



Dr. Alan F. Lacy

January 29, 1945 - January 14, 2022

Alan F. Lacy, Ph.D, 76, of Summerville, husband of Patricia A. Murray, was born into eternal life on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Summerville Medical Center, surrounded by family.

Alan was born on January 29, 1945 in Bastrop, TX, son of the late Curtis R. and Margaret (Hogan) Lacy. Alan was known to his family as an academic, intelligent yet always learning, funny, but with a dry wit. Alan loved family. He was always involved in his children's and grandchildren's lives as much as possible. He remained close with his siblings and will be remembered fondly as a generous and loving husband, father, grandfather, and sibling.

Alan received a Ph.D. from Cornell University and devoted his career to teaching. He retired in 2011 after a long and successful career as a German Professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI where he also served as the Chair of the Foreign Languages Department. Even after retirement, he maintained a strong fondness for the German program at the University. Dr. Lacy was a brilliant linguist, speaking numerous languages; he was gifted with computers often writing programs, including writing computer games for his children. Alan enjoyed travelling, both leading student groups in the German summer program during his career and for leisure with his family throughout his life.

Survivors in addition to his wife Patricia are: two children, Jennifer (Bryon) Burbage of Charleston and Geoffrey (Callie) Lacy of Green Bay, WI; five grandchildren, Lindsay Burbage, Lacy Burbage, Leah Burbage, Wyatt Lacy

and Shannon Lacy; four stepchildren, Shawn (Theresa) Alpert of Leander, TX, Shannon (Lynn) Alpert of Wappingers Falls, NY, Lien (Robert) Moorehead of Billerica, MA, and Kay Alpert of Arlington, VA; step grandchildren, Michael Alpert, DeAnna Alpert, Katrina Alpert, Erin Alpert, Sarah Alpert, and Paul Gauthier; siblings, Katherine (Lee) Turrell and Curtis R. (Virginia) Lacy, III; brother-in-law, Leo Cornelius; and many loved nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his infant daughter, Jeannine Marie, and by his sister, Mary Ellen Cornelius.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Thursday January 20, 2022 from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 1 o'clock at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 28 Sumter Ave., Summerville, SC 29483. Rite of Committal with Final Commendation will follow at Mepkin Abbey, 1098 Mepkin Abbey Rd., Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Marquette University German Excellence Fund to support the German program that Alan cared so much about.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Dr. Alan F. Lacy please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Mepkin Abbey

1098 Mepkin Abbey Road
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Alan F. Lacy



James A Dyal Funeral Home - January 20, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ Dr. Alan F. Lacy

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



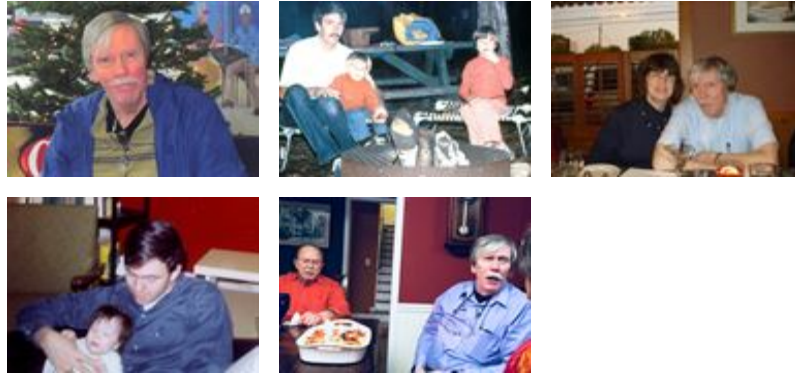
“ I am sorry to be late for this special occasion: the passing of Alan Lacy, my colleague and a person I admired a great deal for his wisdom, prudence and sense of fairness as Chair of our Dept. We will miss him and have already included him in our daily prayers. My most sincere condolences to his extended family. He certainly will be missed.
Warmest regards.
G. D. Carrillo and Consuelo.



