



## Alan Grunewald

April 19, 1949 - July 19, 2022

Alan Ray Grunewald was born to Ray Grunewald and Mary (Campbell) Ritchie on April 19th, 1949 and passed July 19th, 2022 at the age of 73 at Integris Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK, surrounded by loved ones.

He attended the Byron-Driftwood school district in OK. He worked for a local trucking company delivering food to NWOSU where he met his future wife Dianne (Durham) Grunewald and he married her in Tulsa, OK May 24th, 1986. He had one son, Tyler Grunewald born March 6th, 1977 and one daughter Tori Rachel Grunewald, born and passed away July 26th, 1986.

Alan's favorite activity was anything he was doing with his wife and their nieces and nephews. He enjoyed teaching them everything outdoors including, shooting, fishing, hunting and archery. Dad jokes were his fortè. He and his wife also spent their time caring for adults with disabilities, and later running an In-Home Daycare where he considered all of the kids his own. He loved trips to the museums and local festivals and always made sure to drag at least one of his nieces or nephews along for "educational purposes". Him and Dianne enjoyed bird watching at Haikey Creek and Keystone Lake and was one of their favorite moments alone. He was an excellent leather worker and bow string and arrow maker; also something he taught his "kids". He was cherished by his family and friends and will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his son Tyler Grunewald, Woodward, OK; cousin Max Elwood; Sister In-Laws Carlene Lightfoot and husband Vince Lightfoot and Darlene Bouchard; Grandson Cayden Grunewald; multiple nieces and nephews Jeremy Durham, Scottie Durham, Ashley Love, Latisha Crow, Stephanie Love, Scott Bouchard and Carolyn Bouchard; great nieces and nephews, Torrie and Maryiah Rhoads, Aubrey Trotter, Raylene Crow, Sean and Shai Durham, Meyer Molinyawe, Laney Bouchard and Caroline Love.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, wife, mother, father, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and brother Burl Clark Grunewald.

In lieu of flowers the family asked that you contribute to this website <https://ca.stforkids.org/>

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **24.** 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wharton Funeral Chapel, LLC.  
1302 W. Oklahoma Boulevard  
Alva, OK 73717

## Graveside

JUL **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Keith Cemetery  
Keith Cemetery, OK 73722

# Tribute Wall

WE

“ I was the youngest of 4 grandchildren, Alan was the eldest and my favorite cousin back in the day. We visited them in Driftwood nearly every weekend when we were young. Alan used to saddle Queenie & Peanuts for his horse crazy little cousin. He was my last living first cousin. I regret not staying in touch with Alan & Burl after I went to college, OK State. None of us made any effort. With age comes wisdom. After Mary & Ray divorced, both kind of lost their bearings. Ray was heinously abusive to Mary in the presence of their kids, leaving scars on their psyches. Unfortunately, Alan's aunt, my mother, turned her back on him. I couldn't find good phone #s for Alan or Vicki using Truthfinder.

wendy - August 23, 2023 at 08:41 PM

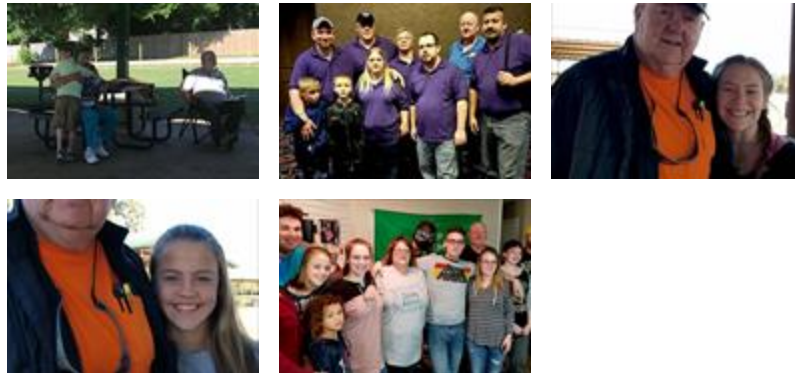
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“ We are sorry for your loss, from everyone at Sky Marketing.

Mike L. - July 26, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ 13 files added to the album Alan's Memories Album



Wharton Funeral Chapel - July 24, 2022 at 07:27 PM

“ Oh, Uncle Alan.

*There were two things that I was afraid of when I first met your niece. Her man-hating dog, Brutus, and her Uncle, whom she loved dearly, but admitted, he didn't always get along with certain folks. Fortunately, it appears that that was the result of unregulated diabetes.*

*Although I don't remember the exact moment I had the privilege of meeting you and your wonderful wife, I do know that my fears were quickly abated. Alan, you were a genuinely nice, caring, and charming individual. Eventually, I became aware of just how loving you had been to so many nieces and nephews.*

*I have wonderful memories of moments I never personally experienced. Memories of adventures you and Diane treated the kids to all around the state of Oklahoma and into Texas. Memories of you and your loving wife on a fishing tour that you had planned for her. Then there were the memories that I was actually apart of. You and Diane visiting the pizzeria. Offering me advice. The time you and Diane tried to facilitate a need our family had for barbaque skewers! Lol! Being present for your stories. Stories about how you and Diane first met. Stories about your brother. Stories about the kids. Stories about Uncle Ralph and Aunt Tina. And one particular storry about a rather large pet rabbit that you remarked would make helluva meal! And for the folks reading this, of course Uncle Alan was just joking, but he said he could feel the lady shop keeper burning holes in him with her glare as he left the store! Lol!*

*There are so many more. The times we got together to share a meal. And then there are the memories will we not get to share. Like visiting the Batfish. Fishing. Getting a personal tour of the gun museum. I know how much you meant to you nieces and nephews. I know how much you meant to Aubrey. To me. I know that Tisha wishes she would have been able to eulogize Diane in the way she feels she deserved, as her Aunt. As your wife. I hope she gets the*

*proper opportunity to do so with you. Perhaps then she could also honor Diane in the way she feels is appropriate.*

*I know you are much happier where you are now. Home. With our Saviour. With your wife and angel child. Thank you Uncle Alan and Aunt Didi. For everything you guys did. For your contributions that so many times went unnoticed or unappreciated.*

*I think I can safely say for all of us, that, we love you. Both.*

*You belong to the heavens now, Uncle Alan. And although we are happy for you... we preferred it when you belonged to us.*

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**Kenneth Lehman** - July 24, 2022 at 04:57 PM

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“ *There was never a dull moment when Alan and his high school buddies were together! Many wonderful memories.*

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**Susan Martin** - July 24, 2022 at 10:39 AM

RW

“ *Memorial contributions may be sent to this charity <https://castforkids.org/>*

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**Robert Wharton** - July 22, 2022 at 04:22 PM

CS

“ *It was one of the saddest moments in a long time when I read of Alan's passing. All my prayers and sympathies go out to his family.*



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**Cleo and Jim Scribner** - July 20, 2022 at 10:14 PM



*I've been searching for a working # for Alan, my first cousin, for 2-3 years. May he RIP. Alan was the man, he saddled horses for me when we visited nearly every weekend. He was always my favorite cousin for the aforementioned horseback riding. Pepper was a great dog, they were close. Good times back then. I extend my condolences to Alan's extended family. Also my cousins.*

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**Wendy Williams** - July 26, 2022 at 04:24 PM