



Albert "Al" Misseldine

September 3, 1932 - February 18, 2025

ADRIAN- Albert "Al" Misseldine of Adrian, Michigan died Tuesday morning February 18, 2025, at Charlotte Stephenson Manor under Careline Hospice. He was 92.

Al was born on September 3, 1932, in Banbury, England, the third of Thomas and Gladys (Healey) Misseldine's four children. He immigrated to the United States when he was 17 and served his adopted country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Al attended Marquette University where he earned a BS and MA in English.

On July 12, 1954, Al married Amanda Christine Mertens in Jefferson City, Missouri; they were married for over 69 years before her death on March 24, 2024. They instilled in their seven children a thirst for knowledge, a love for animals, and a yearning sense of adventure that materialized in exciting family vacations. Favorites included exploring northern Michigan while camping in rustic cabins on the shores of Lake Ann and Lake Leelanau; climbing and racing down the sandy slopes of the Sleeping Bear Dunes; and, further from home, tenting and hiking in the back country of the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee.

In 1965, Al accepted a position in the English Department of Adrian College at which time he and Mandy moved their young family from Milwaukee and

made Adrian their home for the rest of their lives. For 32 years, Al shared his love and knowledge of English literature with many inquisitive and grateful Adrian College students. He loved the British writers most, especially George Orwell and William Shakespeare and would often regale students and family with favorite and relevant Shakesperian quotes including “This above all: to thine own self be true...” and “We are such stuff as dreams are made on...” and “Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow...”

Al also loved music and he and Mandy hosted frequent raucous sing-along parties with student musicians at their home with offerings of vegetable soup made by Amanda, and freshly baked whole wheat bread made by Albert, to the joy of family and all who attended. One of those musician students was employed at the celebrated Mossman guitar factory in Kansas during summer break, and in off hours built Al a beautiful guitar of Brazilian rosewood with mother of pearl inlay. Students and family presented it to him at a big sing-along gathering, much to his surprise and delight. Al always said that guitar had the best sound in the world, and it remained one of his most cherished possessions until he passed it down to his son.

In mid-career, Al became fascinated with building home furniture including bookcases and tables. He even bought a plot of land on the outskirts of town and built an energy efficient home almost entirely by himself. Other interests included cross-country skiing, walking his dog and relaxing with a good book and a beer. He was also an avid card player and was always ready for a good game of Cribbage, Euchre or Pinochle with his family.

He is dearly missed by his children Kathleen Rygiel (Tom Aldrich), Mary Misseldine (Robert Clark), Carol Misseldine, Tom Misseldine (Karen), Jim Misseldine (Holly McCormack) and Sue Leedy (Dennis); grandchildren Erin Leedy, Kasi Misseldine and TJ Misseldine; nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; 4 great-grandchildren; his sister Betty Blake and many

former students. Al was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Ed, his sister Phyllis, his wife Amanda, his daughter Jean, his son-in-law Charles, and his great-granddaughter Xiomara Misseldine.

A Celebration of Life to honor and celebrate the lives of Albert, Amanda and Jean has been scheduled for May 3rd at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian from noon – 1:30 pm with a memorial visitation at 11 am to greet the family and other attendees. After the celebration service, the gathering will continue in the Heritage Room of the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lenawee Humane Society. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Memorial Gathering

MAY 3. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Heritage Room at Wagley Funeral Home
1501 West Maumee Street
Adrian, MI 49221

Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Albert "Al" Misseldine*



Wagley Funeral Home - April 30, 2025 at 02:43 PM

SU

*Very nice celebration of life. I loved the photos at the end.
Love to you ALL,
Susan (Mandy's 1st niece!)*

Susan - May 03, 2025 at 05:14 PM

LO

“ *I was your Mom and Dad's hygienist for over 30 years (and Jean many years ago). I always loved seeing them and hearing the updates about their family. They were so proud of their children and grandchildren. Mary, they always talked about you working as a hygienist in California and were diligent with caring for their teeth which I know you'd appreciate. I loved your Mom's laugh and they were always so pleasant to chat with. I will always remember them with fondness. Absolutely wonderful, salt of the earth people. My heart goes out to all of your family. ❤️*

Lisa Osworth - April 28, 2025 at 06:19 PM

PW

“ Paul H. and Dinah W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert "Al" Misseldine.