G. D. Carrillo and Consuelo - January 23, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ 159 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - January 20, 2022 at 04:26 PM

NH

“ I will always be grateful for how Mr. Lacy and his wife opened up their home to me when I needed a place to stay for the summer following my freshman year of College. Please accept my condolences. I wish I could be there to say goodbye. Sending prayers of love and comfort to Jennifer, Geoff, (uncle) Curtis and your families.

Nicole (Laufenberg) Hartmann

Nicole Hartmann - January 19, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. Alan F. Lacy.



January 19, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dr. Alan F. Lacy.*



January 18, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Your Cartus Friends and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Alan F. Lacy.*



Your Cartus Friends and Family - January 18, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *Love, the Luba/Collins families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Alan F. Lacy.*



Love, the Luba/Collins families - January 17, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ *Discover Green Bay Board & Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Alan F. Lacy.*



Discover Green Bay Board & Staff - January 17, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Alan F. Lacy.*



January 17, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Jennifer, Geoffrey and Pat, I am so sorry for your loss. Alan was my teacher in German, and I loved his classes on history of German and linguistics. We had so much fun at Marquette putting on German plays that he directed. May your memories be of comfort.*
Susan

Susan Pustejovsky - January 16, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Uncle Alan's strength of character and intellect seemed invincible to me, so it was such a surprise to hear of his passing. He was such a unique person that his absence will be heartily felt by everyone who loved him and anyone who knew him. I always considered Uncle Alan to be a great resource for the family genealogy, in the dabbling I have done there. Norberto and I will travel down to SC to give our condolences in person, and stand beside the family in this sad time. With love to Pat, Jennifer and Geoffrey and the grandkids, Kathy*

Kathy Cornelius - January 16, 2022 at 04:57 PM

JP

“ Pat, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Alan meant a great deal to many people. I knew him as my teacher as a Marquette undergraduate, later my colleague and mentor. He helped anyone who came to his office door. So often that was me. He knew so much—about German, Germanic languages, about linguistics, about our profession, about making a computer work, about being a leader in our department. People recognized his humility and integrity, and trusted him completely.

For all of those nearly fifty years I knew he was my friend. He encouraged, counseled, questioned, but never criticized. He respected people-- students and colleagues. We knew it, and loved him for it. Your loss is shared by many. You, Jennifer, Geoffrey and the family are in our prayers.

John Pustejovsky

John Pustejovsky - January 16, 2022 at 03:31 PM

CL

“ Just an adjustment for the obit.- Alan's father was a Medical Doctor, so his title should be included as Dr. Curtis R. Lacy. Additionally, Alan was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for study abroad in German for one year at the University of Tuebingen in Germany in 1966.

Curtis R. Lacy III - January 15, 2022 at 08:29 PM

PK

Curtis...peace and prayers to you and family from Perry and Donna

Perry Kidder - January 16, 2022 at 12:21 AM

BT

Pat,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings on Alan as he unites with his God.

Peace, Bernadette Tourtual

Bernadette Tourtual - January 16, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Alan F. Lacy.*



January 15, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Geoffrey and Callie, may his memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. Geoffrey, if your sense of humor is anything like your Dad's, this will be something your children will forever cherish and spark stories of their grandpa!*

Sheri Piontek - January 15, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *We were sad to learn about Alan's sudden death. We thought a lot of Alan and Pat and the several times that we saw them. I agree Alan was very proud of his Grandkids . My prayers are with Pat and the rest of the family during this time. Love Maggie and Claude Knight*

Margaret Knight - January 15, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ *My heart is sad to hear of Uncle Alan's passing. He was a special man and I will carry many fond memories of him in my heart forever. Hugs, love and prayers for Pat, Jennifer and Geoffrey.*

Mary Cornelius Racine - January 15, 2022 at 02:46 PM