



Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr.

June 13, 1953 - June 12, 2017

Celebrating The Life Of A. Alan. Byrd:

A. Alan Byrd was born on June 13, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan to Alvester and Helen Remell Byrd. His family and friends affectionately knew him as "Joe Joe."

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. As the middle child of three sisters, and the only son, Alan loved sports, cars, and spending time with family and friends. Needless to say, being the only brother, he was the favorite brother. He had a quintessential childhood growing up on Vinewood Street in Detroit. His neighborhood was filled with extended family, close friends, and wonderful role models.

Alan attended Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Cass Technical High School and Michigan State University, where he proudly wore his green and white. Alan was a Spartan man! Shortly after graduation, Alan began employment with Detroit Public Schools. It was there that he met and married the love of his life Sandra Floyd. To this union his only child and apple of his eye, Danielle Nicole Byrd was born. Being the scholar that he was, Alan decided to further his education and attended the University of Detroit Mercy-Law obtaining his Juris Doctorate. Shortly thereafter, he founded the Law Office of A. Alan Byrd. While in practice he successfully litigated numerous high profile cases. Alan was a very giving and loving man. That spirit spilled

over into the work he did for his clients.

Alan had many passions in life. He loved cooking and grilling for family and friends on holidays and special occasions, creating his own signature barbecue sauce. As an avid sports fan and athlete Al enjoyed watching games and predicting the outcomes. Alan had a love for all genres of music, but nothing compared to the classic Motown Sound. He was an avid reader, who loved history and debating. He was always ready for a rousing political debate. He proudly hosted several fundraisers and campaigned vigorously for President Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012.

Alan was a passionate and lifelong Detroitier. He loved the opportunities that the city of Detroit gave to his parents' generation, and the lifestyle it afforded him to provide for his family. Through the good and the bad, Alan loved the Motor City.

With a strong devotion to family, he also courageously served as a sound father figure for nieces, nephews, and extended family, with a special love for the Payton Family.

He departed this life on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the age of 63.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Family Hour

Wednesday, Jun. **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Oak Grove A.M.E.
19801 Cherrylawn
Detroit, MI 48221

Funeral Service

Wednesday, Jun. **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr.*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Robbyn Ennis purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr..*



Robbyn Ennis - June 20, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ *Pastor Garrund & Cassandra Woolridge purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr..*



Pastor Garrund & Cassandra Woolridge - June 20, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Cedell, Toni, Tiffany and Dr. Supanich purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr..*



Cedell, Toni, Tiffany and Dr. Supanich - June 20, 2017 at 09:25 AM

LM

“ *Love Elena Manalp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr..*



Love Elena Manalp - June 20, 2017 at 09:22 AM

JH

“ *Condolences Jewel Haggen and family*

Jewel Haggen - June 19, 2017 at 11:04 PM

YF

“ *Your Family purchased the Heaven's Comfort for the family of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr..*



Your Family - June 19, 2017 at 12:49 PM

RM

“ *RUMC Dept of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Med purchased the With Distinction for the family of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr..*



RUMC Dept of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Med - June 19, 2017 at 11:31 AM

AS

“ *Affiliated Radiologists, S.C purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr..*



Affiliated Radiologists, S.C - June 19, 2017 at 11:12 AM

KW

“ *I've yet to truly find the words. The memories are deep, and flow vividly with every thought. Mr. Byrd, you always supported and looked out for me as a young man, and showed you faith in the individual and professional that I would become. You gave time, energy, effort, love, and respect to every cause and person that you cared for, and it showed in the love, respect, and admiration that your very being earned in return from those around you. Know that I truly cherish the memories of those talks at the end of the driveway; I hope I never let you down. My deepest condolences to Ms. Sandi, Danielle, and the entire family.*



