



Alvin Roy Tinsley

August 21, 1941 - July 8, 2021

Alvin Roy Tinsley, 79, of Bolivar, Missouri passed away on July 8, 2021, at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar, Missouri from complications related to Covid-19. He was born at George Dimmitt Memorial Hospital in Humansville, Missouri, to Eugene and Mary Ruth (Lacy) Tinsley.

Alvin's first six years of education was taken at the one room Cedar Grove Elementary School near Humansville. Cedar Grove was consolidated into the Humansville school district just before his seventh grade year, and he went on to graduate from Humansville High School. Math was always his favorite subject.

He attended college at Southwest Missouri State College – now Missouri State University – to become a secondary school mathematics teacher. After college, he taught junior high math, and went on for higher education. He retired in 2004 as a math and computer science professor at the University of Central Missouri where he taught for 36 years.

Alvin was saved at the age of 35 and joined New Hope Baptist church in Clinton, Missouri. He was later ordained in the church as a deacon. When he and Ida retired, they moved to Bolivar and became members Southside Missionary Baptist Church. He remained a deacon at his new church home and was faithful for the remainder of his life.

Alvin was a lifelong wood carver and loved making gifts for family and friends. He loved to travel with Ida to see different parts of the country and especially loved the cruises they took to Alaska. He was a runner in his younger years and later took up biking. He especially loved spending time with his grandson, Julian.

Alvin is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ida; his daughter, Janet Tinsley and her husband Jeremiah Mcharo, of Kansas City, Missouri; his grandson, Julian Kiwinda, of Charlottesville, Virginia; his brother John Tinsley and his wife Karen of Humansville, MO; his sister, Sue Jenkins and her husband Larry of Humansville, Missouri; and several beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Mary Ruth Tinsley.

Services for Alvin will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations may be made to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. The family has also requested for everyone to please wear a mask while attending the service.

Cemetery Details

Humansville Cemetery

Humansville, MO 65674

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Alvin Roy Tinsley

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Alvin Roy Tinsley

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Sending all my love to the Tinsley family. I lived in the other side of a duplex with Janet, Jeremy and Julian when they live in Atlanta. I know how much Julian was loved by his grandparents who were sad to be away from their 2 year old grandson. Hugs to you all

Raxhael Nead (Barnwell) - July 17, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ Ida and family, I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. Al and I taught together at UCM for many years before his retirement. He was well respected by faculty and students alike. I always enjoyed visiting with him. We shared a love of bike riding. We rode together a few times and often talked about riding together again. I retired recently and Al emailed to congratulate me. He recommended that I take an Alaskan cruise, and I hope to take that recommendation. I rejoice in knowing that Al is singing praises in heaven now. Please know that he will be missed by so many. Praying for God's peace and comfort for all of you.

Rhonda McKee - July 14, 2021 at 04:16 PM

WM

“ We are deeply saddened at Alvin's passing. He was a year ahead of Lewey at HHS and I worked several years on the Hall of Fame with him. He will certainly be missed on that committee as he helped put it on the right path. As there aren't any requests as to contributions, we will be sending a contribution to the Polk Co Humane Society. If public services are announced we will certainly try to be there.

Ida, we didn't know you well, but you have our deepest sympathy, along with the rest of your family.
Lewey & Wanda McBride

Wanda McBride - July 13, 2021 at 03:23 PM

GW

“ *Ida I am so sorry to hear you lost your soul mate. I know you are feeling lost but I know you have millions of special memories to help get you through. My thoughts and prayers. Geraldine Farmer Wood*

Geraldine Wood - July 13, 2021 at 01:27 PM

TG

“ *Ida, we are so sorry for your loss. Al was a wonderful friend and colleague during my time at UCM. A truly kind and gracious man, he will be missed. Please know that Teresa and I are praying for you and your family.*

Terry Goodman - July 12, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ Alvin's father, Gene, and my father, Louis were first cousins. One time when we were visiting Alvin and Ida in Warrensburg, he showed me his large grove of Milkweed. He told of his concern for the Monarch, and I became a Monarch supporter. Alvin sent me a few Milkweed seeds and I was off and running. Alvin used his woodworking skills and gave me two Monarch nurseries after I began raising the Monarchs from Larva stage to adult. *****Alvin and I also shared an interest in the Tinsley Family line of our fathers, and shared photos and info with each other.*****I was shocked to learn Alvin had passed, and want Ida and her Family to know they are uppermost in my thoughts and prayers. May our Lord sustain you in the days ahead.

