



## Alison Long Banister

June 24, 1958 - April 28, 2020

Alison Long Banister, age 61, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Alison was born in York, PA on June 24, 1958, the first child of Eleanor (Kindig) and Ralph Ziegler, Jr. The family moved to Birmingham, MI in 1966. Many of her childhood summers were spent at church camp; first as a camper and later, as a counselor. Alison's adventurous spirit drew her to working with horses, teaching the younger children to ride.

After graduating from Seaholm High School, Alison attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She majored in Psychology, but her love of horses continued with her involvement in their equestrian program.

Alison married Mark Banister shortly after graduation, moving to Farmington, MI. It was there they raised their 3 children.

Alison will be remembered for her forthright personality, her tremendous sense of humor, described as a force of nature, with a laugh that made everyone around her smile. She had enormous conviction in her faith, and her servant spirit was felt by many she encountered in her life. Alison was a loving and devoted mother, daughter, sister, and friend who was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Alison was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Ziegler, Jr. She is survived by her children: Daniel, Ryan, and Lindsay; her mother, Eleanor; her former husband Mark; her brothers: Ralph III (Julie) and George (Lisa); her sister, Meg Pryor; her former mother-in-law, Jean; and her many nieces and nephews.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of Alison's life will be held a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Alison's memory to HOME OF HOPE, Delmarva Adult and Teen Challenge, PO Box 1271, Seaford, DE 19973, or Ascension St. John Foundation, 19251 Mack Avenue, Suite 102, Grosse Pointe Woods,

MI 48236.

# Comments

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“ Being four years younger, my spending time with an older kid was a big deal. I remember Alison taking me to the playground at Midvale. The bandages on my recently scraped knees prevented me from bending them, so Alison energetically pushed me on the swing, running underneath me to be sure I soared ever higher.

When teenage Alison came with her family to visit my family in California, I was so flattered when Alison asked to listen to my Dueling Banjos album, over and over again. This young kid felt pretty cool. I still have that Dueling Banjos album - - I will play it a little longer next time. I will be smiling with you, Alison!

Kim Bechler

Kim Bechler - May 28, 2020 at 12:52 AM

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“ We have happy memories of a bubbly Michigan teenager who always made us feel so happy when we saw her. To all her family, please know how much we care.

Trudie and John Steel

Trudie Steel - May 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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“ Alison was my first friend when we moved to Birmingham, Mich. in the middle of the 5th grade. We laughed, played guitars, rode bikes around the neighborhood, got carpooled to jr. high and got into a little trouble at our first "teen" parties. We had a blast! Carry on, Alison. XO Donna Watton de Kuyper

Donna Watton de Kuyper - May 15, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ Alison, your spirit was present at today's service! PTL!!!



**Catherine Fischer** - May 14, 2020 at 11:46 PM