

Alan Kaplan

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BELMONT — Alan Kaplan passed away April 19, 2020, at the age of 82. Alan was born and raised in Quincy, Mass., until moving to Randolph, Mass. Alan dedicated his life to helping others, especially younger people. As a Boston school counselor, a position he held for 33 years, he was loved by students and parents alike.

Alan was a community leader and sports enthusiast. He was actively involved as either a Little League or Pop Warner coach in the town of Randolph, Mass., when his children were young, and even after they graduated. His focus was to be helpful and he always thought about what he could do to make things easier for others. He was a member of many fraternal and charitable organizations in his hometown, and served on the boards of several of them, including as president.

Alan was an easygoing guy, liked by all who knew him, with his ready smile and peaceful way of being in life. Alan was a true sports fan. He loved the New

England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox, rooting for them throughout his life.

Alan met his wife, Pat Kaplan, on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend in 1996. They both knew right from the start they wanted to be together. Alan and Pat spent many happy years in both Massachusetts and Maine. They married in 1998 and lived their first two years in Randolph, Mass. In 2000, after many wonderful visits to Belfast, they relocated to the Midcoast. They lived in Montville for five years and considered the time there as “Al and Pat’s Big Adventure.” In 2006, they moved to Belmont. During their years together, they undertook many home improvement projects and enjoyed working together on just about anything; they referred to themselves “Mack and Myer for hire.” Alan and Pat were best friends and soulmates, and carried one another through health issues and life struggles never giving up on their faith in their Divine Creator.

Alan was raised in an Orthodox Jewish home about which he held great pride. He practiced his faith throughout his life, recently as a congregant of the Adas Yoshuron synagogue.

Alan's first wife, Roberta, predeceased him in 1994, after a 31-year marriage. Alan leaves behind four children, Marsha, Barry, Jeffrey and Steven, and seven grandchildren. Alan was a wonderful father and friend to his children throughout their growing years. He was active in all aspects of his children’s lives through camping trips, sporting events, including coaching and many other outdoor activities. He was a good dad, an attentive dad. Alan will also be greatly missed by his extended family of nieces and nephews and all who were lucky enough to have known him.

Alan is survived by his wife, Pat, of Belmont; three stepchildren, Cynthia, Jason and Kate; nine step-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild; his sister Janice, and brother-in-law Marc Adler of Providence, R.I.. Alan was predeceased by his mother, Ida Kaplan, and father Emanuel, and his sister Barbara Machlin.

Alan will be honored in the Jewish tradition and his body laid to rest at the Sharon Memorial Cemetery in Sharon, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Adas Yoshuron Synagogue, 50 Willow St., Rockland, ME 04841.