



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**Lee Brewer** - December 03, 2013 at 08:26 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Allan Millard Graves.*



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December 03, 2013 at 07:45 AM

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Jill Brown*

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**jill brown** - December 03, 2013 at 07:10 AM

DD

“ *Having had the joy of knowing Allan both in Michigan and reconnecting with him upon his move to Charlotte, my heart is saddened and my prayers are with you Susan, Amanda and family. Allan took the time to teach me, as a naive college student, all about floorcovering as I interned at Contract Interiors in the mid 90's, doing so with patience and a true interest in sharing his knowledge. He will truly be missed and his knowledge shared lives on with all of us who had the pleasure of knowing such a kind man.*

*Dawn Van Dyke*

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**Dawn Van Dyke** - December 03, 2013 at 04:27 AM



“ *Though we met but once , on that day it was obvious that he was a caring , loving Father . What more needs be said ? God bless and keep memories sharp in the minds of those who knew and loved him .*

*Jim Casto*

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**Jim Casto** - December 02, 2013 at 10:09 PM

SP

“ *My heart is breaking for the Graves family. I have nothing but fond memories of Mr. Graves, I know he will be missed by every life he has touched.*

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**Shannon Pilkinton** - December 02, 2013 at 10:01 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family he was such a loving and always happy man.*

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**Tracy Nemerofsky** - December 02, 2013 at 09:03 PM

ST

“ *My heart is with you, Mandy and Sue. I am so very thankful for the year that Sue and Allan adopted me as a second daughter and took care of me during my time in Charlotte. A few things that will forever make me smile.... treating Jazzy a few too many times, enjoying weekly family dinners, March madness picks, your warm smile and contagious laugh, and the general kindness and love shown to family and friends alike.*

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**Stacie** - December 02, 2013 at 08:07 PM

JG

“ *Sue, Mandy and Brian, we are so sorry to hear the news of Allan passing. We remember the great times we had at Ladywood, whether watching our girls do marvelous activities or sharing a glass of wine together.*  
*God bless you all. Here's prayers for Christ's peace for you all.*  
*Jim, Blanche, Sarah, Allison and Matthew Greene*

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**Jim Greene** - December 02, 2013 at 07:54 PM

BB

“ *Sue, Mandy and Brian;*  
*I am so sorry about your loss. Mandy I know you loved your Dad and spoke often of him. Although I never met him, his love for his family was evident. May each of you feel peace and comfort from God during this time. With love and sympathy,*  
*Becky Brown*

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**Becky Brown** - December 02, 2013 at 07:40 PM

AS

“ GO BLUE!!!!!!

ashleigh - December 02, 2013 at 03:39 PM

AS

“ My condolences to the Graves family. I love you all so much. xoxo



ashleigh - December 02, 2013 at 03:25 PM

LB

“ I am so saddened to hear of Allan's passing so suddenly. He was on my tickle list to call after Thanksgiving to meet for lunch. Allan was not only a customer of 20 plus years (dating back to Southfield, MI days) but a friend and confidant. We shared many lunches together talking about the good ole days and thinking what to do to make the future days even better. He always spoke so highly of Sue and Mandy and was proud to own his own business and making a mark in Charlotte. Driving down Westinghouse will never feel the same. I will miss you buddy. Lee Brewer

Lee Brewer - December 02, 2013 at 02:58 PM

KK

“ Sue, Mandy and Brian - we are so sorry for your loss. While we only knew Allan a short time, he welcomed us into his family with open arms. He and Sue raised a wonderful daughter who we have come to love and are so glad that she is part of our family now. Please know that you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers

Kendra & Norman Kidby

Kendra Kidby - December 02, 2013 at 12:43 PM

JC

*Mandy, Mike and I did not get to meet your Dad but we do know his wonderful daughter and we are so sorry to hear of his passing. Please give your mother our condolences as well. I have no doubt that he was very proud of you and that you were a great help and comfort to him these last few weeks. Please know we will keep you all in our prayers as you face the difficult days ahead.*

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**Jean Corbin** - December 02, 2013 at 08:22 PM