



Mr. Alan D. Storms

September 3, 1936 - November 8, 2011



Mr. Alan D. Storms, age 75 of Bristol, RI and formerly of East Aurora, NY and Pittsburgh, PA, died Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence, following a brief illness.

He was the beloved husband of Gail S. (Schaller) Storms, his wife of 53 years, adored father of Susan S. Rice and her husband, Mark of Naperville, IL and Pamela S. Hufnagel and her husband James of Basking Ridge, NJ and cherished grandfather to Matthew Rice and his wife Sheri and Scott Rice of Illinois. He is also survived by a sister, Kathy Hamilton and her husband Lee of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Mr. Storms was born on September 3, 1936 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin the son of the late Donald and Florence (Seekamp) Storms.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering, he also earned an MBA from Canisius College. He served as an ordinance officer in the US Army from 1958 to 1961.

Mr. Storms had a long and fulfilling career as an engineer with Martin Aircraft, Moog Servocontrols and Westinghouse Electric. In recent years, he headed his own consulting firm, Storms Advisory Services.

As a boy, Mr. Storms was infused with a life-long love of all things nautical, as he witnessed the launching of WWII submarines at the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company. He was an avid boater, having sailed extensively not only in the U.S. but also in Europe and the Caribbean. He served as an instructor in sailing and navigation for the US Power Squadron. Mr. Storms was an active member of the Bristol Yacht Club where he served on several committees and as a volunteer for over a dozen years at the Herreshoff Marine Museum.

Music was a strong passion throughout his life. Wherever he lived, he joyfully participated in choirs and a capella groups including the MIT Logarithms. Locally, he was a member of the Bristol County Chorus and sang with the choir at St. Michael's Church where he also served on the finance and organ committees.

Mr. Storms' many professional memberships included the National Fire Protection Association and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers where he served on the Switchgear Committee for many years. He was also a member of MIT's Cardinal and Gray

Society. Throughout his life, his interests were diverse and he generously volunteered in many organizations, acting as both a leader and mentor, passing on his special skills to hundreds of people.

Mr. Storms was outspoken on environmental issues, zeroing in on public figures who he felt made sweeping allegations against the electric generating plant in Somerset. He felt that the plant was responsibly run and was not a threat to the environment.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Requiem Eucharist Service Monday, November 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM in St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 399 Hope Street, Bristol. Burial with Military Honors will be private and visiting hours are respectfully omitted. In lieu of flowers, his family asked that donations be made in his memory to the Capital Campaign Fund at St. Michael's Church, P.O. Box 414, Bristol, RI 02809. For online condolences, shared memories, information and directions go to www.sansonefuneralhome.com



“ I extend my sympathy to Gail and the rest of the Storm family. Alan was a special friend through the IEEE. I always enjoyed his energy, verve for life, and tales of his work with the church. We even shared a musical moment or two at some of the IEEE meetings we attended. He was usually the first person I would seek out when attending the IEEE Switchgear Committee Meetings. A great guy, wonderful story teller, and cherished friend. God Bless.

Ed Peters - Powell-Delta/Unibus Northlake, IL**”**

Ed Peters - 1 hour ago



“ Alan was a trusted colleague and frequent lunch companion at every IEEE Switchgear Committee meeting I attended for at least the last twenty years. It is difficult for me to think that I will not be seeing Alan at future meetings where we shared some entertaining, challenging, but always interesting times together. Alan was one of the first people I contacted when my career took a different direction. His support was sustaining to me at that time. Words cannot express how deeply he will be missed.

Dean Sigmon**”**

M. Dean Sigmon - 1 hour ago



“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to Alan's family and friends. I knew Alan through my association with the IEEE Switchgear meetings. He always took the time to say hello to me at breaks and shared time for discussions. His contributions to the standards will have impact on future generations. He will be missed.**”**

Frank DeCesaro - 2 hours ago



“ Our sympathy and prayers to out to Gail and the rest of Alan's family. Alan was a cherished member of the IEEE Switchgear Committee and we will all miss him deeply.**”**

Ken Edwards - 14 hours ago



“ Our sympathy and prayers to all of Alan's family and friends on his loss. From the staff of Sansone Funeral Home.”

Jeffrey Steadman - 23 hours ago



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I have known Alan for many years as we worked closely on Common Clauses and Conversions standards. He had a good blend of technical capability and humor which made it a pleasure to work with him as we tried to find compromises aimed at the good of the power community.

Pete Dwyer - 1 hour ago