



Martin C. "Marty" Alvstad

September 16, 1949 - March 13, 2025

Laurier, Washington / Dodgeville – Martin Clifford Alvstad, age 75, of Laurier, WA, formerly of Dodgeville, died on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at his home.

Martin was born on September 16, 1949, in Dodgeville Wisconsin. Marty grew up on a dairy farm. One story that the family has always talked about was the day that Marty fell out of the hay loft as a toddler incurring a terrible skull fracture. He would not have survived the fall if he had not landed on one of the pigs in the barn. Grandpa Alvstad let that pig die of old age.

Marty enlisted in the Air Force in January 1973. He was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force in 1974. He served as an F4 Weapons Systems Officer, Electronic Warfare Officer, Instructor and Examiner. Marty won many awards and decorations throughout his military career, including his National Defense Service Medal, with one bronze star.

Marty spent twenty years in the Air Force, after retirement, he went back to school to get his teaching certification. He taught for two years in Kingman, Arizona, then he relocated to Washington to teach for ten years.

Marty loved his dog Boomer and his cats, Packer, Duke, and Franny. He was an exceptional carpenter and craftsman and built everything to perfection from a toy box for his girls when they were little to the work of art homestead he

built on the Kettle River. He enjoyed the outdoors, cutting wood, driving his tractor, and cheering for the Green Bay Packers.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clifford Alvstad and Frances (Crook) Alvstad and his brother Frank Alvstad.

Marty is survived by his daughters Aimee C. Alvstad and Heather D. Alvstad; his granddaughters Peyton Fandrey, Riley Fandrey and Kamryn Fandrey; his sisters Lynn Alvstad (John) Legler, Karen Alvstad (Terry) Sterzik; his niece and nephews Christopher Sterzik, Jonathan Sterzik, Timothy Sterzik, Jeremy Sterzik, David Legler, Stephen Legler and Karen Lorden; and longtime companion Rondi Fuller.

A Memorial Service in Wisconsin will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH in Dodgeville. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at the church.

Inurnment will be held in East Side Cemetery in Dodgeville with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Dodgeville Area Veterans.

In lieu of flowers, the family is collecting donations for a homeless Veteran's organization.

Cemetery Details

East Side Cemetery

601 E. Division Street
Dodgeville, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
1105 North Bequette Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Memorial Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Military Graveside Rites

APR 12. 11:45 AM (CT)

East Side Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

MT

“ My condolences to you Lynn and your family at the passing of your brother.

I read his obit in the Dodgeville Chronicle. Mary (Boldt) Tygum.

Mary (Boldt) Tygum - April 01, 2025 at 08:46 PM

SA

“ I met Marty in the Philippines when we were both stationed at Clark Air Base in the 1981-92 timeframe. We took sailing lessons together at Subic Bay Naval Base and spent many weekends sailing together. Marty was fun and funny! May he RIP. My condolences to his beautiful daughters and granddaughters. May he enjoy the Heavenly life now.

Sandra - March 28, 2025 at 11:25 AM

RR

“ Marty and I served together in the Air Force. We were assigned to a Joint Headquarters in Hawaii, performing analysis of the Soviet threat in the Pacific. We had a lot of fun but I was glad to have Marty's expertise--he was a weapons officer on the F-4 Phantom and I flew the F-15 Eagle--so we did a lot of important studies of the Soviet aircraft and weapons. When not at work, we had lots of fun--I never did see Marty with a scowl on his face; he was always happy and joking and we did some crazy things, as fighter jocks are prone to do! It was during this assignment that I got to know Aimee and Heather and formed a lasting relationship with the girls over the years. Sadly, I didn't get to Washington to see him, but I heard a lot about his life after we both got out of the Air Force. Blessings, friend--sorry to see you go to the "Big Runway in the Sky!" Bob Earl Russell, Lt. Col. USAF (retired)

Robert Russell - March 24, 2025 at 04:10 PM

LL

Thanks for the kind words!! I know that you meant a lot to Marty.

Lynn Legler - March 24, 2025 at 06:05 PM

RH

Marty was born but thirteen days before my birth. As a result, it was nothing short of sheer joy to be his classmate during our high school years. He was a true free spirit, ever filled with joy and laughter; along with these traits, he possessed an enviably strong intellect. It is of no surprise to me to learn of his career path--a most gilded one, I must say. May this fine human being be at peace, now, and may his entire family be in time consoled. I must add to this message my personal condolences to Marty's sister Lynn. Her outstanding singing ability, kindness, tolerance, and intellect never shall I forget and cease my admiration.

With my condolences,

*Robert J Harrison, DmusA
Retired Professor-Voice
Indiana University Bloomington*

Residing with his wife and family in Castle Pines, CO

Robert Harrison - March 25, 2025 at 11:26 AM

MM

Marty's family housed me for the end of my senior year and the following summer. We became brothers in search of adventure. He was smart, quick witted and mischievous. My thoughts go out to his family. A great friend and fine human being.

Michael T Matarrese - March 28, 2025 at 10:51 AM