



Alfred "Al" Cochran Helmuth

November 17, 1930 - April 3, 2007

Alfred C. Helmuth, 76, resident of Cottonwood, passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2007 in Prescott after a courageous fight with throat cancer. He was born November 17, 1930 in Washington D.C., to Lewis and Serena (Pugh) Helmuth. He is preceded in death by his parents; twin sister, Teresa; brother, Larry; and sister, Elaine. Al leaves behind his loving wife, Sherri; his children, Kurt (Nan) of Michigan, Tom (Susie) of Arizona, Nancie (Kevin) of Colorado, and Steve (Michele) of California; as well as, 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. A Memorial Service will be held in honor of Al's life at the Pine Shadows Club House in Cottonwood, on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society, 2724 E. Lakin Drive, Suite 9, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. An online guestbook is available at [www. Westcottfuneralhome.com](http://www.Westcottfuneralhome.com)

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ES

“ Uncle Al was the best. He was always known to his nieces and nephews as Uncle Al, the kiddies pal. Growing up, he was funloving, kind, funny, generous, considerate, humble; so much more than a typical uncle. We loved and adored him. He will always be a part of us!! We will treasure the many happy times we had with him and \"Auntie\" Sherri. We find comfort that he is with our mom, his beloved twin, and their parents and Larry and Elaine.

Elaine and Marianne Struck - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MD

“ I feel so blessed to have known such a wonderful man, and to call him my father in law. Al was truly one of the most loving, kind hearted, adorable man I've ever met. He always brought a smile to my face. My children adored their grandpa. My husband adored his father. I'm so glad that we got to spend quality time with Al and Sherri, and the rest of the family last summer in Michigan. We all had such a great time. Al even taught my kids how to swim. He was so loving and dear to us all. I will always cherish the loving memories I have of him. You will always have a special place in my heart. We will miss and love you always!

Michele Driesens - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

AM

“ Grandpa Al , you were allways a treasure to us all.And you will be with us forever and ever.I love you!

Amanda - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

BP

“ I can't tell you how many family photos I have of Uncle Al sitting at the head of the table making faces at the camera! We loved him when we were kids because he WAS a big kid! Like Marianne and Elaine have said, he was \"Uncle Al the kiddies pal!\" As we grew up he became a mentor and a source of strength to the family. My mother was widowed at a very young age and Uncle Al was there for all of us not only then, but throughout the years. When we were older and he and Sherri came to visit they were always so much fun. I'll remember his smile, his generous spirit, his kindness, the goodness of his heart and all those crazy faces. I'll miss you Uncle Al.

Barb Pochedly - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

RE

“ Sherri and family our condolences on the loss of AL. Don Anderson called us from Ohio. We are at our winter home in Florida now. Our best to you and yours. He was a great guy and we'll miss him. Thought of you both often.

Rosemary & John P. Ellison - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

CT

“ GOD BLESS SHIPMATE

Chuck Thomas - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

LS

“ Dear Sherrie and All, We send our sympathies. We wish we could be there to do more and be there for our son-in-law, Kurt and daughter, Nanette. You are all in our prayers. Al blessed a lot of peoples hearts with his smile and laughter. What a fun-loving guy. The grandchildren will miss him a lot. They were looking forward to seeing him this summer. They have good memories. God be with you all.

LARRY AND JUDYE SEARS - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

LF

“ Our Uncle Al was the FUN Uncle! He was the \"life of the party\".... so full of love and laughter. Everyone clamored around him as his enthusiasm was contagious. His sense of humor and heartfelt laughter still rings in our ears. He was compassionate and the glue that connected our family over the years. I was thrilled when Aunt Sherri captured his heart, they married and always enjoyed their cherished family. Aunt Sherri completed Uncle Al they complimented eachother. My heart aches for Aunt Sherri and my cousins Tom, Nancie, Steve and Kurt as they endure losing Al. We will all miss him, but I pray your grief will be softened knowing he is with our Lord. We love you.

