



Alison Magdalene Spencer

September 4, 1970 - December 26, 2019

Alison Magdalene Spencer, age 49, of Hancock, Michigan, died on December 26, 2019 in Hancock. She was born on September 4, 1970 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Thomas Clifford and Celeste (Arjay) Spencer.

Alison grew up in Rudyard, Michigan, and attended Rudyard Area Schools before her family moved to Cheboygan, Michigan, where she graduated from Cheboygan High School. She went on to further her education at Michigan State University where she completed her undergraduate studies. She then attended the University of Wisconsin and received her MBA in Marketing. After completing her education, she moved on to employment in Denver, Colorado, for a while before heading to San Diego, California. She was a Marketing Manager for several years at an insurance agency there before moving to Hancock, where she settled with partner Jesse Houle.

Alison was a supporter of the Copper County Humane Society and a volunteer for the Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly in Hancock.

Alison loved cats and her very own dogs, Bonnie and Barry. She also enjoyed cooking and did catering for a short while. She participated in marathon runs with her father in California and in Hancock.

Alison is survived by her mother and father, Celeste and Tom Spencer of

Hessel, Michigan, and her aunt, Sally Lever, of Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Alison was preceded in death by her grandparents Clifford and Lorna Spencer and Roman and Joan Arjay, and her aunt Magdalene Parker.

A memorial gathering will be held on January 12, 2020, from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan. A brief funeral service will begin at 2:00 P.M.

Interment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Copper County Humane Society P.O. Box 453, Houghton, MI 49931 or Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, 527 Hancock St, Hancock, MI 49930.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Tribute Wall



“ *Alison Magdalene Spencer*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Alison Magdalene Spencer*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Alison Magdalene Spencer*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *My darling child of my children’s childhood. I had the great privilege of being there for your first fifteen or so years. You will be forever in your own special place in my mind. What fun we all had—ballet, piano, flowers. In that special place, you shall always dance and be happy. Your puppies and cats shall keep you company, as well as all of our memories. I cherish the calls you made to me for advice about the care and comfort of cats. I hope I was helpful to you. I love you now and forever.*

Mary Barry - January 12, 2020 at 06:14 PM



Thank you. For everything.

Celeste Spencer - January 24, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ I never hear the Waltz of the Flowers without thinking of Alison, and I hear it a lot! I owe much of the development of my own bizarre sense of humor to the hours spent reading Mad & Cracked magazines by flashlight with her. I remember B-movie nights with Totino's Crispy Crust Pizza and frozen burritos with a LOT of hot sauce. My fondness of all things in the night sky can be traced to watching the Perseids next to her. Time spent in the car, at the cabin, or in that musky, dank back room of the Gartshore's--it's all a part of me, my fabric, and Alison is inextricably woven there. Even just listening to the All Things Considered theme makes me think of our silly middle-school "air band" version in the back seat on the way to ballet. My love for constructing unnecessarily aspirational Halloween costumes owes a tip of the hat to Alison. Tom & Celeste, I can only offer my heartfelt sorrow for now, and my gratitude for then. Thank you for sharing your weird and wonderful, wholly original Alison with me. My heart is weeping with yours.

All my love,
Leigh

Leigh Barry - January 06, 2020 at 10:28 AM

CS

Thanks so much Leigh. Your memories triggered a whole bunch more of being around you nutty girls (NOT naughty, EVER!)

Celeste Spencer - January 08, 2020 at 08:44 PM

KM

“ Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, I am so sorry for your loss. Alison was someone I knew in high school and she was always cheerful, funny, kind and so incredibly smart. I also thought she had the best fashion! :-)) I am so sorry and my parents send their condolences as well. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Kim Wright-Maurice

Kimberly Wright Maurice - January 05, 2020 at 02:29 PM

CS

*Kim, we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness in taking time to send your heartwarming message. Thanks you so much.
Tom and Celeste Spencer*

Celeste Spencer - January 08, 2020 at 08:46 PM

HE

“ *I am terribly sorry for the loss of Alison. I sat next to her (in the flute section) for several years during her time at Ruyard Area Schools. She was very smart, kind, talented, and mature. Know that you all are thought of and prayed for.
--Heather Nayback (Corey)*



Heather - January 05, 2020 at 01:02 PM

CS

*Heather, we were just today looking at a pile of photos, and came across a couple of the band in concert, and there you all were, looking beautiful and brilliant, like it was just yesterday. Thanks for the memory.
Celeste and Tom Spencer*

Celeste Spencer - January 08, 2020 at 08:58 PM

DR

“ *What a powerful and unique mind she had. Celeste - I'm so sorry for your loss. From Dale Rieger, former teacher at Cheboygan High School.*

Dale Rieger - January 03, 2020 at 01:07 AM

CS

Dale, thanks so much for the memory. You were always one of her star teachers, one she perceived had a powerful and unique mind...and the WIT to go with it. We appreciate that you have taken time to share your memory.

Celeste and Tom

Celeste Spencer - January 08, 2020 at 08:53 PM

SS

“*Alison was a very caring and compassionate woman who befriended many pets on her walks around Hancock. I recall her sparkling smile, her license be of Jesse's cooking, their flower garden and her frequent posts about their cats. May she rest in peace.*”

Suzann Saterstad - January 02, 2020 at 08:30 PM

CS

Dear Suzann, thanks so much for your remembrance of Alison. It would have made her happy to know someone shared her joy in being out in the sunshine, or whatever stuff our Upper Peninsula drops upon our heads. She would also be pleased to know that her kitty posts brought a smile to others.

Celeste and Tom Spencer

Celeste Spencer - January 08, 2020 at 08:58 PM