



James "Alan" Vinson Jr.

January 1, 1985 - August 16, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Mr. James "Alan" Vinson, Jr., 36, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021 in DeSoto County, Mississippi. A visitation will be held Friday, August 27, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Rd. East, Southaven, MS 38672). A funeral service will immediately follow at 4:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

He was born in Memphis, Tennessee on January 1, 1985, with a smile that lit up the world and an innate ability to comfort and cheer others. His compassionate, Happy-Go-Lucky, and outgoing personality made everyone love him! He never ever met a stranger.

Alan was a six-year veteran of the U.S. Army, where he earned numerous ribbons, medals, and badges for exceptional service to our country. His bravery was displayed in Afghanistan where he served in Air Traffic Control (ATC) and was awarded a Basic Aviation Badge, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a Campaign Star, and Army Commendation Medal, an Army Good Conduct Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, an Overseas Service Ribbon, an Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Device, a Nato Medal, and two Combat

Action Badges.

Alan loved his family and was devoted to them. He was an outstanding uncle to his nieces, Heidi and Fallon, and his nephew, Ezra. He always gave them special attention, made time for them, and loved to play games with them, especially basketball and swimming. His brothers, Justin and Jason, knew him to be an exceptional brother, who would cook meals for family gatherings. He was able to prepare anything, but crafted particularly scrumptious steaks. In addition to cooking, Alan loved to eat and had a fondness for Mexican food and cook-outs. He was naturally gifted in sports and played football and baseball, and enjoyed fishing. Those who were able to know and love Alan, will truly feel his loss and miss his engaging personality as a social butterfly and heartfelt bear hugs.

Mr. James "Alan" Vinson is survived by his devoted mother, Janet Margaret Smith of Nesbit; his pops, Jerry Lynn Smith of Nesbit; his two brothers, Justin Carlton Smith of Nesbit and Jason Lee (Rebecca Sides) Smith of San Diego, CA; his two cherished nieces, Heidi Lynn Smith of Olive Branch, MS and Fallon Alisia Smith of San Diego; his cherished nephew, Ezra Taylor Smith of San Diego; his godfather, William Thomas Parker, Jr. of Hernando, MS; his godmother, Becky (Steve) Wolverton of Byhalia, MS; and several beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Alan was preceded in death by his father, James Alan Vinson, Sr.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the ASPCA <https://aspca.org/donate> or The Wounded Warrior Project <https://woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

In honor of Alan's service to our country, the flag of the United States Army

will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven the day of the services.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG 27. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Alan" Vinson Jr.



Coleman Funeral Home - August 25, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of James "Alan" Vinson Jr.



Coleman Funeral Home - August 25, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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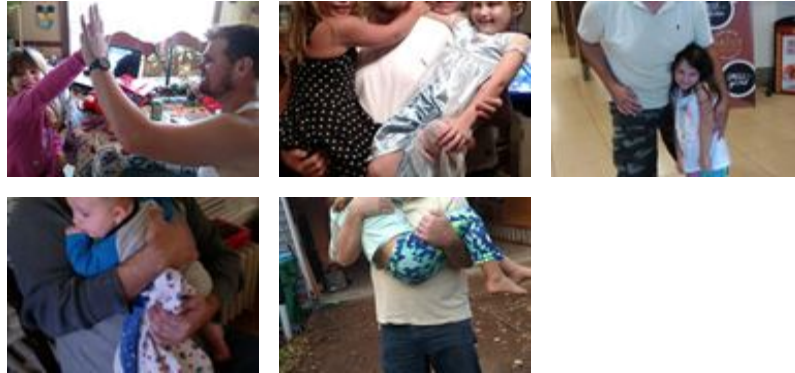
“ Barb.mcgowan@outlook.com lit a candle in memory of James "Alan" Vinson Jr.



Barb.mcgowan@outlook.com - August 30, 2021 at 12:52 AM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Coleman Funeral Home - August 25, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Alan" Vinson Jr..



