



Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall

October 17, 1935 - November 14, 2019

Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall was born October 17, 1935 in Utica, OK to Theodore Monroe and Syble (Barton) Kuykendall. He passed from this life on November 14, 2019 in Waxahachie, TX.

Al grew up on the family farm. It was a humble beginning that taught him many life lessons. They raised hogs, cows and turkeys, and grew peanuts and cotton. He and his eight siblings shared the work.

At the age of 15, while watching a girl's basketball game being played at Southeastern University in Durant, Al saw a striking, talented high school basketball player named Helen Brown. That day, he told his friend she was the girl he was going to marry. Shortly thereafter in 1954, the two were married and spent the next 65 years building a beautiful life together.

They moved to Texas in 1956 and then to Lancaster in 1963 where they raised their two sons, Steve and Clint. Lancaster became their true hometown. Al was heavily involved in the community, served as a volunteer fire fighter, attended every athletic and school event his two boys participated in, and was known as the manager of the local A&P supermarket. He even ran for Lancaster Mayor once.

Al left the A&P when he bought his first Dairy Queen in Cedar Hill, Texas.

Later adding DQ locations in Ferris and Red Oak. Those in Lancaster knew him better for his Al's Dial-A-Burger on Dallas Avenue. But it was his love of service that led him to be a full-time fireman for the city of Lancaster where he met and mentored a number of young men who still serve today. A great sense of pride came from his time as a fireman.

After his time with the Lancaster Fire Department, Al went to work for Minyard's as a Pharmacy Technician. His role included delivering medications in the evening. While delivering prescriptions, Al was also known for delivering his unsolicited opinions and "Al facts" which made him a favorite among those on his route.

Al loved people, and people loved Al. His care for others is what kept him working till the age of 76 when he decided to spend more time gardening. Al always grew more than he and Helen needed. Others benefited from his bountiful green thumb. But what meant the most to Al was his time with family. One of his most cherished roles is that of a grandfather to his four grandchildren and most recently, his new great-granddaughter.

Al is survived by his beloved wife, Helen; his sons, Steve Kuykendall and wife Mary Ann, Clint Kuykendall and wife Tammy; his grandchildren, Clint Kuykendall and wife Brittany, Heath Kuykendall, and Addison Kuykendall; his great-granddaughter Lydia; his sister, Loetta Whitley; and his brothers, Don Kuykendall, Travis Kuykendall, and Jerry Kuykendall.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Caitlin Kuykendall; his sisters, Fay Childress and Jane Farrell; his brothers, Glen Kuykendall and Clovis Kuykendall; and his parents.

The family will receive friends from 6 pm to 8 pm on Monday, November 18, 2019 at Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster. A Celebration of Al's life will be at

1 pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel in Lancaster followed by a private graveside service.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Johnny And Becky Rogers lit a candle in memory of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall



Johnny and Becky Rogers - April 14, 2022 at 06:54 PM

GF

“ My family appreciated Mr. Kuykendall's kindness and service to the community when he delivered prescriptions for Minyard's Pharmacy in Lancaster. He always expressed concern for the sick person and always had a smile and some good humor to share. He was a man who put a priority on helping people around him.
Georgia Kelly Fitzhugh

Greg Fitzhugh - December 02, 2019 at 12:24 AM

MS

“ During my 20 years in Lancaster, Al became a very good friend to Mother (Arla Ray Tyson) and to me. We enjoyed our visits at the door to our home on Waynelee Drive when he delivered Mother's prescriptions, and at the Minyard Pharmacy counter. His legacy to the City of Lancaster is his just reward for a life well lived. My sympathy to the family!

Morris S. Tyson Sr. - November 21, 2019 at 11:42 PM



“ I just heard about this at a church group gathering. My best friend and I worked for Al at the DQ in Cedar Hill when we were in high school. We thought Al was the funniest and coolest adult we’d ever known, always keeping us laughing as we worked. We have great memories of those days, some 50 years ago. We still laugh about the things Al did. I heard Al recently attended the same church I do but I never was able to cross paths with him, not that he would’ve even remembered 2 young teenage girls from Cedar Hill. But he sure made an impression on us. Prayers for his Wife and family. What a man he was, larger than life! We will never forget him.

Janie Andrus Walker - November 20, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ Al will never be forgotten by the lives he touched with his generosity, love, warm hugs and laughter. One of a kind without a doubt. The memories will be cherished.

Mary Kinsman - November 20, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



 November 19, 2019 at 11:40 PM

JO

“ Everyone at H.E.B. pharmacy will miss laughing with Al. He always brought a smile to everyone's face when he came in and could turn a bad day into a good one very quickly. Everyone could hear him hooting and hollering on his way in and we all would perk up. You will be missed sir

Josh - November 19, 2019 at 01:02 PM

MF

“ Cherish the memories of family reunions and visits through the years. You will be missed!
Mike & Karla Farrell

Mike Farrell - November 19, 2019 at 12:47 PM

TA

“ Tim & Pam and all the Fennells that knew Big Al! purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



Tim & Pam and all the Fennells that knew Big Al! - November 18, 2019 at 05:47 PM

KD

“ You will be sorely missed! We will keep his family in our thoughts and prayers. Friends at Livingston Hearing Aid Center

Kyle Durbin - November 18, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 18, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ Ray & Martha Hardin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



Ray & Martha Hardin - November 18, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 18, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Glenda and Mike Peters purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



Glenda and Mike Peters - November 18, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 18, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 18, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 18, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 17, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 17, 2019 at 09:20 PM



