

# Al Almassy

AUGUST 27, 2012

Al Almassy, dearly beloved husband, son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Monday, August 27, 2012 at the age of 69 years. Al was predeceased by his first wife Bernice, father Rudy, and brother Larry. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Helen;

sons Kevin (Nicole) and Darren (Pauline);

grandsons Aaron, Tyler, and Brandon; mother

Elizabeth; brothers Brian (Darlene) and Glenn (Debbie); sister Sharon (Curtis)

Grunert; sister-in-law Louise; stepsons Jarrod (Lisa) Armbruster and Clint

Armbruster; step grandchildren Megan and Madison Armbruster; as well as

numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Al was a gifted accordionist and

musician who touched the lives of many people throughout his teaching and

musical career. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, wood-working, joke-telling, and

flying airplanes. He had a wonderful sense of humour and enjoyed entertaining

and having a good time. Above all, Al's love for his family and music were the most

important parts of his life. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, September 4,

2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, 4825 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, SK

with Rev. Robert Leeson officiating. Interment in Riverside Memorial Park.

Flowers most gratefully declined. Friends so wishing may make donations, in Al's

memory, to the Regina Humane Society, P.O. Box 3143, Regina, SK S4P 3G7.

The Heavens are now filled with Al's beautiful music.



## Messages of Condolence

Dear Kevin, Nicole & family:

Dwayne and I - along with the Alternative team here in Vancouver were saddened to hear of your dad's death.

Please accept our condolences on your loss. Kevin, I know how proud you are of your dad and please know we're all thinking of you and your family at this time.

With Love,

Lawrence, Dwayne and all of us at Alternatives.

— **Lawrence & Dwayne Little**

My condolences to Al's family. I knew him through music....he was an extremely talented musician, and a lovely man.

— **Pat Steel Moyer**

Please except our deepest sympathy to the Al almassy family and dear sister Helen and wife of Al. Rest in Jesus. Sincerely Sister-in-law Darlene and Bill Fruson

— **Bill and Darlene Fruson**

Kevin, Darren and family I offer you my condolence on the death of your father. I am sure he will be greatly missed along with his music which I enjoyed.

I am a cousin of your mother. I am sorry I cannot attend the funeral due to ill health. Bye

**— Irene Nagel**

Kevin and family; so sorry to hear about your Dad. He (and you!) have been a "household" name for our family for many years! Hoping the happy memories help everyone through. Thoughts are with you.

**— Lisa Prosko (Ziegler)**

Dear Helen & family, please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your husband & a loving father. His direction in music for me will be greatly missed. He was a great teacher & we got along with him very well. We were greatly shocked to hear of his passing & our thoughts are with you.

John & Elsie Hugel

Regina sask.

**— John & Elsie Hugel**

Dear Helen: I was so saddened to read of Al's passing. I fondly remember the years when he gave lessons to my two boys and I was so happy to have you and Al as members of our neighborhood. My thoughts are with you.

Lorraine Walter

— **Lorraine Walter**

Dear family of Al Almassy:

I only had the chance to meet Al at my parents 50th anniversary (John and Elsie Hugel) where he and a couple of others entertained us for the whole evening with dance music. My parents were delighted as were all the others who were there. It was a lively evening with wonderful dance music. Al also taught my dad accordion lessons and my dad enjoyed those lessons so very much and enjoyed his time visiting with Al as well. I just wanted to let you all know that his music was very much appreciated!

Thinking of you all at this time! Hoping you have many, many happy memories of your times together to strengthen you at this time!

Valerie Biden

— **Valerie Biden**

To Helen and families

So sorry to hear about Al's passing. I had many fun times playing with him at his house where he used to teach. Later I ended taking more lessons. He will be greatly missed. Please accept our sympathies.

Doug and Jeanne Schaeffer

— **Doug and Jeanne Schaeffer**

Our condolences to Al's family. Our four kids took their music lessons from Al and I (Joan) taught Kevin and Darren in kindergarten.

— **Norm and Joan Dalrymple**

To the Al Almassy Family. I was saddened to hear of your loss. Al was my accordion teacher for many years. He taught me to love music through my accordion as well as other ways. My deepest sympathy to you all. He will be missed.

— **Kim Fandrck (Wood)**

Kevin, Nicole and family.... So sorry to hear of your dad's passing Kevin. He was a very gifted musician and loved by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this day and the days ahead...