June Seat - July 11, 2021 at 11:40 AM

AR

“ Alvin and I planned to meet in Ouray Colorado after his retirement and hike together up to the top of Twin Peaks mountain. We arranged lodging reservations and arrived in Ouray, and planned the hike for the next day. I had told Alvin that it took about four hours round trip. The next morning we set out from the trail head. By the midpoint it became apparent it was going to take more than four hours (it had been 10 years since I had last done it and I had aged a bit apparently). We called our Ida and Mary on our cellphones and told them we were running behind schedule. Well, we made it up and started back down. We both had brought more than enough water for the trip and Alvin had brought snacks. I had not. But Alvin shared his with me. It was a memorable trip that we talked about for years after.

I greatly admired Alvin as a gifted teacher and as a dedicated Christian gentleman. It was my honor and privilege to consider Alvin my "Best Buddy".

Arch Robbins

Archie Robbins - July 10, 2021 at 08:17 PM

SA

“ *Ida, John & Sue*
I am so sorry to hear of Alvin's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with with you during this difficult time.
Shirley (Hook) Albright

Shirley Albright - July 09, 2021 at 07:56 PM

DS

“ Just wanted the family to know how sorry we are. He was a great friend and brother in Christ. Couldn't tell you how many memories we have of both of you. We enjoyed so much being in church together and will treasure them forever. But when we think about him walking the streets of Glory right now, we almost envy him. Sorry Ida, Janet and family that you have been left behind, but my prayer is that one day you will all meet again. If there is anything we can do, please let us know.

Gene & Doriene Swabby

Doriene Swabby - July 08, 2021 at 01:13 PM

AR

Two memories. Alvin was an avid fisherman in Missouri. One year Alvin and Ida met Mary and me at a seaside condo off the East coast of Florida. After a couple of days sightseeing I took Alvin down to a place where you could sign up for deep sea fishing the next day. He was up bright and early and took off to sea where he caused number of fish. Mary and Ida visited and I slept in.

Two: for some time before Alvin's retirement, Alvin and I discussed hiking to the top of twin peaks at Ouray Colorado. The first summer after he retired we met in Ouray and the next morning Alvin and I headed for the trailhead. I told him the trip up and back would take about four hours. It was not really mountain climbing but it wasn't entirely a trail; there were places you had to pull yourself up by hand to a ledge where the trail resumed. It had been 10 years since I had last made that climb and it turned out I had aged during those 10 years. It took nearly four hours just for the trip up. But we made it. We had cellphones to keep in touch. It was memorable experience for both of us.

Arch Robbins - July 10, 2021 at 01:01 PM

RF

To Dr. Tinsley's wife, Ida, and to his family--May memories of your husband and father comfort you during this time. I was a student when he was teaching at UCM. I took Contemporary Math one summer, and I remember how he spent hours tutoring me as I struggled just to get a C. Sometimes he would come into the math department office after jogging or bicycling, so he would still have his jogging suit on.

I learned more about his faith after discussing my progress on a research paper about Rene Descartes. While my focus for the paper was on Descartes's mathematical contributions, Dr. Tinsley and I discussed his contributions to philosophy and theological studies. By the time I finished that paper, I had learned a great deal about Descartes and also about the direction my own faith was headed in. I'll never forget Dr. Tinsley's devotion to helping me better understand math principles, even though I had to take that class three times before I got the required C I needed for my education program. He even helped me during those other two times! While I know that those who remember Dr. Tinsley will miss him, I can also picture him taking in Heaven's splendor and exploring with joy all that it has, rejoicing and reuniting with other believers, and being in the presence of the Lord Himself.

Robin Fry - January 12, 2022 at 08:17 PM