



Alan Bradley Shepherd

November 17, 1969 - August 15, 2020

Captain Alan Bradley Shepherd, 50, of Bushnell, FL, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2020 at home. He was born November 17, 1969 to John Bradley and Ann Shepherd in Winter Haven, Florida.

Alan started his boating career as the owner and operator of Backwater Marine, Inc. before becoming a Professional Yacht Captain. He was Certified by the US Coast Guard as Captain, 3000 ton vessels. He captained various yachts cruising the East Coast, Bahamas and the Caribbean. Alan and his crew sailed to many beautiful ports aboard numerous luxurious mega yachts.

A motorcycle enthusiast, Alan was a member of Dixie Dual Motorsports Group and was qualified to race at the Daytona International Speedway. He was a track official for Circuit of Americas Motorsports of Texas. Alan rode cross country on the Transamerica Trail from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He also enjoyed mountain biking and saltwater fishing.

Alan earned a Bachelor of Business Management from Stetson University and a degree in Professional Photography from Southeast Museum School of Photography. He was a certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and Forensics expert. He was instrumental in the founding of Students Against Drunk Driving and founder and past president of Rotary International Interact chapter of his schools.

Alan leaves behind his parents: John Bradley Shepherd and Ann Vanacore Shepherd and grandmother, Della Vanacore, all of Bushnell, FL; sisters: Amy Albury (Jim) and Valerie Shepherd; nephew: Garrett Albury and niece: Evan Ann Albury; and longtime companion, Kellie Mason and her daughter, Christina Mason and their dog Sophie. Finally, many friends around the world will have to navigate with the lessons he shared with each of them.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Alan's memory to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alan Bradley Shepherd*



May 13, 2022 at 09:05 PM



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Jerry Vasil - June 14, 2021 at 12:53 PM



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Jerry Vasil - June 14, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Dear Ann & Brad, Our hearts go out to you. You have endured what we most fear, the loss of a child. Alan lived a very full life in the short time he was given. We sincerely hope you will be able to celebrate his well lived life in time. Carol & Iain Brown*

Carol Brown - September 04, 2020 at 12:45 PM

LM

“ *Ann Brad and family*

Our deepest sympathy for your loss

Love Pat and Lou

Louis and Pat Massaro - August 28, 2020 at 03:39 PM

CG

“ *Dear Ann and Brad,
My sincere condolences at this sad time.
Wishing you peace and comfort.*

Carolyn Gentry - August 25, 2020 at 01:27 AM

DV

“ *Please know that we are thinking of your family during this difficult time.*

Duane & Connie Vann - August 19, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JV

“ *Dear Brad, Ann, Amy, Valerie, Aunt Della and all the family, we offer our many Condolences. Your tribute for Alan speaks volumes of his many impressive accomplishments. We will miss him always. May he Rest In Eternal Peace. With Much Love and Many Prayers. John and Lucille*

John Vanacore - August 19, 2020 at 07:54 PM

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John Vanacore - August 19, 2020 at 07:53 PM

CB

“ Heartfelt condolences from City of Bushnell council and staff. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

City of Bushnell - August 19, 2020 at 04:36 PM

SM

“ Brad & Ann,

Our heartfelt condolences go out to you and your entire family. Alan was such a unique spirit and will be missed by many. May your time with him bring you comfort and peace.

Steve & Linda

Steve & Linda Malich - August 19, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MV

“ Our condolences to your family. Your passing has left a hole in many hearts. We consider it an honor to be your extended family. Ann and Brad were lucky to have you as their son. May you rest in peace.
Sylvia and Joe

Michael Vanacore - August 18, 2020 at 02:47 PM