



# Alan Lafayette Coop

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**A**lan Lafayette Coop, 83 of Unionville, MO, passed away Saturday, January 17, 2026, at his home.

Alan was born to Harold & Junia (Godwin) Coop on December 9, 1942, in Fairfield, Iowa. He received his education from Brighton High School in Brighton, Iowa, graduating in 1961 at the top of his class. After school, Alan was united in marriage to Linda Jean Boese on December 21, 1963, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. To this union came seven children: JoEllen, Duane, Heather, Lafe, Ashly, Andrea and Carrie.

Alan and Linda owned and operated G & R Auto Body Shop in Mount Pleasant, Iowa for 62 years, where he took great pride in his handiwork. He had his pilots license and enjoyed flying his airplane in his younger years. He also enjoyed surprising people with the number of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren he had, totaling 59. He always followed that up with the comment 'all because two people fell in love'. He loved the Lord Jesus, having accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the Nazarene Church in Mt. Pleasant in January of 1964 and instilled his faith of God in his children. He was always eager to host big Sunday dinners after church and many church New Year Eve parties. Some of his past times included making his famous sweet tea and watching storms roll in, baling hay at the family farm where he had cattle, playing cards with friends and family, and he loved to grocery shop and always requested 'brown paper bags and don't squish the bread'.

Survivors include his wife Linda Coop of the home, seven children: JoEllen Jepson (Jeff), Duane Coop, Heather Risberg, Lafe Coop (Hannah), Ashly Hurley (Jerred), Andrea Dorsey (Ray), Carrie Hines (Chris), daughter in law Jennifer Coop, 24 grandchildren: Amanda (Kyle Davy) Jepson, Zacherey (Lindi) Jepson, Sabrina (Cale) Garrett, Chelsea (Travis) Hoyer, Mariah (Mark Nelson) Jepson, Jalyssa Jepson, Wesley Coop, Bradley Coop, Ryan Coop, Brooklyn Holbert, Mackenzie (Tyler) Munday, Raegan Coop, Cason Coop, Sawyer Coop, Bryce Koenen, Brody Hurley, Bryna Hurley, Trevor Dorsey, Mason Dorsey, Levi Dorsey, Dru Dorsey, Bo Dorsey, Carleigh Hines, Deklan Hines, 16 great grandchildren, and numerous extended family. He was preceded in death



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by his parents and siblings; Fern Jeanette, Pauline, Evelyn, Ronnie and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Thomas Funeral Home in Unionville. Burial will immediately follow at Lupton Cemetery. A visitation will take place one hour prior to the funeral from 10-11:00 am. Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to Hospice of Northeast Missouri or Cairo Baptist Church. Condolences may be shared at <https://www.thomasfh.com> or <https://facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome>.

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# Events

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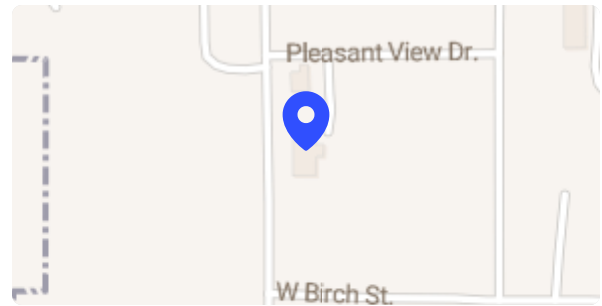
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## Visitation with family present

**Wednesday**, January 21, 2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

**Thomas Funeral Home - Unionville**  
709 27th St., Unionville MO 63565

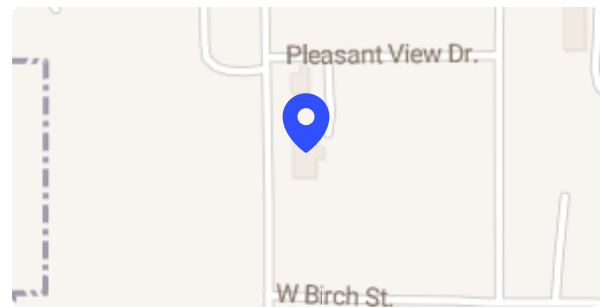


## Funeral Service

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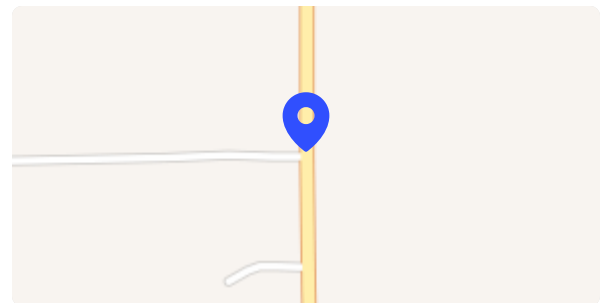
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## Cemetery Details

**Lupton Cemetery**  
Lupton Cemetery Road & Highway 5, Unionville  
MO 63565





# Tribute Wall

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**Jennifer Burton Gravitt** lit a candle in honor of Alan.

What a joy to get to know Alan and Linda in the Cairo community. Loved visiting with them and learning about their family and the similarities in our lives. Praying for Linda and all the family as they adjust to this new stage of life.



January 20 at 4:08 PM



**Danielle Thomson** lit a candle in honor of Alan.



January 20 at 3:49 PM



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**Jeanne Eppard** posted:

Dear Linda & family, What a testimony he was to family, friends, customers, and those observing.....his love for his Savior spoke in his everyday life, his actions, his words. I'm sure he's been an inspiration to all your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. "Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21 Although I didn't really know Alan personally, I felt like I knew him through my husband, Bob. He had the highest respect for Alan and regarded him as a friend which impacted me. Alleluia to a life lived well!!!! Jeanne (Bob) Eppard.....Ankeny, Iowa

January 19 at 12:34 PM



**Heather Risberg** shared 10 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love you so much, Daddy. I will miss you every day. I look forward to seeing you again in our heavenly home. ❤️ I know before now and then you will be experiencing an eternity of love and happiness and time with everyone who has gone before us. I know you'll be waiting with open arms when we all arrive.

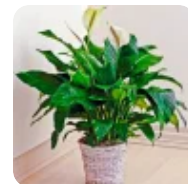


Thank you for working so hard and providing and taking care of us 7 kids and Mama. I love you. ❤️

January 18 at 1:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Coop family.



January 18 at 3:54 PM



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**The Welches** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alan.



January 18 at 3:54 PM



**Lara Bresee Vandello** posted:

I always had fun on car rides with Ala, Ashly Annie and Carrie. He was so kind and funny. I loved coming to their home at Lake Thunderhead and just being teenage girls. I was always amazed with how far he would drive to and from work every day!

January 18 at 1:42 PM



# Media

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Heather Risberg shared 10 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 18 at 4:10 PM





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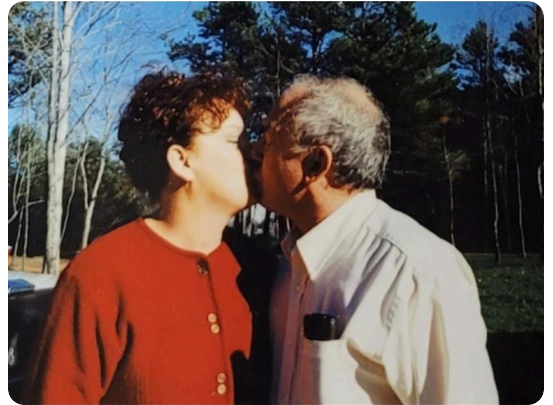




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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Alan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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