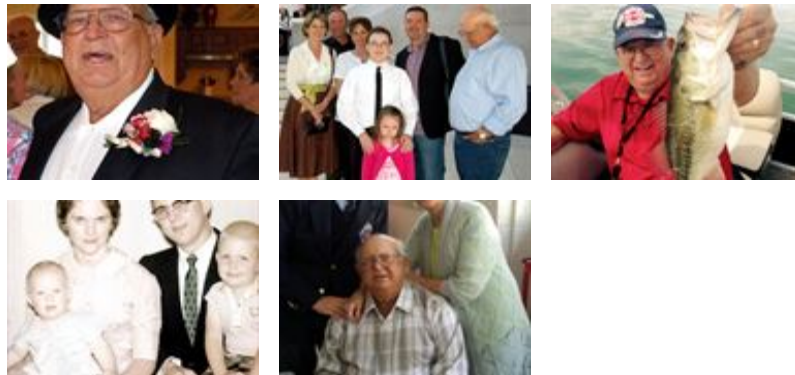
“ WOOT lit a candle in memory of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall



WOOT - November 17, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Byrum Funeral Home - November 17, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ *Al, Things will never be the same without you. We had lots of fun and laughs and have many memories. I remember the minnow bucket in Lancaster. Your riding around the atrium on your rider saying you were exercising. You bring me biscuits and gravy and lots of other meals, all delicious. You will always be in our fun memories, see you on the other side. Love Norma*

Norma Terry - November 17, 2019 at 12:39 PM

RA

*Helen
Ronnie and I will never forget all the good times we had at the state fireman's conventions and the Christmas dinner dances. You and your family are in our prayers.*

Ronnie & Kathy Anderson - November 18, 2019 at 06:14 PM

TP

“ *Travis and Pat purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.*



Travis and Pat - November 16, 2019 at 09:54 PM

AA

“ To Helen, Steve and Clint,
Freddie and I were so sorry to hear of Al's death. We had a lot of very good times on the softball field. I know we ran up his blood pressure, but he loved the teams and we loved him. Al's Dial-A-Burger then the Ladybugs. If there was another in between the two, I don't remember the name.

Wish we could be there, but the trip to Texas is getting harder and harder to make. We will keep you in our prayers. May God comfort all of you!!

Ann & Freddie Arie - Bowling Green, KY

Ann Arie - November 16, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 16, 2019 at 06:59 PM

LM

“ Lynda, Neil, & Janet McLeroy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



Lynda, Neil, & Janet McLeroy - November 16, 2019 at 05:43 PM

SE

“ Selinda lit a candle in memory of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall



Selinda - November 16, 2019 at 05:09 PM

DD

“ Dee & Maria Dishman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



Dee & Maria Dishman - November 16, 2019 at 04:54 PM

CT

“ Helen, My thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys. I always thought a lot of Al and loved his sense of humor..... I certainly have some great memories working with all of you in Lancaster.



Cindy Roberts-Thomas

Cindy N Roberts Thomas - November 16, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 16, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.*



November 16, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Helen, Garrett & I always loved visiting with Al at Minyards Pharmacy in Lancaster. He was always smiling & so friendly & helpful. I send our Love, & Heartfelt Sympathy. It gives me peace & joy to think of Garrett with all our family members & friends in Heaven with Jesus. They are now completely healed. You & your family are in my prayers. Grace & Peace, Joyce Maxwell*

Joyce Maxwell - November 16, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ *Al was a Very Special Friend. I Worked for Al when he had the Burger Place on Dallas Avenue. He never meeted a Stranger.*

Debbie Brown - November 16, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ *Al was my gardening friend at the Waxahachie Senior Center. I learned a lot from him about gardening but more importantly I learned a lot about life. He had such a kind heart, wonderful stories, and a great sense of humor. He never met a stranger, was kind to everyone and made gardening chores fun. His smile and laugh was contagious. I will miss him. Gardening won't be the same without him.*

Kathleen Bowen - November 16, 2019 at 10:26 AM

KB

“ *Kathleen Bowen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.*



Kathleen Bowen - November 16, 2019 at 10:22 AM

LR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Lorene Kuykendall Richardson - November 16, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.*



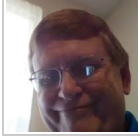
November 16, 2019 at 09:34 AM

SF

“ *Sue Smith Fabrizzio lit a candle in memory of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall*



Sue Smith Fabrizzio - November 15, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ Went to school with Clint Als family were good friends. I pray Gods best for your family in the days ahead Joe Smith

Joe Smith - November 15, 2019 at 06:14 PM

DB

Al was a Special Friend .I Worked for Al when he had the Burger Place on Dallas Avenue

Debbie Brown - November 16, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ Such a good man, had the pleasure of cutting his hair for many years. Prayers for his family.

Marsha LaRue Bownds - November 15, 2019 at 05:48 PM

DB

Al was a Very Special Friend. I worked for Al when he had the Burger Place on Dallas Avenue

Debbie Brown - November 16, 2019 at 10:07 AM

DA

Helen, you and Al were the very best next-door neighbors in the world to my mother and then to Thomas and me. As we've told you before, we miss you every day.Thomas treasures the "solve the problems of the world and garden" conversations Al and he had. We are tremendously saddened by your loss. Dianne Allen

Dianne L. Allen - November 18, 2019 at 05:14 PM



“ Island Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Alvin Monroe "Al" Kuykendall.



November 15, 2019 at 05:46 PM