

Alan was born in Norley where his parents Albert and Annie ran the local grocery shop and bakers. He had two brothers Norman & Merrick and a sister Edna. As a young man he developed an interest in cars and engines and went on to serve as an aircraft mechanic during the second world war. Most of his service was spent in South Africa where he made friends and he seemed to remember this time quite fondly.

He married Dorrie in 1945 and for a while ran his own garage in Cow Lane, Norley. The family later moved to Cuddington and then Sandiway where they lived for over forty years. Alan went to work for ICI and spent the majority of his working life there. However his love for cars was to stay with him and all his spare time was given to fixing cars for friends and family.

He would spend many happy hours in his garage where neighbours would often pop in for a chat and a brew. Some of the local children would bring their bikes to have tyres pumped up and punctures mended, and Alan would happily oblige. During the day Alan would often nip out for groceries or spare parts. On one occasion he jumped into his beloved Ford Popular and went to the local shop, but did not notice the cat asleep on the car roof!

Much to the astonishment of passers by, the brave cat clung on to the roof and made it back home, hopefully inside the car!

During his many years living in Sandiway Alan made many friends and when he suddenly lost his son, Ian and a year later his wife, friends and neighbours were there to offer help and support without which he would not have got through such a sad time.

The family feel that Alan would like to thank all his friends, neighbours and relations for their kindness during these difficult times, Indeed, Geoff who lived next door, would deliver a Sunday lunch every weekend for Alan and Andrew to enjoy.

In his younger years Alan played billiards and crown green bowls, and would go and watch Northwich Vics'. He enjoyed watching all sports and was a big fan of the wrestling on a Saturday tea time and a keen Arsenal supporter.

When he retired from ICI in his early fifties he was able to relax a little more and enjoy seeing his grandchildren, Tracy & Paul grow up. The family enjoyed a short but happy time together sharing many Sunday lunches cooked by his daughter-in-law Barbara. In later years he again enjoyed seeing his younger grandchildren Nicky & Mark grow up, spending happy Christmas Days and holidays with them.

Alan loved holidaying with the family and spent many happy times touring Wales and the Lake District in his faithful Ford Anglia. In more recent years he enjoyed a more leisurely lifestyle on boating holidays on the Canals with Andrew and Sue and his son in law, Terry and his Mum and Dad, Jean & Jim. Other family & friends also enjoyed holidays with Alan.

During his last few years Alan suffered the pain and discomfort of growing old but never once did he complain or moan about anything, always accepting of what life threw at him, and always seeing the brighter more positive side of life right through to the very end. Caregivers would remark on what a gentleman he was and how easy he was to look after... A fine and courageous man who will be sadly missed by all.