Gifco, Allan

January 7, 2022



Allan Gifco

Allan Gifco, a much-loved resident at Citizens All, who will be remembered for his boundless energy, great sense of humour, and curious spirit, passed away on Monday, December 27th, 2021 at his home in Moose Jaw, SK. He was 75.

If you knew Allan, you knew he was always on the go, and you just had to keep up. He was a sharp dresser, and loved putting on new clothes – even if they were just 'borrowed' for the day. Whenever he got a new shirt as a present (always a hit!), he would immediately try it on, making sure to 'tuck it in' just right. Whether at home or at family dinners, Allan had a sweet tooth, although he really enjoyed most food, and would never say no to seconds. He loved numbers, and particularly loved listening to music of all kinds, whether it was 'Old Satchmo' (Louis Armstrong) on the radio, or whoever he could get to sing

“Texan Texan Star” to him (with actions, please!).

Allan Lynn Gifco was born on September 13th, 1946 in Cut Knife, Saskatchewan. His dad, Tom Gifco, was a schoolteacher, and mom, Alice (Hale) Gifco, was a nurse. Allan, the eldest of three, was followed by sister, Karen, and brother, Leslie. In 1959, when Allan was thirteen, the family moved to Moose Jaw, where he attended the John Chisholm School. Allan joined Citizens All on October 1st, 1975, when he moved into the Gordon Road residence. On December 1st, 1991, he moved to the Athabasca Street residence, where he stayed and has lived for the past 30 years.

Allan was lucky enough to have two families: the one he grew up with, and the one he found at Citizens All. He is survived by his sister, Karen (Glenn) Hagel; brother, Les Gifco; nieces, Kristin (Lawrence) Ator and Meredith Hagel; nephew, Christian Gifco; and an extended circle of family and friends.

A Celebration of Allan’s Life will be held on Friday, January 14th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Moose Jaw Funeral Home with Reverend Jim Tenford officiating. The family is requesting that only those who are fully vaccinated attend and masks are mandatory. For those unable to attend, you are invited to view the service virtually by going to www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/. Flowers are gratefully declined. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Allan’s name may be made to Citizen’s All, 410 Hochelaga St E, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 0P3. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. James Murdock, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

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Tom & Helene Phelps on January 7, 2022 at 4:17 pm

To the Gifco Family: We are part of the Gifco family { Deda Phelps= Allan’s Aunt } living in the US. When we visited Canada we always got to see Allan. He was enthusiastic and enjoyed seeing relatives. We marveled at how Tom & Alice always made Allan part of family

activities and cared for his needs and well being. Thanks especially to Karen & Glenn Hagel who kept in touch and were so welcomiing and caring about family matters. Our sympathy to the Gifco family and thanks for us to know Allan more so than we would have otherwise. Thanks for giving Allan a life well lived .

Reply

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Kristin Ator on January 7, 2022 at 6:18 pm

Perfectly captures his beautiful spirit! We miss you, Uncle Allan
Xoxo

Reply

3.



Noreen and Keith Aitken on January 8, 2022 at 3:07 pm

I am sorry to hear about Allen. I remember the Gifco family when they lived in Eyebrow, when Tom was teacher there. Please accept our condolences.

Reply

4.



Dianne Kelly on January 8, 2022 at 3:30 pm

So sorry to hear about the loss of Allen. I have known Allen for several years when he a attended the day program I worked at. His obituary describes him very well, he was a great man and always wanted to be sure he got his point across. I know he will be greatly missed by family as well as his second family. My deepest condolences.

Reply

5.



Lynn Hagel on January 8, 2022 at 10:20 pm

My condolences to all the family of Allan Gifco. He was a gentle soul and I do remember his love of music. May his spirit be soaring free amongst the clouds. And what a joyful reunion it will be, when he sees his family that have left before him.
I would like to share a quote from Mother Theresa, and pray this gives you comfort: “Death is nothing else but going home to God, the bond of love will be unbroken for all eternity.” Hugs to you all.

Reply

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Mary and Dex Ator on January 11, 2022 at 7:14 pm

We wish to send our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of Allan.
So sad to hear of his passing. His light will shine on in our hearts.
Mary and Dex .

Reply

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Ron Rumble on January 14, 2022 at 3:51 pm

You can rest now Mr. Gifco. The world will miss your positivity. My condolences to the family.

Reply

8.



Noel Hale on January 17, 2022 at 2:49 pm

My condolences to Karen, Leslie and your extended families. My brother David Hale and I (Noel Hale) viewed the service live from my home in Regina. Thank you so much for making Allen’s service available on line.

Reply

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Tom Davis on January 21, 2022 at 6:31 pm

Sincere condolences to you Les and your entire family.

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10.



Myrna Forge on February 1, 2022 at 4:53 pm

Les, my condolences on the loss of your brother.

Reply