



Alan Randolph Comba

April 10, 1942 - October 8, 2021

Kewanee - Alan Randolph "Randy" Comba, 79, passed away on Friday, October 8, 2021 at Genesis Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, IA, surrounded by his loving daughters.

Randy was born on April 10, 1942 in Pittsburg, PA to the late Louis and Edna (Dye) Comba. In 1946 his family moved to Princeton, IL when Randy was a small child and he fell in love with the area. He was a graduate of Princeton High School, Class of 1960. Randy received his law degree in 1967 from the University of Iowa (Go Hawks) and remained a true-blue Hawkeye fan for life. He married the late Barbara Enberg in Tiskilwa, IL at St. Jude's Episcopal Church on May 27, 1972. He and Barbara resided in Princeton and raised their three daughters, Christina, Cara and Catrina.

As a teenager, Randy worked at Nelson's Grocery Store. Once he finished law school, he worked as the Illinois States Attorney for Bureau County from 1968 to 1976. Upon completion as States Attorney, he opened his own practice in Princeton, A. Randolph Comba Attorney at Law. Randy retired in 2017 and moved from Princeton to Courtyard Village in Kewanee, IL.

Randy was a member of the Princeton Rotary Club and also a member of the Starved Rock Runners Club. He loved Bureau County History and History in general. He enjoyed reading about history and talking to people about history.

He was a very intelligent man and enjoyed sharing his vast knowledge of American History with others. He loved to reminisce about the fun times with friends from childhood. Randy would spend time during the summers as a child with his cousins in Picher, OK where his family was originally from. Creating fond memories of climbing up on the chat piles as a child with his cousins. He became interested in the towns mining history that included his grandparents, aunts and uncles. Randy was passionate about running, you could always see him in the early morning running on Main Street alongside his companion of many years, his golden retriever, Annie. He loved going to Hawkeye games and reliving memories of his college years with his law school gang.

He loved listening to music, especially the oldies like Buddy Holly and Frank Sinatra. He had quite the sweet tooth and loved to try any kind of chocolate dessert. He had a love of funny movies and some of his favorites were Animal House, Blazing Saddles and Caddy Shack. He grew up reading Mad Magazine, one of his very favorite things as a child. He loved collecting beautiful historical pictures and hung them in his home and office so he could see and enjoy them all the time. He also loved trains and you could find him taking the train to travel into Chicago or just for a ride and then back to Princeton. He adored his daughters and was so grateful for their love and care over the past few years.

Randy is survived by his three daughters; Christina (Tony) Isabella of Woodbury, MN, Cara Comba of Davenport, IA and Catrina Comba of Davenport, IA.

Preceding him in death, his parents, Louis and Edna Comba, his wife of forty-five years, Barbara (Enberg) Comba (05.07.2017), and one sister Phyllis Comba.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Starved Rock Runners Club or the Bureau County Historical Society.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Graveside Services to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton, IL, on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Cremation rites accorded.

Online memorials and condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Dear Comba Family, It was with a great sense of loss when we heard of Randy’s passing. We wanted to let you know that you have our greatest sympathy, and our hearts are truly saddened. We enjoyed seeing Randy at Starved Rock Runners road races and events on weekends, eating breakfast with us after a race in Princeton, when he was a Starved Rock Runners member and our friendship during those years. We know that his passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of all those who knew him. We have included Randy & you in our prayers. May God give you strength. Our sincere thoughts & prayers are with you. With our deepest sympathy, Carroll & Lynn Lulay.



Carroll & Lynn Lulay - October 22, 2021 at 12:53 PM

JF

“ Randy recommended that I get my first law-related job at a title company in Champaign while I was going to school, which was the best decision I could have made. He always had time for me when I needed advice. I will miss him. His daughters are in my prayers.

Jacob Frost - October 21, 2021 at 06:36 AM

GV

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. He was a great classmate and friend.*

Gloria VanDen Berg



Gloria VanDenBerg - October 20, 2021 at 03:57 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to Randy's family. As a young police officer when Randy was state's attorney and during my years as state's attorney and circuit judge, I always enjoyed and greatly appreciated Randy's company, kindness, support, sincerity, and friendship. He was a man of high integrity and genuine decency who treated others with respect. I shall miss him on a professional and personal basis.*

Circuit Judge Marc Bernabei

Marc Bernabei - October 19, 2021 at 03:00 PM

SS

Our condolences to the family of Randy Comba! Many happy memories of family parties and outings in the VW Van!!!

Susan Stumpf-Glover - October 19, 2021 at 03:34 PM

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Our condolences to Randy's family! So many happy memories our families shared at parties and outings in the VW van!

Susan Stumpf-Glover - October 19, 2021 at 03:36 PM

JS

My sympathy to Randy's daughters and family members. I have many happy memories of the road trips we took together over the years to races in Iowa and Illinois. Randy always ran for all the right reasons. His stories were always entertaining.

John Steele - October 20, 2021 at 05:36 PM

DC

Cara, my deepest sympathy to you, Catrina and the rest of your family for the loss of your father. While I did not know him personally, I feel I knew him through your stories and remembrances. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Deb Castillo

Deb Castillo - October 20, 2021 at 06:26 PM