



Alan J. Irish

June 5, 1970 - December 11, 2023

Alan J. Irish, 53, of Northampton, MA, died peacefully at home on Monday, December 11, 2023. He was born in Norwood, MA on June 5, 1970, to Frank and Nadia Irish. Alan grew up in Wayland, MA, and was a graduate of the University of Rochester, obtaining his B.A. in history. He was a member of the Beta Zeta Tau fraternity. He worked in actuarial and corporate recruitment, with much of his career at The Hartford and at CPS, Inc.

Alan had a rare talent of making and maintaining many long standing and deep friendships. He cared immensely about the well-being of the people around him and could always lighten the atmosphere with his comedic sensibility. He was a bon vivant, heartily enjoying meals and trips and watching sports with friends and family. Alan loved playing tennis, golf, and softball, and in recent years took up bicycling in and around Northampton. As a gay man, he was active in The Hartford LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group and worked to foster acceptance and inclusion.

He leaves behind his parents, Frank and Nadia Irish, and his sisters Vivian Irish and Sylvia Windhurst, brother-in-law Paul Windhurst, and nieces Jessica Windhurst and Alexandra Dawson. He also leaves behind dozens of dear friends, many of whom were like family to him.

Two organizations that were dear to Alan's heart were PanCAN and the

Cancer Connection; in lieu of flowers, donations to these organizations may be made in Alan's memory.

Friends and relatives are invited to a Celebration of Life for Alan, to be held at 12 noon on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at the Smith College Conference Center Oak Room, Northampton, MA.

DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton has been entrusted with his care.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 12:00 PM.

Smith College Conference Center Oak Room

Tribute Wall

VB

“ Alan was one of the dearest clients I've had in my long career. He was a pleasure to greet and work with in the months I knew him. Alan was also a power of example to me on handling life's biggest challenge with grace and strength of spirit. I was glad he had a wonderful group of friends who brought joy and support to his life. Sincerely, he is missed.

Vivian Bresnitz - February 23, 2024 at 07:07 AM

JA

“ Thank you very much for introducing me to the Hartford! All the best and rest in peach.

Jack - January 24, 2024 at 01:00 PM

WK

“ Rob Thomas recognized the power of IABA.... and partnered Alan and I. We traveled to Las Vegas and Alan introduced me to foods I had never experienced. But way beyond that, he was a dear, authentic person....who listened and cared. My heart hurts of his passing. Prayers for his loved ones.

Wendy knopf - December 15, 2023 at 09:11 PM

BM

“ I worked with Alan many years ago at Camp Thoreau. He was a great guy. I send my heartfelt condolences to all his family and friends.

Beth Murphy

Beth Murphy - December 15, 2023 at 12:17 AM

JF

“ Alan, you will be forever remembered. You were a wonderful colleague, mentor and friend. I will cherish the memories we had together meeting weekly during my time as PRIDE Co-lead. You helped me developed as a leader and were one of my biggest cheerleaders. Our time together at the Out and Equal conference was such an amazing experience especially being able to get to know each other better, and discussing some of our favorite things: food and travel. You had such a passion for the work that you did but even more so for PRIDE and all of its members and allies.



You will be in our hearts forever! - Jae F.

Jae Fradette - December 12, 2023 at 12:18 PM