Paul H. and Dinah W. - April 11, 2025 at 01:14 PM

BF

“ I still remember Mr. Misseldine singing in the hallways of Mahan, stopping mid-word when he would realize where he was. He was my professor for Shakespeare's Comedies and Histories, making Twelfth Night as one of my favorites. With the English Rationalists and Romanticists, he opened our eyes to a new view of Gulliver's Travels, and always singing as he came into the classroom. He made an impression on all of us, and we, as his former students, can never thank him enough for sharing his love of Shakespeare.

Barb Fairman - March 02, 2025 at 04:55 PM

GP

“ Al Misseldine was one of my favorite professors at Adrian College. He instilled in me a lifelong appreciation and love of Shakespeare.

Gary Pageau - February 28, 2025 at 04:38 PM

DC

“ I was a student of his at Adrian College, most memorably in my Freshman year which was the Fall of 1971 and Spring of 1972. I also knew him as a colleague when I came on Adrian Colleges Faculty in the Fall of 1988. My memories of him are happy ones. He is missed. God Bless!

David Coy - February 27, 2025 at 10:22 AM

EB

Goodbye, Al.

You were the best thing by far about my time at Adrian---lively, funny, brilliant, by turns---and often, all at once. I still laugh at the memory of some of your jokes, and remember plenty of your ideas about Shakespeare. You and Mandy and your family took me in, simply out of kindness, and I remember the wonderful bread that you made communally. I miss you. I've kicked around a bit in the world, since the time I spent in your company, but never found another friend like you.

And it's strange. I don't know what prompted me to look you up today, so soon after you've gone. But something did, and I'm saddened to see that I won't be sending you any more Christmas cards, or exchanging any more interesting letters. At least, not on this side of the Universe.

Hail and farewell, old friend.

Emil Bricker

Emil Bricker - March 02, 2025 at 05:50 PM

TM

Hi, Emil. Thank you for your post here. This is Tom, and I remember you well from the time you were in Adrian. I would love to hear about your life since then. If you like, feel free to contact me at misseldinet@gmail.com.

Tom Missekdine - March 18, 2025 at 08:38 AM

KR

Hi Emil, I also remember you fondly from your Adrian years. If you write to Tom, feel free to cc me at kathrygiel@gmail.com

Kathleen Misseldine Rygiel - March 24, 2025 at 12:56 PM

M1

“ I had two of Al's classes between 1970-1973-English Lit & Shakespeare/Elizabethan drama. His subject mastery was noteworthy. His teaching style captured my attention. He was an unforgettable professor. Glad he lived a long life.

Mike Mills - A.C. Class of 1974 - February 25, 2025 at 09:39 PM

CM

“ We sure do miss you, Dad. So grateful I got to hang out with you and Mom in your last years on this planet. And thank you for taking such a good care of us while we were growing up; grateful to be your daughter.

Carol Misseldine - February 25, 2025 at 03:48 PM

SM

“ I remember the jam sessions in Al's living room when I was one of his students in the 70's. He taught me the English Music Hall tune, I Belong to Glasgow. It is still a staple of my very long career of singing funny songs. Thank you for the push you gave me in life.
Steve Mason

Steve Mason - February 24, 2025 at 06:22 PM

TM

Hi, Steve. We still have that guitar you built for dad; it is part of our family lore. Thank you for posting here.

Tom Misseldine - February 27, 2025 at 08:05 AM

DJ

Dear Al,

Not only was your classroom and office a safe haven for those of us who didn't fit into the small-minded Adrian College ethos, you opened your home and lovely family for us. But even more than that, you opened your heart. You saved my life by allowing and nurturing me to become what and who I was. Without you, I would not be me. My debt and gratitude to you is deep and wide. To this day, I feel you in my lectures and hear you in my voice as I speak and occasionally recite something from memory to my students--even though my well of memory is shallow in comparison. My gratitude and love for you is with me each day as I feel the sun on my face, celebrate the night stars, feel the ocean on my body, and read and write a poem. Mahalo nui loa and aloha my dear teacher and mentor. --Davy Jones

David Jones - February 28, 2025 at 07:53 PM

BR

“ Awwww Al! You taught me so much about what should be important in life when I was one of your students at Adrian College in the 1970's! You and Amanda also provided a safe haven for the bunch of independent students on campus to discuss current events, voice our opinions without having to worry about being censored. Not only that, you were so much fun to be around . Your dinners were fabulous! My sincere sympathy to the entire Misseldine family as you join Mandy and Jean in heavenly eternity .



Becky Limbird Rohre - February 21, 2025 at 10:27 PM