Kerri and Kent

— **Kerri Bozsik and Kent Linder**

As a senior (age) student of Al's two years ago, I enjoyed taking lessons from Al. I enjoyed his friendly and accommodating ways and appreciated his patience and good humour. I was saddened to learn of his death at such a young age. Maureen (Kelly) Ottenbreit

— **Maureen Ottenbreit**

Our deepest condolences to you & your family Helen. We received much comfort & enjoyment when Al played his accordion for the Young family on several occasions throughout the years. His musical talent will be remembered.

— **Shirley & Terry Young**

Kevin and Nicole and boys, please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your dad, father-in-law and grandpa. I know he will be dearly missed. From the staff of Speers Funeral Chapel.

— **Bonnie Templeton**

my condolences to Kevin, Darren and families on the loss of your father.

— **Ken Dzuba**

Dear Kevin, Nicole and family please accept our sincere sympathy for the loss of your father.

Many thoughts and prayers for you all at this difficult time.

— **Kim, Karen & Deric Kuntz**

Dear Kevin, Nicole & Families,

Your Father's funeral service was certainly a celebration of his life -- we were so pleased to attend. We're sure his spirit felt the love being shared and that's what he would have wanted.

May the dear Lord bless your entire family and give you strength and peace.

Most sincerely,

Garry & Sue

— **Garry & Sue Barkwell**

Kevin, Nicole and family....

May the understanding love of family help lighten your sorrow...may the gentle touch of friendship fill your heart with comfort and peace.

With Sympathy, Norma and Jerry

**— Norma and Jerry Veresh**

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Al. We lost a great guy. He was one of the finest people I ever knew. He was a master when it came to the accordion. There are none better. It was always a real pleasure to dance and listen to Al. I sure hope the family carry on the legacy. He will be missed by all the listening and dancing community. I,m sure the good lord has a special place for Al in heaven. Our condolences to the family.

**— Ernest Antonio**

Dear Helen, Kevin, Darren and families. My sincere condolences on the loss of your dear husband, Dad, and Grandpa. He was my accordion teacher and taught me for many years. I remember seeing him a few years back and telling him that I hadn't played my accordion for so long, and wasn't sure if I knew how to play any more and he invited me to book in for some refresher lessons and said "we'll play accordionly". I'm sad now that I have missed my chance!! Just another reminder to never put things off. He was a wonderful, patient, fun teacher. My Mom used to love to sit outside his room at the studio when I took my lessons and mostly enjoyed when we played a song together at the end of my lesson! Such great memories. No doubt the Heavens are filled with his beautiful music!! I send you all my deepest sympathy knowing how much he will be missed. Sincerely, Wanda Hildebrand

**— Wanda Hildebrand**

Dear Helen: Stewart and I wish to offer our sincere sympathy on the passing of your husband Al.

Its always a shock to lose a loved one, but we know you have a lot of family and friends to support you.

Know that we are thinking of you. Do take good care of yourself.

Stewart and Irene White

— **Stewart and Irene White**

Our sincerest sympathy Kevin, Nicole & Family on the passing of Al. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. If you need anything at all, please know you can count on us to be there for you.

— **Steve & Shelly Green**

I wish to convey my condolences to the Almassy family on the untimely loss of Al. I met him many years ago when I was honored to be part of Louise and Larry's wedding party. Al was a great entertainer, and will be missed. His music will live on through the many people he taught music to.

— **S. Martin (Piluschak)**

Hi to Kevin and all of Al's family! I took lessons at Al's studio at age 12 from Randy Kreiger and it was the start of a very long musical journey. And a few of my friends did as well Darren Scoepp and Darin Snyder, still musicians to this day and very accomplished ones I must add. Me and Darren Schoepp ended up forming a band with Darren's guitar teacher at the studio - Nat Cottrill and the three of us played together all through our high school years. And of course Nat's brother Vince taught at the studio as well. I think when I turned 17 I finally got the chance to teach at Al's studio and I couldn't have been more happy. But it was not to be as my father talked me into changing career paths mid year. I still say to this day that it was the worst decision I ever made for my music career as it got me going down the wrong path as far as I was concerned. Kevin even made an offer to play with his band at the time and I wasn't mature enough to accept the great offer. Anyways it's all great memories for me as I think back to where it all started Al Almassy  
Accordian Scool 10 Block Robinson!  
RIP Al and thank you for everything!

— **John Huber**

I took accordion lessons with Al in the early 70's when the studio was Ray Hunker on Victoria East in Regina Sask. Great Man!!

— **Lyall Boehmer**



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