*With love for you all,
Kyle*

Kyle Warfield - June 19, 2017 at 09:00 AM

SB

Thank you Attorney Warfield. Much love Mrs. Byrd and Family

Saunders Floyd Byrd - June 19, 2017 at 11:54 PM

MT

“ *Mary P. Thurman & Family sending our condolences.*

Mary P Thurman - June 18, 2017 at 06:11 PM

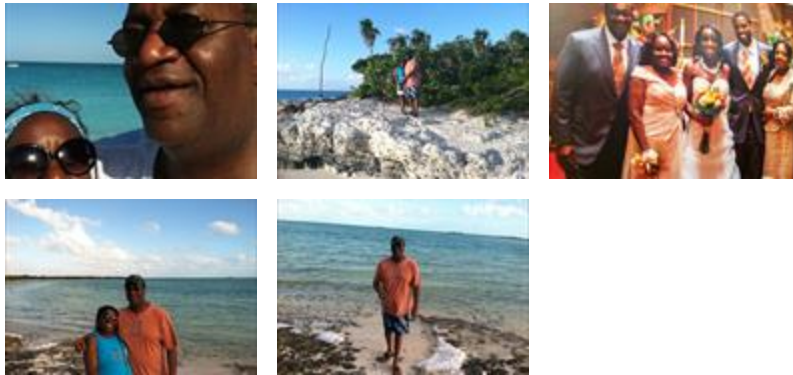
SB

“ *My Big Smooth,
You are an amazing man, my husband who made my life full and meaningful with you in it. I will be with you forever and a day. You were an incredible FATHER, a husband who LOVED his wife for who she is and a great provider . You touched everyone with your kind generous heart and you never meant a stranger. From the bottom of my heart we are and always will be one. Rest well my love....you fought the hard fight. Peace and Love always,
Your Wifey,
Sandi*

Saunders Floyd Byrd - June 18, 2017 at 07:47 AM

DT

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Danielle Thompson - June 17, 2017 at 07:29 AM

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Danielle Byrd Thompson - June 17, 2017 at 07:25 AM

ND

“ Alan was a wonderful Attorney for our family. He will truly be missed. 😞 Blessings to his wife, daughter, family and friend's. ❤️



Nechole Drake-McClendon - June 17, 2017 at 05:36 AM

ND

“ Alan was a wonderful Attorney and human being. His will truly be missed. 😞 Blessings/prayers to his wife, daughter, family & friend's. ❤️



Nechole Drake-McClendon - June 17, 2017 at 05:33 AM

RM

“ Raynetta Manees lit a candle in memory of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr.



Raynetta Manees - June 17, 2017 at 01:04 AM

RM

“Jo-Jo” was truly a kind, thoughtful man and he has always been that way since we met so many years ago as teenagers. My heartfelt prayers for the Byrd family. He will be missed always.

Raynetta Manees - June 17, 2017 at 01:08 AM

TF

“ *Tiffani Young And Family lit a candle in memory of Attorney Alan Alvester Byrd, Jr.*



Tiffani Young and Family - June 16, 2017 at 10:06 PM

EM

To the family of Alan Byrd, For years Alan was a regular at Ballys, he talked first about law school, passing the bar, working at GM, and finally about starting his own practice. A great guy, he will truly be missed. Memories will comfort you, and God will sustain you.

E McDaniel - June 16, 2017 at 10:18 PM

TF

“ *It is with sincere and utmost condolences that I give to the family over the loss of this brilliant man. He was such a sweet and kind soul. I have very fond memories of him growing up and he was "JoJo" to me. May he rest in paradise and he will truly be missed. But he has taken his rightful place in heaven...amen*

Tiffani Young and Family - June 16, 2017 at 10:03 PM

MK

“ Dear Byrd Family,

I am sending my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Alan-a dear friend. He was a very professional and an outstanding human being. I really enjoyed him keeping me updated on the MSU Spartans, where we both attended and received undergraduate degrees. He was truly a bright light in this world today and I will truly miss him. May God continue to Bless you all now and in the future. I Thank God for putting him in my life. Marilyn(Branch) Kendrick.

Marilyn Kendrick - June 16, 2017 at 02:26 PM

ML

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope as we all look forward to the time when even death will be no more - Rev 21:4. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Ms Laverne - June 15, 2017 at 04:40 PM