



Alvin M. Fischer

June 15, 2024

Alvin M. Fischer peacefully passed on June 15th, 2024 at the age of 101. He was born and raised in Pottsville, PA., son of Emma May Kopp and Samuel C. Fischer.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps one month before Pearl Harbor. Al was an airplane mechanic in the 47th Bombardment Group, decorated for its help in reclaiming Kasserine Pass from Rommel-led Axis troops in northern Africa. Progressing into Italy, he saw Mount Vesuvius' eruption ashes destroy planes. He and his childhood sweetheart Janice Ubil (who chased him from the house across the street) were married, and with her help and the GI bill, he attended Bucknell University. He graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. Al began his career with Bendix Westinghouse Automotive Airbrake Company as a test engineer. In 1958 Mack Trucks offered Al the opportunity to join them at Mack Headquarters in Allentown, PA. He started there as a senior automotive engineer in highway truck engineering and advanced through various positions up to Chief Engineer and finally then Vice President- Project Engineering. His most exciting accomplishment was overseeing the construction of the Mack HQ Test Track.

Al donated his talents (woodwork, upholstery, painting, plastering, mechanical and electrical repair) to his neighbors, friends, family, the Allentown Symphony, Allentown's Council of Churches and Calvary Baptist Church. He and Janice had a strong, devoted marriage that lasted nearly 60 years until her death in 2006. He is survived by three children: Cynthia Fischer-

Gatto (Louis Gatto)), Bruce Fischer, Douglas (Janice) Fischer; five grandchildren: Micah (Kim)Fischer, Hannah Sandham, Zachary (Sara)Fischer, Benjamin Fischer, and Matthew Gatto; five great-grandchildren: Josh, Alex, Zuzu, Izzy and Clara; and wonderful extended family.

A Celebration of Life will be at Calvary Baptist Church 4601 W. Tilghman St. Allentown, on Saturday, July 13th at 11:00 A.M..

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Park

Allentown, PA 18102

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
4601 W. Tilghman Street
Allentown, PA 18104

Tribute Wall

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“ *Connie, Andrea, Tim, Scott, & Jenn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Alvin M. Fischer.*



Connie, Andrea, Tim, Scott, & Jenn - July 09, 2024 at 10:37 AM

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“ *Kassidy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvin M. Fischer.*

Kassidy A. - July 01, 2024 at 01:36 PM

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“ *Fondly remember Alvin from Bible study at Calvary Baptist Church. Sincere sympathy to his family and friends. May you seek and find peace in his Savior. Carolyn Stein*

Carolyn Stein - June 25, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *I remember working with Al at Mack. He was an excellent manager and engineer. Our sincere wishes to Doug and the rest of his family. Pat & Larry Doe.*

Lawrence Doe - June 23, 2024 at 08:53 AM