Lauren Helmuth Funke - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

SD

“ What an amazing man who was so good natured, fun loving, & compassionate and that we all loved dearly. On the day I married his son and he became my Father-in-law, it meant so much to Tom that his Dad was his Best Man at our wedding. At all of our family get to-gethers and holidays he was always the life of the party with a great sense of humor. I will miss his smiling face, his big bear hugs, and all those hours on the golf course Tom & I spent enjoying life with him. We are all blessed to have had you in our lives. We love you and will miss you always.

Susie Driesens - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

SM

“ Although we didn't see Al very often, he was always the favorite uncle among my siblings and myself...piggyback rides....and ever the tease....jokes galore....and a dinner plate piled to overflowing just to tickle us. And his cheery sonorous voice...we always knew who was calling way before Caller I.D.!!! He was so good to my Dad, Lou (Wil, as the family called him)....calling frequently...to see the expression on my Dad's face as he chatted it up with Al....it was as if Al was right in the room with him and they were kids again...Dad will really miss him and is finding it hard to comprehend that Al has gone before him. We will all dearly miss that great loving, laughing fellow.

Susan Helmuth Mullenholz - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

WG

“ Dear Sherri, We share your pain and lose. It's never easy losing a loved one. Our prayer is that God will grant you comfort and peace now and in the days to come. We love you.

Warren & Donna Gardepe - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

CM

“ Dear Sherri, Steve, Nancie, Tom, Kurt, Spouses and grandchildren, My condolences to all of you on the loss of such a wonderful man. The memories with all of you on Barber Terrace will be forever! Al was a true friend to all he met. Always there with a great heart to help, and the most lovable clutz I've ever known (talking toilets, flooding basements, etc.. etc..). Ive always felt so very blessed to have Al as a part of my life, and will be forever grateful to him for getting me thru some very rough times. Life would of been so BORING without him. My love to you all.

Candy Marz - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

NH

“ Dad (in-law) was the best! What a loving, giving man! He always took advantage of the time he had with us, especially with his grandchildren. Although we only seen him once a year, he was probably closer to them than alot of Papas who see their grandkids every week. He made sure to spend lots of time with them and always made them laugh. Oh, the memories! He will always be in my heart and I will never forget his silly jokes and humor that kept us all smiling and laughing. He definately had the spiritual gift of service. I don't know a whole lot of people who are so willing to help others as much as he did. I will look forward to seeing him again some day in heaven and carry on where we left off. I will miss him very much!!! I love you, Dad!

Nan Helmuth - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DF

“ Al was a great guy, I have alot of memories of him as Kurt and I were growing up. I used to think Kurt was the luckiest kid on the block! Al was a great dad and always took time to throw a ball with us! It was great to see Al last summer, hadnt seen him in 20 years, God Bless Al and the Helmuth Family...

Dan Welch and Family - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

KH

“Dad, I love you. Its hard for me to comprehend all that has happened, but I know that you are in a better place with our Lord Jesus Christ. I will always remember your greatness, your unselfishness, and your incredible love that you always showed to me. The time we spent together will always be cherished in my heart. Dad, your grandkids adored you, and will deeply miss you. Any kid would be lucky to have you as their grandpa. You were an incredible husband to my mother, and I thank you for that. Dad, you were an incredible gift to us all and words cannot accurately describe how I truly feel. Just know that I love you. your loving son, Kurt

Kurt Helmuth - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MD

“Dear Sherri & Family After the shock had worn off somewhat, we began to reinisce about all the wonderful, exciting,hilarious,unusual and truly happy times we enjoyed with you and "BIG AL". My memories of AL go back to days at Lakewood High School where Al was a star on the basketball court. Of course he was a star off the court in many, many ways some of which we will not discuss here.Our military life in the Air Force and the readjustment period back to civilian life solidified a friendship that has lasted all these years. In fact it grew stronger as we got older. The many, many great memories we have of "BIG AL" have a very special, loving place in our hearts. We have that special privledge of knowing and enjoyed for many, many years the friemdship of a very special man. BIG AL, you will always be in our heart, and will live on in our memories. we LOVE you. Mario & Judy

Mario & Judy Drago - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

BN

“*Sherri and Family, We have been blessed to have known Al. He was always pleasant and happy and was always fun to visit with. We especially remember his great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed! The Lord will comfort you in this time of grief. God Bless You!*

Bill & Elaine Nagler - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

LZ

“*Dear Sherri and family, Al will always be remembered (by Marny) as the \“BEST SANTA\” we’ve ever had. Although he wouldn’t do it again, he was wonderful! It was certainly a pleasure to visit with him and we enjoyed his sense of humor. May your memories keep him close in your hearts and the heartache of your loss easier to bear.*

Leo and Marny Zuercher - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DR

“*Dear Sherri & Family, We had the pleasure of meeting this wonderful person just last December, when we went on a cruise to the Panama Canal with friends from Las Vegas. This great man had a wonderful sense of humor & was such fun in social settings. Our deepest sympathy to his family and everyone involved, may god bless you all. He will truly be missed. GOD BLESS you Al. Duke & La Vonne*

Duke & La Vonne Raile - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

ME

“ Dear Sherri and family, Besides being my Brother-in-law Al was a generous friend always asking if he could help on whatever project you might be involved in. Ever ready with a joke or a good word. Al's eulogy at Diane's funeral at Glen Lake was a look at the compassionate side of a man that I was proud to call my Brother-in-law. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Matt & Linda ELENBAAS - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MG

“ Dearest Sherri and family, You have lost a wonderful husband and father and we have lost a dear and good friend. We so remember the many fun times (not enough) we had with him and your family at our pool. We had so... many laughs and good times. Please know that we consider ourselves blessed to have Al and your family as our very close friends over the years. Al was truly a remarkable person. Few in this world his equal will you find, when it comes to helping others and giving of his time. His absence will be felt by many for many years to come. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this unhappy time. We love you all. MIM

Marian Ganzevoort - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

RI

“ The rare visits that I had with Al and Sherry were always punctuated with laughter. Al always seemed to have a positive attitude no matter the circumstance. I am glad I had the opportunity to meet Al through my brother Kevin (Nancy's husband). Randy

Randy Irby - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MT

“ While it has been a number of years since we physically have seen Al, our memories are vivid because he had an unforgettable character. In fact he was with me when I met Doe. He will be missed by many but never forgotten Our deepest condolences.

Mitch and Doe Tegreene - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MM

“ Sherri and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Although I haven't seen Al in years, I remember him as being a wonderful person. Always so full of life and energy. Having been a childhood friend of Nancie's, I can feel your pain. I'm guessing that Al is now in a much better place with mom and their busy catching up on old times. How wonderful they must both feel. While losing people we love is very hard, knowing they've been taken to such a wonderful place is cause to celebrate. My prayers are with you all during your time of grief and always...

Michelle Jones (McClintic) - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DM

“ We will always remember the good times that Al created by his just being there. God bless you and your family.

David & Jean McCann - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

PB

“ What can you say about a friend who always wanted to help, even if he hung my light fixture upside down, always with a big smile. I will always remember our special dance and all the wonderful hugs from my favorite teddy bear. You will be missed by so many especially me. I love you so very much, Pat Brown

Pat Brown - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

EG

“ Dear Sherri It dosen't seem possible that it's been 4 months since we were on the cruise with you and big Al,we will alwas's remember the good times we had with you both. We just came from Easter services, and the preist said \“THE BEST IS YET TO COME\“{in heaven} WITH LOVE Betty & Emilio Germano

Emilio Germano - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

ST

“ Dad, You were my mentor, my friend and my inspiration. Nothing can fill the emptiness your passing leaves in my heart. I will miss you dearly. You made such a positive impact on everyone you met. I can only hope that some of what you were will stay with me and my kids forever. I love you Dad. Make God laugh!

Steve - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

TD

“ I am having trouble finding the words to say how much my Dad meant to me and how much I appreciate all of the things he did for us. I am grateful for the time that I had with him on his final days and especially the last day I spent with him when he returned to his old self for a while and made me laugh and told funny stories. I will always cherish the fond memories I have of the man I called Dad. I love you and will miss you very much.

