



Mr. Thomas Reginald "Tom" Alderson

September 5, 1950 - September 11, 2025

Mr. Thomas Reginald "Tom" Alderson, 75, of Charleston, West Virginia, passed away on September 11, 2025, in his hometown.

Born on September 5, 1950, in Charleston, Tom was the beloved son of the late Reginald and Alva Alderson. He spent his life rooted in the community that shaped him, building a legacy of laughter, love, and service.

Tom is survived by his devoted wife, Anne Alderson; two daughters, Kristi Silkwood (Eric) and Kara Forst (Brendan); and five cherished grandchildren—Jamison and Aiden, and Peyton, Anna Kate, and Lucy Beth—each of whom held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by his sisters Ruth Anna Parsons and Jeane Campbell (Frank), along with many nieces and nephews who were touched by his warmth and humor. The family also wishes to acknowledge Bobby and Barbara Ellis as special friends whose bond with Tom was deeply meaningful.

A proud retiree of Mountain State Blue Cross Blue Shield, Tom dedicated many years to his professional career before turning his focus to service within his faith community. As a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Saint Albans, he found joy in giving back—whether through spiritual leadership or hands-on efforts like filling backpacks for local children and families in need.

Tom's presence was unforgettable. Known for his quick wit and legendary pranks—especially on the golf course—he had a gift for making people laugh until they cried. His dimples were often the telltale sign that a mischievous joke had just been delivered—or was about to be. His sense of humor was matched only by the depth of love he had for his family. He was especially fond of his grandchildren and never missed an opportunity to spoil them or be wrapped around their fingers.

A man of many passions, Tom loved woodworking and could often be found tinkering with projects that showcased both skill and creativity. He also had a deep affection for riding his motorcycle—a pastime that brought him both peace and happiness.

Music played a central role in Tom's life. He took pride in sharing what he considered “good music” with those around him—and wasn't shy about expressing disapproval when someone tried to introduce him to something new that didn't meet his standards.

Tom Alderson leaves behind a legacy rich with laughter, love, service, and unforgettable stories. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him, and may we all remember how lucky we were to have spent time with him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, September 27, 2025 at First Baptist Church of Saint Albans.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Tom's memory to the Bob Scott Music Scholarship c/o Capital High School, 1500 Greenbrier St., Charleston, WV 25311, or to United Food Operation, P.O. Box 20441, Charleston, WV 25362, reflecting his commitment to supporting local music education and the legacy of his good friend, Bob Scott, as well as supporting his lifelong mission of service to his church and community to helping with

food security initiatives.

You may visit Tom's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories and condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, locally owned and located 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans, WV is honored to serve the Alderson family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of St. Albans
2nd St & 6th Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

Celebration of Life

SEP 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Anne, Kristi, Kara, and family: Our hearts go out to your pain and grief. Stay strong, laugh, and cry, and stay embraced with the loving memories that he blessed us all with. He was always so pleasant to be around, even though it was too few of times, I always enjoyed joking around and talking with him. I will always remember his smile and chuckle. So sorry we could not make the celebration. Love to you all!

Cliff & Tonya Mechalske - October 06, 2025 at 04:18 PM

VS

“ Jeane, I am so sorry to read of Tom's passing. It's been many many years ago and I still remember us all living on Boone Street. I'm keeping you all in my prayers. 🙏❤️ ~Vicki Oxley Saunders

Vicki Oxley Saunders - September 27, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Reginald "Tom" Alderson.



September 26, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Thomas Reginald "Tom" Alderson.

September 26, 2025 at 09:56 AM

DD

“ Sorry for your family's loss. I was several years younger than Tom. He led by example on how a young boy should behave.

dave dennison - September 24, 2025 at 08:11 AM

KS

“ Tom was a great friend and a great boss. Working with him at Mountain State Blue Blue Shield. He was a great mentor, that made me a strong individual. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends. May his memory be eternal

Karen Skaff - September 21, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ I knew Tom in high school. We played together on our church's basketball team. Then we were reacquainted in adulthood as we both attended and served at First Baptist Church. He was always such a good guy. Thoughtful. Humble. A true disciple of Jesus. I'll miss him.

Larry Ellis - September 20, 2025 at 11:31 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I worked with him at BCBS and he was always a joy to be around. He often talked of his family and he left a lasting impression on me of how to treat others. Chad

Chad McIntosh - September 19, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *I worked w Tom for decades at Blue Cross.*

He was a big contributor to the enterprise, and he morphed with it during its various twists and turns.

He worshipped the ground Anne and the girls walked on. Then, came the grand chillen and that's all he could talk about. They really hit the spot for him.

Yes, he loved his Harley, but he gave his heart to his 'blood'.

I look forward to seeing him again and hearing him whisper to me in the meantime.

e - September 17, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ *Dad used to always tell me that I am lucky, and boy was he right. I was so incredibly lucky and blessed to have him as my dad.*

Kara Forst - September 15, 2025 at 10:01 PM