



Alan Dale

April 23, 1974 - January 23, 2024

Alan Dale, 49, of Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood, passed away January 23, 2024.

Born in Keighley, West Yorkshire, Alan and his sisters grew up living in their parents' guesthouse, The Cedars Hotel, in Morecambe's West End - or as Alan called it "The Gateway to The Lake District".

They shared many fond memories playing with "The Allen Girls" and "The Newtons", who were childhood friends.

He enjoyed singing in the children's choir and was once cast lead role of "Oliver!" After graduating from Morecambe High School, Alan earned his Higher National Diploma in Management from Fife College in Scotland and began a long and fulfilling career in Management and Human Resources. He moved to London in 1994 and worked at Tesco across several stores progressing through positions of increased responsibility over 16 years. He took a career break in 2000 and travelled the world, during which he lived in Bali for 6 months.

He eventually returned to London and met his life partner Tony Pires in 2002 where they both lived before moving to Sydney, Australia together in 2010. In Australia Alan was an HR team leader for Australia's largest company. In

2017, Alan and Tony moved to the U.S. and joined Gap, Inc. where he first served as Mid-Atlantic and then East Coast HR Manager.

Alan was a free spirit who was always making plans! He was deeply proud of his Italian heritage, and LOVED to host, entertain, and feed those he loved. Always the optimist, Alan's motto was "what's for you won't pass you by!"

Cherished husband of 14 years (together for 22) of Tony Pires. Beloved son of Alan Dale and the late Antonietta Dale of Morecambe, Lancashire. Loving brother of Tracy, Nicola, Alanya, and Leah. Dear brother-in-law of Dean McBride and Miguel and Paula Pires; son-in-law of Elisa and Antonio Pires. Adoring uncle of Joshua, Mia, Luca, Ines, and Beatriz.

Also a faithful dog-daddy of Stewie and Bryan the Jack Russell Terriers. Alan was also dearly loved by his Italian family and others in the United Kingdom, Italy, Portugal, and Australia.

His ashes will be housed and one day taken to Portugal, where Tony and Alan planned to retire.

Close friends and family are gathering Monday, January 29, 1-3pm (remembrances begin 2pm) at Inclusive Funeral Care, 4880 N. Clark St., Chicago, 60640. RSVP to info@InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Livestream link: <https://www.asimplestreaming.com/adale>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to <http://www.sjhospice.org.uk> (St. John's Hospice took care of his mother- Alan's favorite charity) or to the Rare Cancer Research Foundation <http://www.rarecancer.org> .

For information contact Inclusive Funeral Care: 773-318-1305 or

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Inclusive Funeral Care created a Webcast in memory of Alan Dale*



Team Inclusive Funeral Care - January 25, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TD

“ *Dear Alan, I feel incredibly lucky to have known you for so many years and privileged to have such great memories, that were all filled with so much fun and laughter! Every meet up pretty much included food and cocktails as standard, the numerous surprise visits, rooftop homemade limoncello (which made a right mess of the bargain garden table!) but the stand out memory obviously has to be the night out in London, with you and Tony, for the crazy karaoke ‘incident’ filled night for Nic’s 30th! Your beaming smile and bear hugs will be greatly missed! You will definitely live on through your angel Nic and your Tony, as well as all your fabulous family and friends. The brightest ✨ in the sky right now xxx*

Trudi Dalling - January 30, 2024 at 03:21 AM

GE

“ My dearest Alan, and my dearest Tony,

I am so sad to hear this news. I will never forget going out clubbing, and the moment Tony set his eyes on this saucy northerner...I was pushing you together, and after a fun night, I went back to yours for toast and plotting on how you could get the next date!

From that first moment, there was so much spark, fun and love. I loved seeing you grow together...and unfortunately lost touch as we each travelled across the globe.

Edi loved Alans feasts, and I think that we rolled home after such wonderful lunches and dinners. It was amazing to share the time we did together, as I really learnt a lot from your love and passion for food, family and fun...as a good Italian!

I hope that all the blessings and adventures you have shared become the beaming light that will get you through this most dark of times. All those magical moments, books, songs, photos, stories...that will keep you wrapped up in Alans super smile, love and kindness.

big love always, gemma

gemma - January 29, 2024 at 02:54 PM

DM

“ When Nic introduced me to Alan, my future brother-in-law, I instantly met someone who was friendly, confident, outgoing, kind-hearted and so easy to get on with. The sibling relationship between Alan and Nic was always so special and I was always made to be part of the family. Even though Alan lived halfway across the world in Australia and America, I never felt that he was far away as I would often hear Nic and Alan chatting away over Facetime. Then before I knew it, Alan would send me a private message telling me that he wanted to SURPRISE Nic (always in capitals Alan !) with a visit to England so lots of planning would then take place in order for the covert operation to be a success.... and it always was! :)

A great memory of mine was when Alan & Tony treated Nic and I to a trip to New York where we met the guys there and we all got dressed up for Halloween (and boy do they know how to celebrate over there!) and we roamed the streets of New York. Truly unforgettable and such fun.

You will be greatly missed my friend and bro.... Thank you for all the love, smiles, laughing and great times.

Deano xxx



Dean McBride - January 29, 2024 at 12:20 PM

DB

“ 1991 when you left home for Bonnie Scotland, fresh faced but with a head on your shoulders way beyond your years. Your jaw dropped when I mentioned the flamingo club in Blackpool! I tried to point you in the right direction and give advice but thankfully you never took one bit of notice! I've never encountered anyone with a zest for life like you. To see you grow into an exceptional human was no surprise. I am truly blest that you made the effort to nurture our friendship over the years and we continued to spend some magical time together. Those precious memories and the pure joy of your friendship will remain in my heart forever. As we struggle in our grief, I know the strength of your spirit will continue to glow. Thankyou for all the Joy you brought to our life's x

Derek Baz Brash - January 29, 2024 at 09:34 AM

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Beautiful words Derek xx

paula heggie-whyte - January 29, 2024 at 04:25 PM

KA

“ From the moment I met Alan, I knew he was going to be an entertaining part of my life. His passion for people was so evident and he cared so much for everyone.

He had the ability to make you feel welcome, laugh, and think differently.

One of my favorite memories of Alan is our planes, trains, and automobile trip home from San Diego.

Tony & family, cherish all of the wonderful memories of Alan and know that wherever Alan went, he left an everlasting impression.

The world is a better place because of Alan. May he rest in peace.

kate - January 29, 2024 at 09:21 AM

EA

“ Dearest Tony,
We are so sorry to hear that your beautiful Alan is no longer with us. He was truly special and from the first moment that we met him, we loved him. We loved his beaming smile and cheeky humour, his genuine warmth and generosity of spirit. We loved his love for life. We loved laughing with him, chatting with him, being around him - everything about him. He had a light so few people have, a light that always made us feel happier and better ourselves.

Most of all, we loved the way he was with you and you were with him. You boys lived a million times and each moment was special. You found him and he found you and he will always be with you. A light that burns too bright to ever go out and which will shine within all who met and remember him.

Our thoughts and love are with you and his family.

Ellie anderson - January 29, 2024 at 04:54 AM



“ To my beautiful BFF,

This is the letter I didn't want to write, I have boxes of old letters in the attic and now 100's of messenger messages but I was fully intending to go 'old skool' and send a handwritten letter to you but as always life has a habit of getting in the way of the really important stuff.

What would I have written anyway that you didn't know already? You would have hated me being maudlin but I am so sad to say goodbye. I thought we had more time.

I just wanted to let you know how proud I was of you in every way. Proud of how you dealt with your cancer diagnosis and ongoing treatment with such dignity and HUMOUR, (there will be many capitals in this, you love emphasising this way) I never felt sorry for you and that is why you kept it so private you would have hated people feeling sorry for you. Always so positive and found the funnies even in the most dire of medical scenarios.

I am proud of the life you made, and what a LIFE, you packed more into nearly 50 years than most could only imagine in a lifetime. You were outspoken (some might say gobby!!) 'Billy' in our Form C, challenging the teachers, nicking out of cross country (or any 'P.E' activity for that matter) to pop to Thornton Stores grabbing a vanilla slice or a quarter of cola cubes, to walk the final 100 metres with flaky pastry exposing your crimes!

From that age you walked your own path with inner courage, and you definitely knew your own mind. These attributes naturally came to the fore in your chosen career in HR. From Tesco checkout assistant in the Arndale Centre, to Personnel Manager across various Tesco stores in London.

After uni I joined you in London and boy what fun we had. One of my most treasured memories is cycling back from work to your house in Perivale where you'd prepare a bath and amazing feast for me, this

happened often, and I felt very looked after with your natural flair for home-making. (Even though you did have too many nick- nacks for my liking, and let's not talk about Peppermint Pig!!)

Then in 2000 we decided to travel the world, visiting India (you weren't keen on the standing toilet situation) Malaysia, Thailand, and Bali. In B we parted ways following our own paths knowing you were on a path to find love and a meaningful relationship. And this leads me to my proud moment for you, you found 'the one' in 2002, YOUR Tony, and anyone could see the beautiful relationship you had, biggest success story of your life.

Then you moved to Australia, gained citizenship, but in your own word: 'we are not trees', and braved a new life moving to Philadelphia, Boston and settling in Chicago where I think you anchored some roots finding your type of people and inclusive city.

Lastly I am proud of us and our story, I treasured our friendship and we so lucky to have you. You are with me all the time, you got me and I got you, until I see you again, laughing with tears and finding the fun.... My BFF

XX.

Kelly Wells - January 29, 2024 at 03:43 AM

PH

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Paula Heggie-Whyte - January 29, 2024 at 09:12 AM

AF

“ *Allan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Dale.*

Allan Family - January 28, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Dale.* ”



January 28, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Dale.* ”



January 28, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Jamie McBride - January 28, 2024 at 04:44 PM



Alan and Tony were so kind to me when I met them in Sydney, whilst I was travelling around the world, and it was pleasure to see Alan again back in the UK when he visited. He always had such positive energy and was a joy to be around. He will be dearly missed x

Jamie McBride - January 28, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Dale.



January 28, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alan Dale.



January 28, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ Fred & Alex planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Dale.

Fred & Alex - January 28, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ Will miss Alan so much. He brought such joy into my life ever since I met him.



David Hackett - January 28, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ *In Loving Memory of Alan Dale,*

With heartfelt sympathy, the Allen family extends our deepest condolences. Alan's enduring friendship, bright spirit, and compassionate nature will forever be cherished in our hearts. His warmth touched the lives of all who knew him. We want you to know how much we loved him. Alan was truly special, and his memory will forever be a source of inspiration.

With sincere condolences, Charlotte, Sarah, Rachel, and Mary Allen



Rachel Gornall - January 28, 2024 at 07:53 AM

CA

“ *Charlotte, Sarah, Rachel, and Mary Allen purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Alan Dale.*



Charlotte, Sarah, Rachel, and Mary Allen - January 28, 2024 at 07:15 AM

JD

“ I have been lucky to have known Alan and Tony for over 20 years. A friendship which is very rare.

Alan I met initially in London in a Tesco store. After meeting Tony I knew I had met one of the most important friendships in my life or as I would say “my husbands”. Too many memories to share but soo many laughs: from going to Las Vegas for Christmas (a cheeky 3 day break from London where sleeping only occurred on the plane). I can never hear the phrase “drink, cocktails and beverages” without thinking of you and your voice. From holidays all together where after a day in Singapore together Cathi and you challenged each other to eat eggs that smelt so bad even the housekeeper did not want to visit our rooms! To a quiet night out in Sydney which turned into a very late sharing of wine, bubbles and stories - all before we got up 3 hours later to walk (or stagger) in the Sydney to Bondi race! And finally who could forget the Christmas of French martini’s- paddle pools, uneaten Christmas dinner and missing time!

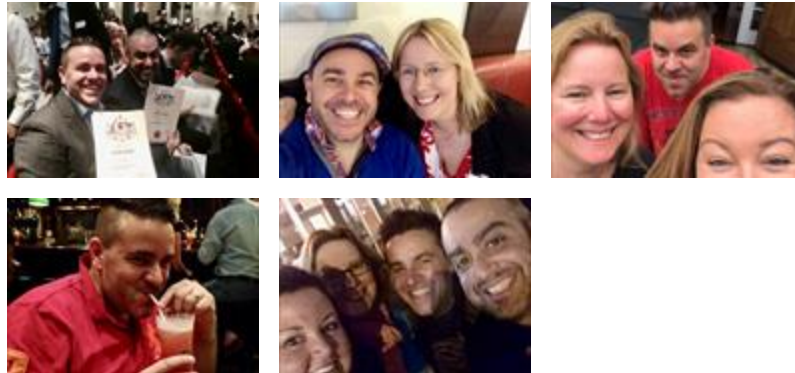
As fate would have it we moved to Australia on the same day and started our new life’s at the same time. I watched in awe as people were drawn to you and you built new deep and meaningful friendships and careers. You never forgot where you came from - a proud Morecambe lad who always looking for a bargain.

Some my proudest moments is when we both became citizens and joined each other at our ceremonies. To be able to be beside you when you married the love of your life. To when you moved to USA and watching you spread your sparkle to another country. To see you become a doggy Daddy to Stewie and Bryan.

You have always been supportive in hard times. A soul that really cared and so many times we knew we could count on you to say the right thing, to give one of your big hugs and of course the smile which warmed your heart at every level. And let’s not forget the

most amazing food you cooked for our "beeels"!

We feel so lucky we were able to see you only a few days before heaven decided it was your time to brighten up the sky. To be able to say "I love you" and share one of those hugs. We will miss you and will see you in heaven for one your famous catch ups. Love Jackie, Cathi, Buddy, Bonnie and Gucci xx



Jackie Dalrymple - January 28, 2024 at 02:31 AM

BB

“ *Our Beautiful Mate* ❤️

We are completely heartbroken and still in shock that you have left this earth. You were the most selfless, kind and giving person we know. Your infectious smile, laughter and banter had everyone captivated. We will hold dear to our hearts all the amazing holidays, parties, dinners and everyday hangouts we have done over our amazing but short life together. Life just isn't fair.. We love you.. We miss you.. Always with us.. fly high our beloved friend, until we meet again
Love Always Brad, Nick, Coco & Huntley ❤️🦋☐



Brad Beavis - January 28, 2024 at 12:20 AM

NA

“ Beautiful moments of laughter and joy



Nadine - January 27, 2024 at 04:20 PM

NA

“ Dear Alan, I will always keep these treasury moments in Sydney un my heart. You made my life there so much better and beautiful. Rest in peace beautiful ☆ until we meet again.



Nadine - January 27, 2024 at 04:18 PM

NL

“ Nadine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Dale.

Nadine L. - January 27, 2024 at 04:15 PM

SX

“ Sarah, Rod, Andrew and Mary xxx purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alan Dale.



Sarah, Rod, Andrew and Mary xxx - January 27, 2024 at 01:27 PM

SS

“ *Stratos, Sophia and May Shawi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alan Dale.*



Stratos, Sophia and May Shawi - January 27, 2024 at 07:58 AM

JT

“ *Justin and Tom purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Alan Dale.*



Justin and Tom - January 27, 2024 at 05:09 AM

JC

“ *Jackie and Cathi purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Alan Dale.*



Jackie and Cathi - January 27, 2024 at 02:21 AM

SA

“ *My Darling Alan,
My heart is broken, I can't believe you are gone. Whilst the miles
have been between us, I have never felt too far from you.*

*20 years of priceless friendship which started early in your career
when we worked alongside each other - you being the HR
personnel manager in London. Often you would ask for a lift home
as you would never miss an opportunity to "bag a bargain", could be
garden furniture or many food delicacies much to Tony's disgust
when it didn't fit in my car and he was called for backup.*

*We ensured we travelled the globe for surprise milestone birthdays,
impromptu weekends, and cheeky Vegas trips. Whether it was an
Earthquake in Martiniques to as you would say stuffing our cake
holes at all you can buffets at beach resorts all over the world, travel
was always a huge part of our friendship from the very beginning.*

*After you and Tony decided you were moving to Australia, it was
only a matter of weeks before I was sure I needed to follow. Landing
down under only a day apart, our adventures continued in Oz!*

*Food, drink, fun and laughter at the core of everything you did. The
apartment parties in London or the penthouse parties in Sydney &
Melbourne, hosting and connecting friends from every direction. The
way you would always embrace friends, I felt privileged to meet the
wider Dale family in Morecambe alongside trips to meet Tony's
family in Lisbon with Nic Dale as well!*

*You and Tony have always been such beautiful and treasured
friends to Laura and I. Whilst we were devastated when you set off
for the states we made sure to visit you as you slowly moved
around the country. I'm so thankful for our last family trip to Chicago
where you were able to meet Harper and spend quality time we will
never forget.*

