



Allan Wright

March 26, 2012

Allan E. Wright, 69, of Crystal Falls, passed away on Monday, March 26, 2012 at his home. He was born on September 28, 1942 in Oxnard, California, son of the late Carl and Mildred (Pinnow) Wright. Upon graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. While with the Marines, Allan saw action in Viet Nam. After being honorably discharged, he went to work for John Crane, Inc. He moved his family to the Illinois area, the headquarters for John Crane, Inc. They offered him the Plant Manager position in the company's new location which he helped to find here in Crystal Falls. Allan and his family moved to Crystal Falls in 1972, and he has been a resident ever since. At that time, he was a very active member of the Crystal Falls Lions Club. He loved hunting, fishing, and traveling to Wyoming, South Dakota, and to California. He was an avid coin collector. He was very proud of his enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps., and his service to his country.

Allan is survived by his daughter, Penney (Mark) Melchoir of Laingsburg, MI

A son, David (Kirsten) Wright of Lansing, MI

A granddaughter, Tabitha Wright

Brothers and sisters, Carl (Leslie) Wright, Patricia (John) Masterson, Dolores (Gary) Vose, Phyllis (Tom) Force, and Darrel Wright

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Condolences to the family of Allan E. Wright may be expressed online at www.

nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *My sympathies to Al's family and friends. I didn't know Al, but Penney is my sister-in-law and is one of the kindest and most generous people I know, so Al has an enduring legacy. I wish the peace that passes understanding for her and her family.*

Jill Melchoir - WI - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Al's family. We were able to visit with him just last summer. He always had a smile on his face. We will always remember the many visits we had out at camp with Al. One summer he came out on the 4th of July and brought out chicken to fix over the fire. That was followed by fireworks provided by Al. He was a very giving person and we will miss him.. We pray for you to find peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

The Brooks Family - Wolcott , IN - Friend - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Penney and David -

While I have so many warm memories of time spent with your family while growing up in Crystal Falls, it is the more recent memories of your dad that stand out most to me. After moving to Wisconsin when we got teaching jobs there, Bobby and I made as many trips as we could back to both Crystal Falls and Caspian. Family roots are so important! Al would often stop by the house or we'd see him up at "the farm". When Maria and Theresa were born, his visits started to include little treats each time he came by. Animal crackers in the little circus boxes with the string handle quickly became the girls' favorite, and as soon as they saw Al's face or heard him in the breezeway, they knew what they'd find in his hands held behind his back! For years he brought those treats and put smiles on many faces. I'm quite sure by the sparkle in his eye that he enjoyed those moments as much as we did. One New Year's day, we had a knock at our door in Elcho, and there was Al on the deck. He was just "taking a ride to start the new year" and he decided to stop. We invited him in and enjoyed a New Year's meal with a friend from Crystal Falls! Please accept our sympathy and know that we share in happy memories.

Jeanne (Albarelo) Watts - Elcho, WI - family friend - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Penney, David and family,
Time passes by, doesn't it? Only with your father's passing have I realized that I've waited too long to get to know him better. I wanted to pass along a little story about your father that you might otherwise never hear.

Sadly for me, Allan and family moved away from California when I was too small to remember. I had no chance to get to know any of you. In the recent past, however, Allan came out to visit us all in Ventura, CA, and I got to meet him as an adult and get to know him just a bit. We found out he was a great cook and a big-hearted fellow. We sat on the patio chatting and I mentioned that I like to hike and I wish I had a pair of binoculars to hike with. Without a word, Allan got up and went out to his truck, returning with a pair. He handed them to me and said "Here you go." I was surprised and said, "No, you can't give me these!" He said, "Of course I can! I don't need them!" And so I've been using them for years, until they finally just gave way and broke.

It also happened to be my birthday while he was here and he got me a gift, although he barely knew me. It was a t-shirt that said, "Hand Over Your Chocolate and No One Gets Hurt!" I guess he knew that the Wright propensity for liking chocolate runs pretty deep!

Anyway, I am happy to have finally met him and gained some insight into who he was, and I feel lucky to have had the chance. Hopefully someday we cousins can meet and learn about each other, too.

My condolences on your loss and my deepest sympathy for your family.

Ann (Carl and Leslie's daughter).

Ann Wright - Newbury Park, CA - Allan's niece - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I have lots of great memories of the Wright Family...Al would always joke with me when I was a kid. He had a great laugh! And David & I were the masters at working the popcorn machine at the Bass Festival, with Al "supervising" from behind the counter as he worked the grill! My thoughts and prayers go out to Penney, David & the family in this difficult time.

Mary Beth (Albarello) Kingman - Comstock Park, MI - Friend of the Family - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I have many great memories of snowmobiling parties at camp with the Wright family. Penney and David - with my Dad's recent passing, I know all too well the grieving process that you are going through. You and your families will be in my prayers.

Patrice (Albarello) Deutschmann - South Lyon, MI - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I did not know Al very well, but can say I became a friend to his son David, during our high school days. David and Penny, I am very sorry for the untimely passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Dean Aberly - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend of family - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I worked with Al for almost twenty years. He was a different sole, had a chance to meet Penny and David. I feel for your loss as I too have lost a parent. Unfortunately it is something we all have to deal with one day.

Mark Stauber - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I worked for Al Wright for about 18 years, lived next door for about the same. I can't say I liked the man, but this isn't the place for badmouthing someone. I will say that I liked Penney and David and that I don't wish the loss of a parent on anyone(even though it's going to happen soon enough). I would just like to let them know that I am sorry for their loss.

John J Moon Jr - Iron River, MI - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Al "Cookie Man" Wright always made our Mondays sweet! He will be sorely missed. He touched many people throughout the years with his Monday visits; we all enjoyed him and his stories and gifts. His absence in our lives will be sorely felt. Rest in peace, Al-you will always have a special place in our hearts and memories. Dennis, Pam & the Dina Mia of Florence Crew

Pam Krueger - Florence, WI - Friend - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Allan will be missed by so many,,,He could be so silly at times and yet so stubborn at others. The days of the silly toe people are long gone. May he rest in peace. Lucky will be happy to see him..

Sandy, Dave, Andy and Ben - Aurora, WI - friend - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM