



## Alan W. Neitzel

March 31, 1934 - April 21, 2017

Alan W. Neitzel, 83, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Brookdale Senior Living Center in Vernon Hills, Illinois.

Alan lived most of his life in Aurora, Illinois. A graduate of Aurora University and Northern Illinois University, Alan was a teacher, and later a principal, at O'Donnell Elementary School for over 30 years. In 2001 a resource/library center was added at O'Donnell School and named the Alan Neitzel Center in his honor. In addition, Alan received the Leadership Award of Kane County for Elementary Principals Organization. He enjoyed golf, fishing, sports, especially the World Champion Chicago Cubs, as well as the East Aurora Tomcats. Alan said he bled red and black.

Survivors include his sister, Judy Bazuin of Wauconda, IL; his brother, Fred Neitzel, Jr. of Oswego; and several nieces and nephews, including Dawn Snyder of Lake Zurich, IL, his god child.

He was preceded in death by his lovely wife and constant companion, Anna Marie (Metz) Neitzel; their much loved schnauzers, Katie and Mitzie; his parents, Fred and Lois Neitzel; his brother, Milton Butts; and his sister, Janice Johnson.

Alan's family wishes to extend a special thanks to his wonderful caregivers,

Sherwin and Wilbert Celestino.

A memorial visitation and service will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Alan's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Alan's name may be made to Kindred Spirit Hospice, 85 W. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 or to O'Donnell School, 1640 Reckinger Rd., Aurora, IL 60505.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

MAY 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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### Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I recently saw this death notice for Mr. Neitzel. He was my Fourth grade teacher at Gates in '61-'62. I think our class was his first after graduating from AU. I bled East Aurora red and black just like he did, still do! He was our first Scout Master at the newly formed Boy Scout Troop at Gates School which was pretty amazing since he and his wife had no children! What an amazing man?! He knew I loved East High sports and encouraged me to become a broadcaster and I eventually was able to do East games as a result. Thanks for the encouragement!! I used to keep track of you, Mr. Neitzel through your nephew, Shaun Neitzel at Oswego. Unfortunately, I lost track of Shaunnin recent years and therefore, lost track of you. It looks like you really progressed from that rookie teacher we had way back one to a very valued and successful Administrator. Res in peace Mr. Neitzel.

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**Bob Burnell** - March 18, 2023 at 09:20 PM

BB

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**Bob Burnell** - March 18, 2023 at 10:27 PM

AH

“ Mr. Neitzel was my favorite principal. He showed nothing but tough love and there was no choice but to respect it. He always kept that paddle in his office and as a kidd you were scared to even try and test the waters because you didn't want it being used on you, Lol. Nothing but great memories. My condolences to his family, he will be missed.

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**Andrea harden** - May 02, 2017 at 09:05 PM

SS

“ I worked under a lot of principals in my 17 years teaching on the East Side schools and Alan Neitzel was one of my favorites. Sincere condolences.

Stan Smith - May 01, 2017 at 09:54 PM

TA

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Neitzel Family. Dolores NILA Aguilar and Sons.

thomas Aguilar - May 01, 2017 at 06:35 PM

KP

“ I wish you all much healing during this time. Me. Nitzel was my principal at O'Donnald and he was the kind every child should have known. Fair, respectful and lessons oriented. He knew the parents and how to work with them to get the best out of the student.



Those were the days when you hung a oar with holes on the wall and when you asked why the holes he said because it reduces drag on the way to your butt! You never wanted to find out if it was true.

I have nothing but amazing memories. My condolences to all that knew him and loved him. He was someone who made a difference in people's lives!

Kimberly (Clark) Pawaskar

Kimberly Pawaskar - April 30, 2017 at 09:47 AM

AH

“ *It was a pleasure getting to meet Alan. He was such a kind man. A gift to this world!*

*-Amanda Harris*

*Kindred Hospice Social Worker*

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**Amanda Harris** - April 27, 2017 at 10:40 AM