I'll hold dear to my heart the last time we got together in November

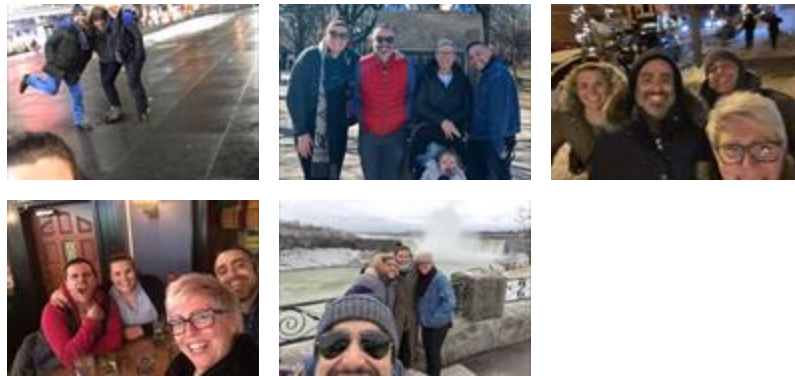
with some of your closest friends at your side, again the recipe being laughter, food, music and for some too many drinks!

The thought of life without you is heart breaking, but I will remember fondly your big bear hugs, your beautiful smile that quite literally lit up the room, your cheeky and sassy personality, the essays on messenger with key words always in capitals, the delicious food you concocted, including the "healthy" soups with a block of cheese and so much more.

You leave behind a world who loved you, a family you spoke of with so much love, adored dogs Stewie & Bryan, and of course your beautiful and devoted husband Tony, who we will hold in love and continue to Live on your legacy with, in the decades to come.

Rest in love and eternal peace my darling Alan.

Sam, Laura, Harper & Archie xxx



Sam Aitken - January 26, 2024 at 08:49 PM

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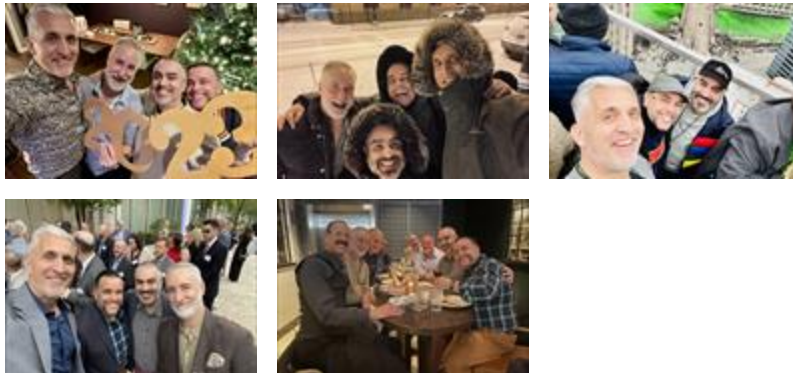
“ I was devastated to see Tony’s post last night and I am still in a state of shock to be honest, I met Alan at Fife College in the early 90’s along with our other good friends Pree & Derek. We had all made great efforts to stay connected over the last decade or so in particular and I’m so grateful that I got to meet up with Alan the last couple of times he came to Scotland. The last couple of years we had been in touch a lot mainly via messenger due to the distance. He was a funny, kind, brave and wonderful human and I will miss him always. I promise to live harder, as Alan did, he loved life and packed so much into it. A wee light has gone out in my World but I will remember him so fondly, sending love to Tony who I was looking forward to meeting this year on their trip over to Scotland and also to Alan’s family, he spoke of you all often and with much love, sleep well our beautiful friend ❤️ you’ve earned it ❤️ love from Paula & family xxx



Paula Heggie-Whyte - January 26, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DF

“ Chip Howard and I were heartbroken to lose Alan, but blessed to have him in our lives for the all-too brief but incredibly meaningful time we've known him and Tony after their move to Chicago. We had so many fun times together that it's hard to believe that we met just 15 months ago at one of our favorite Andersonville watering holes (SoFo). We were also making plans to travel to London and Scotland this coming April to celebrate Alan's 50th on April 23, and my 53rd (which occurs one day later). Alan was our travel planner extraordinaire and had already booked dinner reservations and a show in London for his birthday week a few months ago, and he was full of all sorts of recommendations for hotels, tours, and other exciting U.K. adventures! Chip and I still intend to keep those plans to celebrate Alan's life in the country that gave the gift of Alan to the world! Our hearts go out to Tony, and we plan to surround him with love in Chicago in the tough days, weeks and months to come. We also mourn with the Dale and Pires families and Alan and Tony's other close friends who have known Alan for so much longer than we have. May peace and love surround you all, and may memories of Alan in happier days put a smile on your face as you struggle through his passing.



Doug Ferguson - January 26, 2024 at 11:29 AM

PH

❤️xxx

Paula Heggie-Whyte - January 26, 2024 at 07:59 PM