August 25, 2021 at 01:35 AM



“ Alan, I will forever miss your comforting words, your warm smile, and your caring heart. We went through tough times together and then we pushed each other to be better everyday. I will keep my promise to you! Thank you for all that you did for me and my babygirl, Raelynn. She loved seeing you and playing with you every time you'd visit us and bring her a little gift. I can truly say that I've never met someone as selfless as you. My heart hurts beyond words, I wish the last time we planned to meet up and take Rae to the park that we had followed through. But I'll never forget your words of encouragement and how you could always brighten anyone's day. Rae and I will Love you always bud! ❤️

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“ 4 files added to the album Alan



Janet (Mom) - August 24, 2021 at 05:08 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Family



Janet (Mom) - August 24, 2021 at 05:04 PM

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“ Alan, I will miss your sweet hugs and your big smile. Thank the Lord for memories. Until we meet again. ❤️



Judi Sides - August 24, 2021 at 03:18 PM

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Janet (Mom) - August 24, 2021 at 02:44 PM

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Janet (Mom) - August 24, 2021 at 02:41 PM

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Janet (Mom) - August 24, 2021 at 01:50 AM

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Janet (Mom) - August 24, 2021 at 01:47 AM

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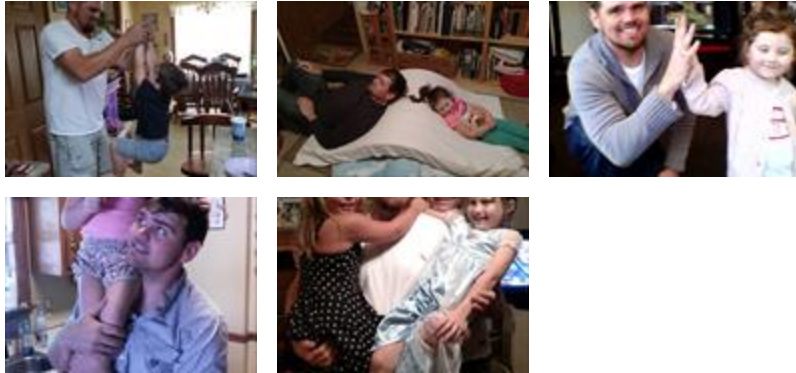
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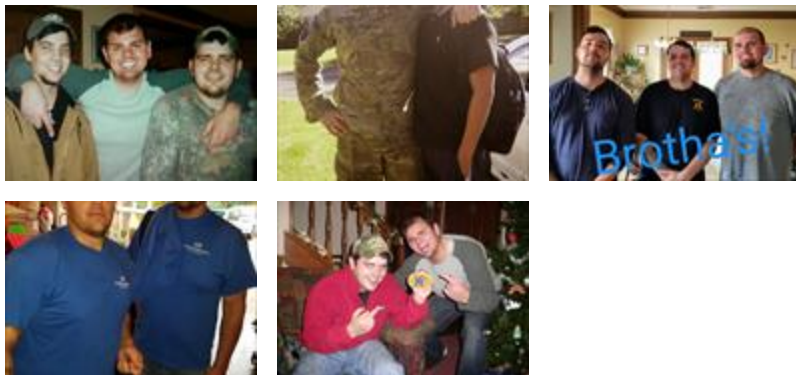
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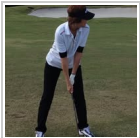
Janet (Mom) - August 24, 2021 at 01:39 AM

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Janet (Mom) - August 24, 2021 at 01:36 AM



“ *Our dear Alan, your big beautiful smile and that warm heart will be with us forever. We know how much you loved your family and we love and will celebrate you every day. Aunt Judy and Uncle Dan*

Judy Liddle - August 23, 2021 at 09:04 PM

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“ *The little time I knew Alan, he always had a big smile and positive attitude. He will be truly missed by many!!!*

Vikki - August 21, 2021 at 07:26 PM

Dawn Marie

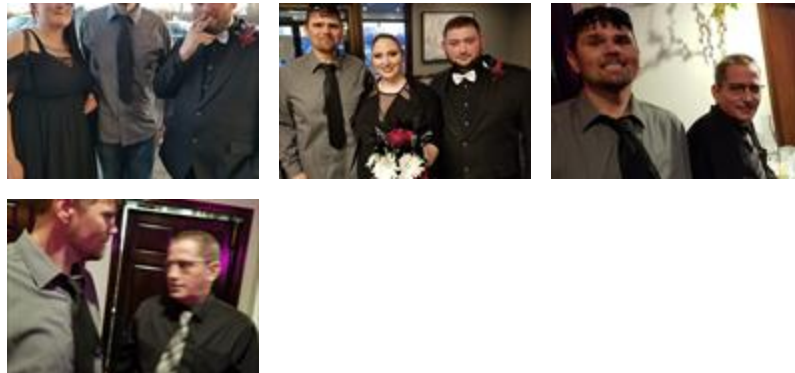
“ *Dawn Marie lit a candle in memory of James "Alan" Vinson Jr.*



Dawn Marie - August 21, 2021 at 01:54 PM

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“ *4 files added to the album Alan Britney's Wedding March 6, 2021*



Dawn Marie - August 21, 2021 at 01:43 PM