



Alan J. Havens

October 2, 1933 - November 29, 2018

HOLDEN - Alan J. Havens, 85, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. Born in Worcester and raised in Holden, Alan was the son of Stanley M. and Elsie M. (Jordan) Havens, and lived several years in West Boylston before moving back to Holden in the early 1990's.

He was a graduate of Holden High School, class of 1951 and Stockbridge School of Agriculture at University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1953. Alan honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958.

From a child, Alan worked on his family's farm, Jordan's Dairy Farm, in Rutland until the age of 38. He then went to work at CC Lowell Art Supply Co. in Worcester for the following 34 years retiring at the age 72. After his retirement, Alan volunteered his time at the Holden Senior Center as a Meals on Wheels Driver. In 2010, he received the Barbara Cushman Award for his outstanding service as a Meals on Wheels driver.

Alan joined the Holden Grange #78 at the age of 14; a membership he has held dearly to his heart throughout the years. He was a passionate and dedicated member of the Grange and was a Past Master of the Holden Grange, and held memberships in the Worcester Central Pomona Grange #7, Mass State Grange, National Grange and the Thomas Severance Past Master and Past Lecturer Association. He was the oldest living Past Master of the Holden Grange.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Holden and enjoyed following New England sport teams, reading, bowling and spending time with his family.

He will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife, Merryl C. (Butler) Havens; four daughters, Debbie A. Powers and her fiancé, Jamie Akers of Louisville, CO, Lisa A. Havens of West Harwich, MA, Monique Hayward and her husband, Robbie of Sugar Hill, NH, Susan Merryl MacPherson and her husband, Patrick of Holliston, MA ; a son, Stephen B. Girling and his wife, Rhonda of North Attleboro; 13 grandchildren, Cody

Michael, Justin Alan, Emil, Jesse, Tyler, Faith, Allyson, Mike, Marc and his wife, Brenda, Nathan, Owen, Kayla and Joy; a niece, Theresa and many cousins. Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his brother, Russell Havens.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Alan's family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 7, at Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden. A funeral service honoring his life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, at the First Congregational Church of Holden, 1180 Main St., Holden. Burial with full military honors will follow at Grove Cemetery in Holden followed by a celebration of Alan's life back at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Holden, 1180 Main St., Holden, MA 01520; or the Holden Grange #78, 26 Glenwood Place, Rutland, MA 01543.

Cemetery

Events

Grove Cemetery

1284 Main St.
Holden, MA,

DEC

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Calling Hours

04:00PM - 07:00PM

Miles Funeral Home

1158 Main Street (Rte. 122A), Holden, MA, US, 01520

DEC

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Funeral Service

10:00AM - 11:00AM

First Congregational Church of Holden

1180 Main Street, Holden, MA, US, 01520

Comments



“ Thoughts and prayers from our family to your whole family with Alan's passing. We are very sorry and send our condolences. Alan was a great friend to our whole family. He was such a very kind, friendly and loving man. We have very special memories of Alan coming to our house for a very special Christmas Eve and then going to The Midnight Service at the First Congregational Church in Boylston. Many fond memories of bowling in the church league with Alan, watching sporting events together, church events and him coming to our house for many cookouts. Most dearly of all, Alan was a great friend to my Dad, which I cherish the most of all. Rest In Peace Alan and God Bless You and your whole family!

Gary Everett Wilcox & Family, Worcester

Gary Everett Wilcox - December 08 at 01:13 PM



“ Frank and your Hollis Auto Body family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Alan J. Havens.



Frank and your Hollis Auto Body family - December 07 at 10:10 AM



“ Debbie and Lisa,
My first memories of your dad are from the Congregational Church in Boylston when he brought you both to Sunday School. When bringing you to class, he was not merely dropping you off, he was entrusting me with your care. You were his pride and joy. He served as a deacon with my dad and was always concerned for others. For many years following, I often met your dad at a Grange function. He always greeted everyone with a huge smile and an extended arm for a hearty handshake. He was always so proud when I asked him for an update on what you both were doing.

Robin Quist, Boylston

Robin Quist - December 06 at 10:44 AM



“ Merry, our hearts go out to you! We were pleased to meet Alan at Holden Grange, when we visited them. What a legacy he has left of Grange service and his volunteer work beyond that!

Prayers for comfort and peace for you!!

Deanna & Al Randall, New Braintree Grange

Deanna & Al Randall - December 03 at 09:43 PM



“ My prayers are with Alan's family Merry, his wife and his two daughters. I've known Alan for most of my life and thought of him as kind hearted individual who always had his hand out to greet people and who never had a bad word on anyone. Alan was a family man and he endured all of them as well as his extended family in the Holden Grange. He will be sadly missed especially during our family get - togethers.

Michael Segur - December 01 at 07:03 PM