



## Alan Ryan Macumber

November 3, 1952 - June 11, 2024

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It is with heavy hearts that the Macumber family share the loss of their beloved, Alan Ryan Macumber, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, on June 11, 2024. Alan passed away peacefully surrounded by love.

Alan was born on November 3, 1952, with a guitar in his hands and music in his blood, descending from a long line of gifted musicians and singers, including his Dad.

From the time he was 13 years old when he joined his first band, Alan pursued his musical career, first starting out with two of his favourite bands, Killer Egg and Luther Lee. He remained lifelong friends with his bandmates.

He was a remarkable and respected musician and singer, playing on the Tommy Hunter Show and touring and appearing with Rita MacNeil on the Rita and Friends TV show. He played with many well known local musicians including Lenny Gallant and Frank MacKay and played at venues all over the world, including the Royal Albert Hall and the Sydney Opera House. In his later career he played at Neptune Theatre doing several musicals. He touched so many people with his gift.

And although his musical talents were renowned, Alan was also known for his kindness, his sense of humour, his hard work ethic and love of family. It was a rare thing to see him angry or upset with anyone. Never a man of many words he showed it in so many other ways. He made so many lifelong friends which was evidenced by those who came to see him during his illness.

Alan was predeceased by his parents, Leland and Shirley (Deveau) Macumber and two sisters in infancy.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Deborah (Gariepy) Macumber, sons, Joshua Macumber (Alberta) and Adam Macumber (Dartmouth), daughter, Lindsay Jones (Brian), Dartmouth, and the joys of his life, his grandsons, Levi and Casey and fur baby, Ruby. He is also survived by his siblings, Lynn Ruitter, Susan Macumber, Crystal Lake (Darrell), Byron Macumber (Donna), Todd Macumber and Roddy Macumber, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the amazing staff and doctors of Unit 7A, Palliative Care, Victoria General Hospital for the wonderful care given to Alan during his illness. You are all earthly angels.

The family would also like to thank Alan's very special friend, Dr. Saravana Muthu for giving Alan such beautiful and wonderful memories to carry with him on his journey, as well as his extended "Scotch family". You all held a special place in his life. Please raise a glass in his memory.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no service at Alan's request. Donations in memory of Alan may be made to VG Site, 7A, Palliative Medicine.

In remembering him, please raise your voice and sing your favourite song.

Alan will be playing and singing with you. And as he said: "I'll see you on the other side".

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dear Debbie and family.  
I was shocked and deeply saddened when I heard of Alan's passing. Alan was an outstanding musician, who I had heard many times, the last being the Celebration of Life for Frank MacKay. I always enjoyed meeting Alan while shopping at Costco and getting an up-date on the music scene around town.  
Maritime music has lost one of the good guys. My condolences to you Debbie and all of your family. Rest in Pease, Alan. ...Leigh MacDonald

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**Leigh MacDonald** - July 22, 2024 at 09:06 PM

RH

“ I met Alan while living in Halifax. He was a consummate entertainer and a standup guy all round. All of my sympathies are with you at this time

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**Roger Howse** - June 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM

TA

“ Alan is the first person I remember singing with my grampy in their kitchen I can hear him singing at Josh's house when i came to nova scotia for the very first time. He was a special soul and we will all miss him and his voice. I hope he is in the sky bar Whiskey Clay's singing and playing on the stage made for him with everyone who loves him there to see him. It's never a goodbye, but a see you later. Love you forever and always Alan. Love always Cousin Angie, Tash and Aunt Lila MacCumber from Edmonton.

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**Tasha** - June 17, 2024 at 11:06 PM

VM

“ 2 files added to the album Photos



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**Vikki Mytruk** - June 16, 2024 at 06:54 AM

SB

“ Our condolences to all the Macumber family. I have many fond memories of Alan when we were kids. Alan lived with our family for a short while as a child, when his parents were both hospitalized. Rest in peace Alan.  
Steve & Ruth Barry

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**Steve & Ruth Barry** - June 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM

MW

“ To all the Macumber family, We send you our deepest sympathies. Alan was a good man and amazing musician, grounded and humble. To say he came from a music loving family would be an understatement. Just imagine the amazing music up there. Thinking of you all at this difficult time,  
Martha & Blair Wheaton, Ste. Croix, NS

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**Martha Wheaton** - June 14, 2024 at 04:53 PM

VM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Vikki Mytruk** - June 14, 2024 at 03:08 PM

