



## Allan J. Zmyslowski

September 21, 1954 - March 28, 2019

Allan J. Zmyslowski, of San Jose, California, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2019, at the age of 64. He was born September 21, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Felix and Sophie Zmyslowski. Dearest brother of Janis (Richard) Halama. Loving uncle of Michael Halama, Brian Halama, and great uncle of Ethan Halama. Alan was a longtime employee of Fujitsu where he served as vice president of engineering. He also enjoyed dabbling in investments and was a member of the American Association of Individual Investors.

Visitation Sunday April 7, 2019 2-8 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. Friends and family will gather Monday April 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home prior to an 11 a.m. funeral service.

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wasik Funeral Home-Warren Chapel  
11470 E 13 Mile Rd, Warren, MI, US, 48093

**APR** **Gathering at Funeral Home** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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**APR** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I'm in Los Altos California and was out for a walk this morning and saw some textbooks that were set out for donation at a community center that looked familiar (video attached). As I looked inside, I saw Allan's name. What a big surprise. I also went to GMI and was actually Allan's housemate in a house for a semester. I didn't know him well. He was friends with one of the other guys. I do remember Allan being wicked wicked smart. Out of my league. So, no surprise that he ended up as SVP at Fujitsu. So sad to see that he has passed. Rest in peace and prayers to all those that loved him.

Bill Somers



Bill Somers - August 25, 2019 at 03:09 PM

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“ To AI's family and friends, please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. I joined Fujitsu almost 2 years ago as the Head of our Platform Products Group, and had the great pleasure of having AI on my leadership team. "AI Z.", as he was affectionately known even by people who hadn't met him in person, was a bedrock of our organization. The IT industry can be a bit stressful, but AI always led our Engineering and Support organization with his easy going style and his and impalpable calm. It's really quite difficult to explain the hole he's left in both the organization and in the hearts of those who had the opportunity to know him, to work with him, or to work for him. As you've most likely heard before, AI is irreplaceable. The combination of his technical expertise, his leadership abilities, his kindness, and his passion for the business were unique to AI. We will find a way forward, but we will always feel his absence.

Rest in peace AI.

Heather Engen

Heather Engen - April 08, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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“ AI was my coach, mentor and manager for 16+ years. Am indebted to him for everything that he taught me over the years. There's so many nice things to share about AI based on my experience working under

him. AI always treated everyone with respect, dignity and decency. He never made people go to him, instead he would go to people. AI was simple, good natured and always willing to help, guide and support

others. AI used to practice saying and pronouncing difficult employee names including my own so that he could get it right. This trait in itself speaks volumes about AI the person.

In all the years I worked under AI, he always made himself available despite his crazy meeting schedules. AI's wit and sense of humor was always entertaining and a stress reliever.

AI had a very endearing way of assigning action items by walking over and calling out to his "buddy" Rajesh that's when I knew .. oh.. oh.. it's trouble/action item time. He always said "I always have time for you my friend" whenever I approached him for guidance and support. Will always cherish these memories of AI.

Boss, you will be deeply missed by your entire team. God bless you AI and may you rest in peace.

My deepest condolences to AI's sister, brother-in-law and nephews.

Sincerely,

Rajesh Sundaram



Rajesh Sundaram - April 08, 2019 at 11:27 AM

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“ I worked with AI for 17 years at Fujitsu. In every successful organization there are silent giants that operate behind the scenes to move a company forward. At Fujitsu America, that giant was AI Zmyslowski.

AI joined Amdahl Corporation in 1979 and then it became Fujitsu in the 1990's. Whether you sold Enterprise or Mobile products, AI's influence & brilliance helped make virtually every Fujitsu product perform better and last longer, which has led to their well-earned reputation as a manufacturer of the highest quality in this country and abroad.

It was the teams run by AI that addressed the problems, issues and challenges that our customers experience every day. He hired, managed, mentored hundreds of people over his decades at Fujitsu. He worked with Fujitsu peers around the globe and was the engineering focal point for virtually all of our Partner relationships.

The scope of his responsibilities was staggering. As SVP of Engineering, all roads led to AI when customers and partners encountered a problem, wanted to integrate Fujitsu into a new solution or needed added functionality to a product. His fingerprints are on virtually everything we sell and have sold.

His love and passion for his organization and its long term success will never disappear. His DNA is forever imprinted on Fujitsu and will forever be a shining example in how we conduct our business and more importantly work with our customers, partners and colleagues. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and he will be missed but not forgotten.....Rest in Peace AI.

Larry D'Onofrio

Larry D'Onofrio - April 07, 2019 at 12:07 AM

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“ It was with great sadness that I heard of Al Z’s passing. I was one of Al’s roomies and pals when we were studying engineering at General Motors Institute. Al, myself, and our other roomie Joe Karner had a lot of laughs at our townhouse at the Ambassador Arms West – sometimes bordering on hysteria due to the intense pressure from finals at GMI.

Al was the co-best man at my wedding. My wife Maureen and I got married on the beach down in Half Moon Bay just south of San Francisco, not to far from Santa Clara/Mountainview when he was working for Amdahl.

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Maureen and I live in Ottawa, Canada. I was working for Nortel at the time and doing a lot of work for PacTel down in the Bay Area. On my time off, I enjoyed checking out the coast between SF and San Jose and stumbled across Half Moon Bay. I thought it was a really cool place, and I remembered thinking “if I ever get married, I want to do it on the beach in HMB.”

I knew Al lived in the Bay Area, and without hesitation he agreed to be my best man. I think I only saw Al once after that on a business trip, but I have great memories of our times at GMI and at the wedding. Al, you will be missed.

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**John Omura** - April 06, 2019 at 04:32 PM

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“ I met Al through the Storage Networking Industry Association and his service on the Board of Directors. Al was intelligent, thoughtful, and deliberate - who could make you laugh when you least expected to! He left us far too soon, and I will miss him very much. My deepest condolences and thoughts of loving memories to your family.  
Marty Foltyn

**Marty Foltyn** - April 03, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy at the passing of Al. We knew him from Detroit when he and my brother Jim hung out doing crazy things. He was a great guy and will be missed.

**Kathy (Burns) Conrad** - April 04, 2019 at 05:14 PM



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Christine Huynh - April 03, 2019 at 12:41 AM

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Christine Huynh - April 03, 2019 at 12:18 AM

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“ From the Board of Directors of the Silicon Valley Chapter of AAI (American Association of Individual Investors- an investing education non profit powered by volunteers) where AI was a board member. We the board deeply regrets the unexpected passing of AI. He had a high degree of commitment to the core mission of the organization. He was the leader of the Computerized Investment sub group. He actively participated in all activities of our chapter and provided the highest degree of leadership from board meeting duties to in depth presentations and providing outstanding technical support for the board and our membership. We had significant confidence in any thing he tackled. We will miss him as an individual. a friend and mourn his passing.

Board President Lynn Gillette, members Fred Smith, Asok Datla, Richard Oehlberg, Roland Chow, Don Stewart, Debra Stykes, Celia House, Jingwen-Cai, and William Jump.

Additionally, Brain Livingston a leader of the Puget Sound Chapter joins us in condolences for AI.

Submitted by William Jump (wljump@charter.net) on behalf of the AAI Silicon Valley Board

William L Jump - April 02, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ Al Z & I met in high school, in 1969, where we attended many classes together over 3 years. We've remained close friends ever since. After I graduated from college, in 1976, Al & I were roommates for a year, while he completed his '5th Year Project' at GMI.

Al & I shared many fun adventures together, including many camping trips. He even participated in one memorable 9-day backpacking trip. Al & I went on a trip to Asia (Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, & Hong Kong) in 1985, where I met my wife, Gwen.

I am extremely saddened by the loss of one of my closest and longest friends. I have many memories to help me get through the sadness.

Jim Burns

**James Burns** - April 02, 2019 at 01:29 PM

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“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Al Z. I'll remember his staff meetings in PPG at Fujitsu America, which were held in Amdahl's style, and his assistance in SNIA activities. I last saw him a year ago during my departure from Fujitsu.

Alan will be truly missed by all those who know him and had the opportunity to work with him.

My deepest condolences to Al's family .

Mikhail Popov - Former Director of System Software Group at Fujitsu (2005-2018)

**Mikhail Popov** - April 02, 2019 at 12:07 PM

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**Richard McCormack** - April 01, 2019 at 07:00 PM



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**Richard McCormack** - April 01, 2019 at 08:29 PM

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**Wayne Adams** - April 01, 2019 at 12:19 PM

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“ Not one to speak in riddles, Al's straight-forward sly wit and easy-going, non-threatening manor made him a pleasure to work with. Storage will miss you. - Skip Jones, Retired

**Skip Jones** - April 01, 2019 at 11:26 AM

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“ It was my professional privilege to work with and be a colleague of "Al Z." He had a regular routine of calling people "my friend" when in conversation with them. It was my honor to reciprocate and address him as "my friend."

Those of us on the Board of SNIA at the time will likely never forget the Board dinner in Eden Prarie when Al took the "sake bomb" to a whole new level. So many fond memories - frequently working with Al and Michael Meleedy in the dining rooms of hotel dining rooms on the SNIA budget. Finished in time for breakfast and presentations.

My condolences to Al's family and other friends. The SNIA, members, and the IT industry has lost such a dedicated and terrific person

Leo Leger - Former SNIA Executive Director (Retired)

Leo Leger - March 31, 2019 at 09:50 PM

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“ I worked with Al for the last 10 years as he served as a volunteer at the Storage Networking Industry Association, most recently as our Treasurer. Al was a true gentleman - a wonderful volunteer for our Association and a great guy to work with.

We will miss him dearly.

--Michael Meleedy, SNIA

Michael Meleedy - March 31, 2019 at 02:02 PM