



Mr. Alan "AJ" MacMillan

May 8, 1966 - February 5, 2025

AJ MacMillan, 58, of Pittsfield, MA passed away suddenly on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, with family by his side.

It's not easy to sum up such a full life in such a short manner.

Born in Pittsfield on May 8, 1966, AJ was the youngest of four. He found additional siblings in the other neighborhood kids, charming everyone he met with his easygoing nature. After graduating from Taconic High School, AJ began his career at General Electric as an electro-mechanical technician. His expertise led him to Lexicon, where he advanced from technician to manufacturing supervisor, continuing his work in electronics manufacturing. AJ next continued his career at StepTech, this time managing semiconductor test systems. A few years later, he applied his skills as owner of a hardware store. Throughout his career, he pursued his education, earning numerous certifications in electronics, management, and industrial wastewater treatment.

AJ was not immune to hard times, however he overcame those challenges with an amazing support system, leading to stronger relationships. He was present for his parents and sister in their final days, caring for them during their individual health struggles. He was always willing to help, a dependable person when someone was in need, making those later years extra special for

those he loved.

AJ committed over 15 years working for the city of Pittsfield, raising to the role of Head Treatment Plant Operator for the Wastewater Facility. During his last couple months, he was finalizing his retirement and looking forward to move to southern Maine, near the seacoast his family had vacationed in his youth.

After spending his twenties making wonderful, mischievous, and comical memories with his friends, AJ embraced fatherhood in his early thirties. He was incredibly proud of his daughters, taking them on adrenaline-filled vacations, sharing birth month celebrations, and enjoying lots of delicious food. He always showed up, loving to watch his girls build their dream lives.

AJ was a skilled craftsman, taking pride in projects like building decks and restoring a 1976 Corvette Stingray. He also inherited his father's green thumb, growing a vibrant and fruitful garden.

Becoming a grandfather was one of AJ's favorite life achievements, and his grandchildren got to experience his goofy personality, filling every visit with laughter and constant giggles.

AJ was predeceased by his parents, Ellen Hickey MacMillan and Gavan MacMillan, and his sister, Gail MacMillan.

He is survived by his brothers, Carl MacMillan of Canada and Thomas MacMillan of MA; his former wife and mother of his children, Joan MacMillan of NH; his daughters, Mary Ellen MacMillan in NY, and Audrey Lorusso and her husband, Brandon, of NH; and the Lorusso kids who made him a "Pop", Carsen, Marcus, and baby number three on the way. He also leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends as close as family.

Funeral Notice:

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, February 21, 2025, at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, 289 Lafayette Rd, Hampton, NH, beginning at 11:00 am. A private reception will follow. The family will host a private burial in Pittsfield in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a stroke, mental health, dementia, or breast cancer organization that is important to you.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal
289 Lafayette Rd
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall

PS

“ I worked with AJ at step tech before it was bought by LTX. AJ was a wonderful man to work with, he had a great sense of humor. So sorry to hear I'm sorry for your loss.

Patricia Stone - May 30, 2025 at 04:28 PM

GO

“ We are so sad and sorry to hear about AJ. We have so many good memories and belly laughs with AJ over the years - AJ was always a bright light and happy presence. Our thoughts are with you all especially today as you celebrate his life. We were planning to be there today but Gary is sick and the last thing we want to do is expose people. We are with you in spirit and will remember AJ with fondness and a smile ❤️

Gretchen Osterhout - February 21, 2025 at 07:57 AM

RB

“ Dear Carl Terry and I where surprised to hear of Ajs passing sending prayers to you and your family in this time

Rosemarie Bishop - February 18, 2025 at 08:18 PM

LB

“ Dear Carl, I was so very sad to hear of AJ's passing. It was such a shock My sincerest sympathies to you and the rest of AJ's family.
Linda Barber

Linda Barber - February 17, 2025 at 08:30 PM

GP

“ *My heart is heavy and goes out to you during this very difficult and sad time. I've known AJ since kindergarten and will always remember his smile and laugh. We had many great times through the years and especially when are kids were younger. With my deepest sympathy and prayers, may God bless and comfort you all, Sincerely, Gail (Wilson) Peterson and Family*

Gail Peterson - February 11, 2025 at 02:40 PM

JM

Thank you Gail, this has been a shock to us all. Thank you for your kind words. Please keep our girls and Grandkids in your prayers.

Joan MacMillan - February 17, 2025 at 08:22 PM