



## Alan Lynn Coolbaugh

August 5, 1958 - May 27, 2020

Alan Lynn Coolbaugh, 61, of Orwell Township, PA passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at his home.

Alan was born in Towanda, Pa on August 5, 1958, the son of Elmer and Isabell Daugherty Coolbaugh. He was a graduate of Northeast Bradford High School with the Class of 1975 and subsequently attended and graduated from the Ridley Business School in Binghamton, NY. Alan worked at Music Land and Pottery Barn after college. For a time he worked with his sister, Gail at her H&R Tax Service. Alan came home to work with his parents at Elmo's Crafts and later took over the business. Alan owned and operated Elmo's Crafts for many years. In later years he was joined by his sister, Karen. Alan enjoyed going to craft shows and working in the store. He has left behind many friends. Alan loved spending time with his family and playing with the little ones. He enjoyed working on his computer, communicating with his friends on Facebook, watching old TV Shows and listening to the music of yesteryear. He is survived by his sisters: Karen (Mike) Matoushek, LeRaysville, Pa. and Gail (Eldon) Ford, Myerstown, Pa. brothers: Gerald (Cornelia) Coolbaugh, Rome, Pa; David (Cindy) Coolbaugh, Luther Mills, Pa. & Mark (Judy) Coolbaugh, LeRaysville, Pa. He has left behind nieces, nephews, great nieces & great nephews whom he loved very much. Also surviving is a special aunt, Alyce Nadon, California, her children, and many good friends around the country. Alan was predeceased by his parents, Elmer & Isabel Coolbaugh. A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Interment will be in the Rome Cemetery, Rome, Pa. The Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda, Pa. is assisting the Coolbaugh Family with arrangements. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rome Cemetery

Route 187  
Rome, PA 18837

# Tribute Wall



“ Alan Lynn Coolbaugh

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Alan Lynn Coolbaugh

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Alan Lynn Coolbaugh

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Alan Lynn Coolbaugh

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Alan Lynn Coolbaugh

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

TJ

“ When they combined staff from the Stamford Musicland with ours in White Plains, I wasn't sure how that was going to work, but it turned out great. That's how I met Alan. We developed a bond that has outlasted everything around us. Alan Coolbaugh and I hung out, although inexplicably we never went to a show together. Not exactly brothers in arms, we were more like cousins with often different but overlapping tastes in music. I never got Grace Jones like Alan. Still remember when Cyndi Lauper called him to thank him for his tireless plugs with the media that called the store. He helped make that album #1. I brought him down to Greenwich Village a few times to share my favorite record stores. When I was sad about our friends George and Jane Santianna Basanda leaving for Vegas, it was Alan who had dinner with me one night and we toasted our friends new adventure. We saw the Terry Gilliam film Brazil one afternoon and Alan loved it. Not me, but we talked about it for a long time and I started to figure things out. It's cerebral, and it snuck up on me from behind, eventually being one of my favorites. I spent a weekend in Rome, PA with Alan showing me his new life of making wooden toys in the family business. I loved the Jacob's Ladder. They were away at a show so I didn't get to meet them. Throughout our friendship, Alan was one of the kindest and most thoughtful people I knew. He was a cheerleader that encouraged us and celebrated us. He was especially positive after we reconnected. I was looking forward to introducing him to my wife Brenda Hunt Johnston because I was sure they would get along famously. He already loved her, because, well that was Alan. And here we are. The Musicland Gang has been splintering and going in different directions for years. But the bond between us, the love is still strong. I will miss my friend.

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**Todd Johnston** - June 01, 2020 at 02:42 PM

RP

“ I didn't know Alan but I knew Jerry and Karen. My condolences to the entire Coolbaugh family for your loss.

*rich painter*

*Black Forest, CO*

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**rich painter** - May 30, 2020 at 07:24 PM

RY

“ Gail and family, After learning why Allen would no longer be preparing my taxes I got a little concerned. The following tax season, I realized this was a far more serious matter. He was always soft spoken, kind and considerate during our "Tax" sessions years past.

*He shared pictures of the old fashion toys he had reproduce and I could tell he really enjoyed what he did. I always found it fascinating and admired his skills.*

*I know you will miss him dearly. May the pleasant memories of your earlier life time of growing up and pleasant family memories be embedded in your hearts forever.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rich Yoder*

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**Richard Yoder** - May 30, 2020 at 06:29 PM

EC

“ On September 11th 1965 Alan Coolbaugh was the ring bearer at our wedding. My husband passed away on April 2nd 2019 but our memories of the entire Coolbaugh family are many. My love and prayers go out to each of you! Ethel Conrad

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**Ethel Conrad** - May 30, 2020 at 02:37 PM

PC

“ Karen and family: So sorry to hear of Alan’s death. Always enjoyed the craft fairs and visiting the shop.

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**Pat Coon** - May 29, 2020 at 08:14 PM

MW

“ I rode with Alan to Ridley's. Sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.

*Mary (Jacobs) Warner*

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**Mary Warner** - May 29, 2020 at 02:39 PM

DC

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. God bless you all.  
*Donna Westover Craig*

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**Donna Craig** - May 29, 2020 at 10:09 AM

SL

“ Gail and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Sandy Lockwood*

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**sandy lockwood** - May 29, 2020 at 07:40 AM