



# Alan Herbert Evans

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“Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:21) we’re positive are the first words Alan Herbert Evans, age 80 of Gahanna, Ohio, heard from Our Lord and Savior as he made his final journey on January 22, 2025, at Kobacker House. He was born March 21, 1944, in Columbus, Ohio, the son of the late Paul and Beulah (Hampp) Evans. A man who valued faith, family, and friends, he married Patricia Karen Roberts on June 6, 1965, at the First United Methodist Church in Athens, Ohio, on the evening of the same day they graduated from Ohio University. They went on to share 59 years of marriage.

He was a proud graduate of New Lexington High School Class of 1962 and was instrumental in creating the New Lexington Alumni Association and later the NLHS Alumni Association Scholarship.

He attended the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University where he was editor of the newspaper. Upon graduating (in just three years) from Ohio University, he enlisted in the US Air Force and served a tour in Udorn, Thailand achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant as an MP and office clerk/writer. He worked as an editor at Ohio State University’s Research Foundation before he and Pat purchased Rocky Fork Printing in Gahanna. Together they ran their business from 1979 until retiring in 2016.

He was a member of Stonybrook United Methodist Church where he participated in the men’s group, helping with their annual spaghetti dinner, prayer groups, and teaching Sunday school. He was also a 40-year member of Sunrise Lodge F&AM #783 as well as VFW Post #4719. He was proud to have gone on the November 4, 2021 Honor Flight 112 with high school classmate Larry Foster.

He was a model train enthusiast who helped found COSG-Central Ohio S Gaugers- and served four years as president of NASG-National Association of S Gaugers.



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He is survived by his wife Pat; daughter, Laura of Vandergrift, PA; son, Corey (Anna) of Pickerington; seven grandchildren- Matthew Evans (Austin, TX), Hannah and Emma Dobrinick (Trafford, PA); and Decker, Finnley, Hatcher, and Jenson Evans (Pickerington); sisters Nancy Canniff (New Lexington) and Judy (Larry) Barnhouse (Tavares, FL); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents and grandparents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Brock Canniff.

Above all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He attended their many activities and taught them all the tricks of fishing. He enjoyed sharing his love of all sorts of trains. They will miss his infectious smile and laughter.

A celebration of Alan's life will be held Friday, May 2nd at 11AM, at Stonybrook UMC, 485 Cherry Bottom Rd., Gahanna 43230 with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be made to Honor Flight-Columbus PO Box 20133, Columbus, OH 43220; Kobacker House OhioHealth Foundation 3430 OhioHealth Parkway, Fl. 3, Columbus, OH 43202, or Tunnels to Towers Foundation 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.



# Events

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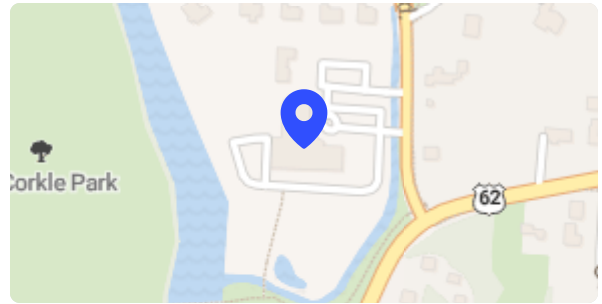
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## Celebration of Life

 **Friday, May 2, 2025**

 11:00 AM ET

 **Stonybrook United Methodist Church**  
485 Cherry Bottom Road, Gahanna OH 43230





## Tribute Wall

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RT

**Richard Thomas** posted:

I first met Alan, when I was working many years ago AT The OSU Reseach Foundation as a press operator, and print shop employee, he was hired to help the boss of the Publications Dept of the OSU/RF, and we were always busy. Alan and I eventually became good friends, in the work place, and outside of work, as we shared the love of Model Trains, and he was with a group of Model Railroad people local to Columbus, and invited me to visit the group, which I did a few months later. That became our long time hobby to share. And we also teamed up, in the shop, the Printing Dept of OSU/RF, to go out and do interviews (that was his part of the duet) and I took my camera, and we would visit the different depts on campus that were funded by the OSU/RF for diff purposes. The OSU/RF published an annual report, and they needed stories and photos to show the work being done, that was the project that Alan and I did, go do the interviews, take the photos, then Alan would do the Editorial work for the OSU/RF itself. But, our friendship grew, thru those different endeavors and other interests we shared, and when, i chose to take a diff job in another Campus Dept, I chose to stay in contact with Alan, and that move paid benefits for both of us. AS time passed, he moved on, bought his own printing company, with his wife, and they began Rocky Fork Printing in Gahanna, close to his home, and i was in contact with him, as i transfered to other OSU Depts. over the years. When I took retirement, many years ago, I stayed in contact with Alan thru the Model Trains group "O" gauge, and we did stay in contact with each other for the rest of our life. And that also paid benefits for both of us. Until he passed away recently from his illness, which I knew about, but not sure how much, until the God called him home. And yes, I do miss our chats, and the visits to his shop and the Train Shows, but, that was a very rewarding friendship, and one does not get too many of them in life You are in your new home location now, Alan, relax and take time to enjoy, Richard Thomas, a long time ago, friend from the OSU work place.

May 3 at 6:39 AM

MM

**Mark Mcfrederick** posted:

So sorry to hear this news. No more suffering. Alan and I were officers in the National Association of S Gaugers model railroading board of trusties. I appreciated his comradery and knowledge. Goodbye old friend.

April 28 at 2:39 PM

KB

**Kim Balzano** posted:

I met Alan when I started working at Stonybrook ELC and while working as a janitor there. We chatted often about his printing business. My husband and I needed to print a newsletter for our group on a quarterly basis and Alan and Pat were our first and only choice. I would bring my son with me to pick up the newsletters and Alan always had a train story or a fishing story to share. He and Pat were such loving and caring people. Alan will be missed. (((Hugs))) for Pat from Miss Kim.

April 18 at 6:41 PM



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DM

**Donna (Householder) Moore** posted:

Alan ... I am so sorry and sad that you are gone! You did something no other high school graduate has ever done and that is keep their "Graduation Class" TOGETHER...for 62 years! We are still together and know where one another is and how each is doing. You had us "grow up" together, took us through our schooling and jobs, our marriages, through the birth of our children, enabling comfort for one another who suffered losses, and watched one another grow older and wonder how that happened! One special day in June, as it has always been, will be when we think very heavily of you and how much love you showed the "Class of '62 at NLHS" and continued to give to us for so many years. Well done, good and faithful servant! LLove - Classmate Donna (Householder) Moore.

February 11 at 11:40 AM

JB

**Jerry Beach** February 19 at 2:35 PM

Well said Donna! Alan stepped up when our president stepped away. RIP, will be missed

BS

**Bro. Flemmings, Fcog Men'S Bible Study** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alan.



February 7 at 8:16 AM

BS

**Bro. Flemmings, Fcog Men'S Bible Study** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Evans family.



February 7 at 8:16 AM

CS

**Charles Allen Shuff** posted:

I have known Alan since we were young boys in Brandon, Ohio. We played with model trains, did a lot of bass fishing and swimming in Granny creek and even overnight camping along its banks. We fished in Lake Erie and he even made two high quality fishing rods for me and my son Chris for walleye fishing. They were made in the same colors of our college. We still have them. Alan was a dear friend which I will definitely miss. God bless him and his family. Chuck

February 2 at 3:26 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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