Tom Driesens - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

AB

“ Dear Sherri and Family, When we were kids we were always so excited to have Al visit--he made every day so much fun--always energetic and smiling. His warm spirit and charm made him unforgettable. Al, you are all heart! We will miss you.

Anne Helmuth Borman - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

SH

“ Grandpa Al, you were a great stand-up comedy kind of guy. I really enjoyed spending time with you in the summer and laughing at your funny jokes. From your loving grandchild, Shawna Helmuth

Shawna - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

SY

“ Grandpa Al` We miss you and we love you alot. I`m glad you went to the cottage with us and I loved your funny jokes. from your loving grand-daughter Sydney Helmuth

Sydney - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

NI

“ To my dear loving father. Words cannot express the love and gratitude that I have for you. Thank you for all the love, patience and life lessons you have taught me throughout the years to mold me into the woman that I have become. I will always cherish the last days we had together. You will be my angel forever. May you rest in peace. All my love, Nancie

Nancie Irby - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JD

“ Dearest sherri, The world will never be the same without this wonderful man. Al was such a caring and thoughtful man. And so much fun. He kept us laughing on our cruises & down at the beach, where he always called us out to watch the sunset with him. He had an appreciation for such beauty. There's so much one could say about this gentle giant of a man. HE had a heart of gold and genuinely cared for others. We'll miss you Big Al as you were definately one of a kind. The best kind! Mostly I think I'll miss those great Big Bear Hugs.(I think Jim will too!!) May God keep you in his heart always as well as the rest of the family.We love you Big Al. May God bless all of you. Our Love, Joanie and Jimmy

Jimmy & Joanie Driscoll - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

KI

“ To Big Al, my favorite father-in-law, Even though you weren't very good at fixing things around the house (but it was fun to watch you try), you were the BEST at taking care of the most important things, the people inside the house. When I think back on the person that you were, there is one thing I will always remember that defines you to me. When Sherri's mother Vivian was in the nursing home suffering from dementia, it didn't matter how bad of a day she was having, when she saw you walk into the room her face would always light up like a Christmas tree, with a smile from ear to ear. That was the same impact you had on all of us who loved you, she just expressed her joy better than most of us do. It is so hard to say goodbye, but I am so thankful that you are no longer suffering. Your work here is done, it is up to the rest of us to spread the joy, generosity, helpfulness, unselfishness and love like you taught us to. You're going to the big leagues now, enjoy your piece of Heaven, you have earned every square inch! With all my love and respect Kevin

Kevin Irby - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

LB

“ We will always remember Al's sense of humor, his friendliness, his love of life, and his dedication to his family. We are very fortunate to have met Al and we cherish the times we spent together. Larry and Brenda Besore

Larry and Brenda - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

ME

“ Uncle Al, Your love for God was made evident in the many unselfish acts you performed and the love you showed to each of us through your gentle spirit. You will be missed greatly! I treasure the many great memories Christmas at the Helmuth house and the special time we had when I myself was battling cancer. May the seeds you planted throughout your life continue to grow into strong trees. Shine on

Mark Elenbaas - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

BB

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. BOB AND JOAN BONNET

BOB AND JOAN BONNET - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

KS

“ Al was a great guy and will be sorely missed by all

Ken Steidl - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

LH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you endure the loss of dear Uncle Al. His powerful grace, grand smile, welcoming manner and huge heart will last in my memory forever. May the love and warmth of your tremendous family comfort you all. We love you.
Louie Helmuth and Lisa Steindler

Lou Helmuth - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

KB

“ Al was truly a fun and FUNNY guy. I always enjoyed being around him and the laughs he provided. I especially enjoyed his many \"unintentional slapstick moments\" the topper during the Pine Shadows Christmas Pageant while playing Santa Claus. I know he fought the good fight and I am happy he no longer suffers. A guy like Al that brought smiles to so many deserves his own smiles also.

