



## Albert J. Fink

September 25, 2024

Albert James Fink was born on May 14, 1949 to Albert Vernon Fink and Teresa Fink. He grew up on the south side of Chicago with his siblings; John, Kathy, David, Jimmy, and Jeff.

After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy. Basic was at Great Lakes Naval Base. His first assignment was the Ceremonial Guard in Washington, D. C. where he did military burials in Arlington National Cemetery and ceremonies at the White House and Capitol. The second assignment took him to sea on an oiler/munitions supply ship.

In 1970 he married Mary Joyce Bokina. They moved to Colorado to go to school and never left. They were joined by Allison Jennifer Fink in 1979 and by Christopher Jerome Fink in 1984. Our family grew to include John Charlton and Courtney Elshof.

Al joined Poudre Valley Fire Department in 1978, and when they consolidated with the Fort Collins Fire Department, he became a member of Poudre Fire Authority. He enjoyed his 31 years working in various capacities in the fire service.

Al's enthusiasm for the outdoors was shared by the family. We went camping, hiking, fishing, and canoeing. He built a year round home in Crystal Lakes

where the family was close to nature for 20 years.

He felt that Boys Scouts gave him opportunities that were not available in the inner city. When Chris joined the Scouts, Al rejoined as an adult. He prepared and escorted the boys on a 50-mile backpacking trip at Philmont Boy Scout Ranch and a multiday canoeing trip through the Boundary Waters Wilderness.

When the children were on their own Al became an enthusiastic traveler. The camper trailer took us across many states where we explored state and national parks. Wandering feet took us out of the United States where we discovered the wider world.

During retirement Al continued his volunteer work. He was a crew boss and equipment manager for Wilderness Restoration, did river and trail restoration with Trout Unlimited, was a ranger assistant for Fort Collins Natural Areas, and belonged to a group that did handyman work for non-profits.

For over 30 years Al enjoyed creating stained glass art. He had a studio in the backyard where he spent hours creating a variety of things. He never sold his pieces but gave them to family, friends, and non-profits for fundraisers.

After 75 turns around the sun, Al left us on September 25, 2024.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Vicki and I are saddened to learn of Al's passing. Al and I were co-workers at Teledyne long ago. He was a dear friend at a time when I dearly needed a friend. Until Valhalla.

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**Rev. William Sladek** - October 27, 2024 at 03:27 PM

KH

“ Mary, Alison, Chris and Family,

*I am so sorry to learn of Al's passing. He was a very giving, interesting and talented man. You certainly had many diverse family experiences together. I remember you all most vividly in our early days at Foothills UU, then occasional meetings at RFL/Crystal events.*

*You are in my thoughts through your journey ahead.*

*Kay Hood*

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**Kay Hood** - October 20, 2024 at 09:33 PM

LH

“ *Mary and Family,*

*I was saddened to read of Al's recent passing. I am not sure if you will remember me as we knew you and Al back in the 70's and 80's, back when our kids were young. Due to life circumstances, we just seemed to lose track of one another over time which I deeply regret as I always thought you and Al were such a neat couple.*

*It sounds like Al loved and enjoyed your family and life to the fullest. I know how painful these times are and how greatly all of you are going to miss him, not just today but for many years to come.*

*I hope you take comfort in the many memories all of you created with him over the years. My heart hurts for all of you.*

*Take care of one another.*

*Linda (Harvey) Hansen, Melisa and Tracy  
Fort Collins, CO*

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**Linda Hansen** - October 08, 2024 at 09:12 AM

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“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Goes Funeral Care & Crematory** - October 07, 2024 at 11:31 AM