



ALVIN HARRISON

January 16, 2015

Alvin W. Harrison passed away on January 14, 2015 after a 6-month fight with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a form of cancer. Al was born on February 22, 1929, the son of Beryl and Lillian Harrison and younger brother of Jean Kaner. He grew up on the north side of Detroit and attended Cass Technical High School. Al enlisted in the Marine Corps. and served for three years, being honorably discharged in 1949 as a Corporal. He worked as a manufacturer's representative for companies such as Norelco and Body Glove, sold sporting equipment, boats and windsurfers, and had an arcade game business with longtime friend and business partner, Bob Seeley. Al loved following Detroit Tigers' baseball on television and radio and rarely missed a game.

Al's passion was bowling and he actively bowled in Metro Detroit leagues until the few months before his death. One of his proudest moments was when he rolled a 300 game in 1985 at Country Lanes. For many years he wrote [Ten Pin Alley](#), a weekly column published in the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. He served as director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, was president of the Old Timer's Board, and director of the Senior-Youth Bowling Challenge. In 2007, he was inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

Funeral services at Hebrew Memorial Chapel in Oak Park.

Family Info:

Al is survived by his life partner, Phyllis Mahlin and her children, Judith (Craig) Carter and Steve Mahlin, his sister Jean Kaner, sons Rick (Adrienne) Harrison and Donald Harrison, daughters Linda (Leon) Buchzeiger and Deborah (Ron) Steenhagen, grandchildren Jason and Adam (Jill) Harrison, Scott and Greg Buchzeiger, Abigail, Hannah and Rebecca Steenhagen, great-grandchildren Jacob and Joshua Harrison, nephews Robert (Ken Green) and Jonathan (Karen) Kaner, nieces Susan (Peter Raskin) Kaner and Audrey (Howard) Schemer, and great-nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of ALVIN HARRISON*



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