Ken Brown - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

MF

“ I'm sorry for Al's passing. As a driver for the VA I come in contact with many people but Al was a rarity. I'm sorry I didn't know him sooner. He never complained, was always wanting to make it easy for the driver and had a great sense of humor, even tho' I know he was 'not up to par' on his visits for treatments. I hope I can have the same attitude in my life. *Merrell Floyd*

Merrell Floyd - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JR

“ Dear Sherri, We were so very sorry to learn of Al's passing. And your great loss is understandable for sure. We both loved Al and will miss knowing he is there with you, and family. He often watched and commented on my drive on the golf course hole right behind your house...and those comments were not always complimentary. There but for the grace of the Good Lord go all of us. Be brave, and you are in our thoughts. Fond regards...Judy and Phil Rand in Oregon

Judy and Phil Rand - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

VI

“ With our deepest sympathy, VLSystems, Inc.

VLSystems, Inc. - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

NW

“ Uncle Alfred was my favorite uncle. He always made us laugh. And he made my Dad (Lou Helmuth) laugh, too, with his many funny phone calls. Thank you Alfred for all you gave to all of us. Love, Nancy Wark (Lou Helmuth's middle daughter)

Nancy Wark - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

RF

“ Sherri & Family, Our deepest symathies to all of you. We have been blessed to have known him. Thank you for sharing him with us .. Much Love, Ron & Jane Feinstein

Ron & Jane Feinstein - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

SH

“ You gave me 41 wonderful years, and Kurt, what a blessing! You will be in my heart forever. You are now free of pain, rest in peace, I love you. Your loving wife.

Sherri - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JH

“ I am very sad you are gone but I know you are in a better place now. I remember that you used to love to bring me mini golfing. I will always remember you. Love your grandchild Justin.

justin helmuth - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DI

“ Dear Grandpa- Thank you for teaching me to play chess and being so fun and funny to play with. I will miss you very much. I will watch over Grandma for you. Rest in peace. Love Derek

Derek Irby - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JS

“ It was a great honor caring for Al, he was truly a wonderful man and I am so sad at his passing. Regards Janice

Janice Stroman - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DA

“ Sherri..We're sorry for responding so late, but we do know that you know how fond we were of Al and you. I can't say the words to express our feelings, but you know how we feel. Such good times together!And what a grand guy Al was! Shrimp stir fry, cold duck..you can't beat that! If anyone can make God laugh, it'll be our big Al..we love you! Don and Glo

Don and Gloria Anderson - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

TC

“ Sherri: Please know that we share in your grief at the loss of Al. He was certainly a wonderful friend and classmate. Please take comfort in knowing that you will be reunited with Al in Heaven and that he no longer suffers. God's Blessings -- our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tom and Carol Corpus Westlake

Tom and Carol Corpus - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

GK

“ Dear Sheri We are so sorry for your loss. Gary has good memories of Al and will keep those in his memory.

Gary and Betty Kipp - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

HL

“ Dear Sherri and Family--We have such fond memories of our times with Al and you. From being best man when we married, watching the first ever Super Bowl with us, and making those Grand Rapids restaurants regret their \"all you can eat shrimp\" specials, Al was always great fun to be with and very generous with his attentions to his friends and ,especially, his family. While now free of his worldly pain, he will be greatly missed. Love, Harry and Julia

Harry and Julia Luellen - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DG

“ When I think of Al I think of \“H\” for Helmuth, \“H\” for Honest, \“H\” for Humble and \“H\” for Humorous,\“H\” for huge.....he was all these. His talents were varied and so were his interests and friends. His friendliness was pure and his approach was simple.... open, honest and sincere. He lived his whole life as openly loving and supporting of all persons he touched, from the many years we spent together in schools, jr. high through college. Al would truly give you his shirt if you needed it and on a few occasions did so. His love of life and humorous approach was most infectious and much love was returned by elders and youngsters alike. I will never forget him and his comforting persona; he will be joyously welcomed by his peers in Heaven.

Dale Grafton - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JD

“ I was a longtime friend and classmate of Al and Terri and recall fondly our days at Taft, Emerson and Lakewood High. Both were remarkable in many ways, but Al was someone very special to all who knew him.

Jim Duffy - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JS

“ My memories of Al return to our youth. and visiting him in his house with two stairways! Also of shooting baskets in his backyard. Fond memories of a good friend. John Schanz

John Schanz - June 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM