



George Gerrish Alison Jr.

September 21, 1960 - January 28, 2020

George Gerrish Alison Jr., a retired rural mail carrier who lived on Lake Elmdale, died Jan. 28, 2020, at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Hospital in Little Rock. He was 59.

He was born Sept. 21, 1960, at Liberty, Missouri, to George and Martha Yancey Alison. The family moved to Fayetteville in 1965, where he attended public schools, graduating from Fayetteville High School in 1978. He also attended the Sam M. Walton College of Business before leaving for work opportunities.

As a young man, he worked at McDonalds, where he said he got to know kids as customers. Then he worked at IGA, where he got to know all the kids' parents as customers, and then he worked at Walmart, where he got to know them as whole families.

He worked more than 30 years as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, delivering mail on routes that started out as country roads but which became more and more urbanized during his career. His greatest joy on the job was meeting people along his routes who came out to the road for their mail and stayed for conversations with George. He retired in 2018.

Like his father, George had a sardonic sense of humor that continued throughout his life, and like his father, he seemingly collected everything under the sun, from TV Guide magazines to relics and ephemera of the Frisco Railway. He also enjoyed bicycling and birdwatching.

He was a member of the Arkansas Boston Mountains Chapter of the National

Railroad Historical Society and the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Fayetteville.

He was happiest at his lake house, rain or shine, planning projects, working crossword puzzles and loving his family, friends and pets. He followed his heart and was methodically enthusiastic about living. He was a humble, patient and kind person, firm in his own beliefs but respectful of others.

He was preceded in death by his father; a younger brother, James Alexander Alison; and a long-time friend, John Stephens.

Survivors include his wife, Eunice "Uni" Delateja; his mother, Martha Yancey Alison; a daughter, Taylor Alison Hight and husband Will; a son, Joshua Hayes Mauthe Alison and wife Gina; a stepson, Chris Brewer; a sister, Betty Arambel and husband Dave; a brother, Charles Alison and wife Alison Alison; nieces Sara Ruckenbrod and husband Ray, Hanna Robbins and husband Kabel, and Martha Arambel; a nephew, Ernie Arambel; step-nieces Leah Allison and Mae Arambel; step-nephews John Arambel and Luke Fowler; and several grandchildren, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History in Springdale for its ongoing preservation of railroad history or to either the Springdale or Fayetteville humane shelters.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *George Gerrish Alison Jr.*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sincere sympathies to the Alison family.*

Lauren Hawkins - February 04, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *To the Alison family,
We at the Arkansas Boston Mountain Chapter of The National
Railway Historical Society send our heartfelt condolences to you. As
much as George was part of our lives, he was central to yours. We
will miss him, but his passing leaves a huge hole in your hearts.
May God grant you Peace and Comfort. From Gary McCullah*

Gary McCullah - February 03, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ *I'm saddened to hear about George's passing. I lived across the
street from George growing up. He was a friend of mine and we had
a few childhood creative adventures. Sending healing thoughts and
prayers to you and your family Betty*

Kathy Long Hicks - February 03, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Love, Hugs & prayers.
Ann Chitwood*

Ann Chitwood - February 02, 2020 at 10:43 PM

MH

“ I was sorry to hear of George’s passing. I grew up in the same neighborhood with George and his sister Betty. Fun times and great memories. George had a great laugh and smile.
Betty I’m so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mark Hays - February 02, 2020 at 03:51 PM

 Ruth
Soller

“ I’m so sorry for your loss and am sending prayers for comfort and peace for George’s family. George was a lifelong friend to my brother John. They were born two days apart and met on their first day of kindergarten. They had many adventures together and may now see each other again in the hereafter. May they rest in peace.
Ruth Soller

Ruth Soller - February 02, 2020 at 03:47 PM

JJ

“ Sending prayers of peace and comfort to George’s family. He and I were friends in our teenage years and hung out at Central United Methodist Church in the youth group there. He was a great guy and I have many memories of him. So sorry for your loss.

Judi Jamieson - February 02, 2020 at 02:45 PM

BA

“ Dear Uni,

I am very sorry to hear about George. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Barbara Arnold

Barbara Arnold - February 02, 2020 at 02:29 PM