VM

*Alan and I knew each other by 2 years old , he never changed, he was always a kind, warm hearted soul. As it runs in the family he was so talented and I looked forward to hearing him play at events, the last being Frank McKay's memorial. My Sincere Condolences to his family.*

Vikki Mytruk - June 14, 2024 at 03:14 PM

BM

*“ We always enjoyed listening to Al playing with Frank MacKay. Whenever we met him he would always keep us informed when the next dance was happening. It was nice to meet Al on the Old Lawrencetown Trail walking his dog and stopping to have a nice chat.A wonderful guy! RIP Al.*

Brenda &Joe Maloney - June 13, 2024 at 09:43 PM

JA

*“ Debbie & Family,  
Sending our most sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved Al, we lost touch over the years but always think of Al as a great friend and a very talented musician, may he rest in gentle peace!  
Mel & Jackie Aucoin*

Jackie Aucoin - June 13, 2024 at 09:09 PM

R?

*“ How many of you remember calling him and Al answering “  
MACUMBERS LUMBER “..I will always hear that voice . He was my friend and that was enough .. 🇨🇦*

Ron Fagan 🇨🇦 - June 13, 2024 at 11:42 AM

SU

*Will always remember Alan's twinkling blue eyes and his love of spicy lime pickle!! Enjoyed around the dining table at landrace crescent. Hope you're playing your guitar and have met up with your buddies on the other side dear friend. -Suku and Nipsi*

Suku - June 13, 2024 at 06:24 PM

HS

“ *My deepest condolences to all of Allen's family and friends. I've heard so many lovely stories about him. His memory will live on in your hearts. Thinking of you all at this very difficult time.*

*Heather Symms*

Heather Symms - June 13, 2024 at 10:57 AM

JE

“ *We met Alan through John and Melinda. You came to our home as a stranger, left as a friend. I enjoyed our conversations, your kindness was appreciated. I know those around you loved you greatly. I'm sorry you left us so young. I wish you'd had more time. I truly believe you touch the lives everyone you came into contact with. Blessings and condolences for your family, it's always harder on those loved ones left behind. I hope we will meet again someday until then play your music and watch over your family, they will feel the love.*



Jeni - June 13, 2024 at 09:33 AM

DJ

“ So sorry to read the sad news. My sincere condolences to the family and Alan's many friends.

*While in Ontario I met Tommy Hunter. He asked me if I knew Alan Macumber.*

*When I told him I was related, he shared many fond memories of his association with him. Rest in Peace Alan. You have entertained so many with your talent.*

*Don Macumber/ Former resident Cheverie, N.S.*

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**Don Macumber Jr.** - June 12, 2024 at 09:43 PM

SB

*Shocked and saddened to hear of Al's passing . We grew up in Cole Harbour together , went to school together and played in bands together . Life was much simpler then . We played a dance in Yarmouth when we were 17 , Al's Uncle gave us a bottle of rum . Danny , Jeff , Al & I polished it off and paid dearly the next day on the long drive home in the school bus from GCHS . God Bless you Al , say hi to Kevin MacMichael for me . Condolences to the Family 🙏*

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**Sandy Bryson** - June 13, 2024 at 06:14 AM

DC

*What can I say? Alan was a kind and talented guy. He was like another brother to Jeff, Gary and I and we pretty much lived at each others houses. Although I haven't seen him much through the years, I will always remember him.*

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**Dan (Danny) Collens** - June 13, 2024 at 10:41 AM

MW

*Debbie and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Alan in very short time. We offer our sincere condolences, and may you find comfort in the cherished moments you shared together, and I hope you find comfort in the love and support of those around you.*

*Mike Wigger and family*

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**Mike Wigger** - June 13, 2024 at 11:52 AM

AN

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We can feel the pain you are going thru. I wish we lived closer, so we could share a story and a hug. Love you all!*

*Alan, If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again.*

*We will miss you,  
Love always  
Angie, Ron, Tash and Aunt Lila*

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**Angie** - June 13, 2024 at 09:29 PM

PF

*I got to know Alan and his welcoming parents when he and I played together with Killer Egg in the early 1970s. He was indeed a prince of a guy. Sorry to hear of his goodbye.  
Pat Flanagan*

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**Patrick Flanagan** - June 21, 2024 at 11:30 AM

MD

*I was hooked on his playing when I walked into a bar in PEI where he and Kevin were playing Hotel California. Never have two guitars sung so sweet together. I will always hear you both playing that tune!!! Do it together now forever*

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**Michelle Ernest Drysdale** - June 24, 2024 at 03:51 PM