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## Alan Osmond, eldest member of The Osmonds, dies at 76

### Description

Alan Osmond, the oldest member of the famous family singing group The Osmonds, has died at the age of 76. His family praised him for his significant role in their success, saying he "quietly carried so much responsibility" for them.

The cause of death has not been disclosed. Donny Osmond, the most well-known of Alan's siblings alongside sister Marie, shared a black-and-white photo of Alan, describing him as the family's rock and protector. Donny, 68, said that Alan was always watching over him and was a guiding presence in his life.

Alan was seen as a leader within the group, whose hard work contributed to their achievements. The Osmonds were initially a boy band with brothers Alan, Wayne, Merrill, and Jay, known for their barbershop quartet style. Younger brothers Donny and Jimmy later joined, while sister Marie achieved success in her own career before teaming up with Donny for their widely popular variety show, "Donny & Marie," which aired from 1976 to 1979.

The Osmonds achieved significant success on the music charts, with 13 songs reaching the Billboard Hot 100, including the number one hit "One Bad Apple." Donny expressed deep gratitude for Alan's sacrifices and love, saying he owed him more than he could express.

Merrill Osmond, 72, urged fans to celebrate Alan's life, highlighting his strong faith in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He encouraged others not to grieve but to rejoice in the legacy left by Alan.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **responsibility** //rɪˌspɑːnsəˈbɪlɪti// (noun): a duty you must do or take care of
2. **legacy** //ˈleɪɡəsi// (noun): things someone leaves for others after death
3. **sacrifices** //ˈsækrəˌfaɪsɪz// (noun): things given up to help others or succeed
4. **contributed** //kənˈtrɪbjʊtɪd// (verb): helped to cause or provide something
5. **disclosed** //dɪsˈklɔʊzd// (verb): made information known to other people
6. **praised** //preɪzd// (verb): said something good about someone or something

### Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What was Alan Osmond's age at the time of his death?  
Option: 68  
Option: 76  
Option: 72  
Option: 64
2. Who described Alan Osmond as the family's rock and protector?  
Option: Merrill Osmond  
Option: Wayne Osmond  
Option: Donny Osmond  
Option: Jimmy Osmond
3. How many songs by The Osmonds reached the Billboard Hot 100?  
Option: 10  
Option: 13  
Option: 15  
Option: 20
4. What was the title of the variety show that Donny and Marie teamed up for?  
Option: The Osmonds Show  
Option: Donny & Marie  
Option: The Donny Show  
Option: Marie & Donny
5. What style of music were The Osmonds known for initially?  
Option: Pop  
Option: Rock  
Option: Barbershop quartet  
Option: Country
6. In which years did the variety show 'Donny & Marie' air?  
Option: 1970-1973  
Option: 1976-1979  
Option: 1980-1983  
Option: 1985-1988



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### True-False

7. Alan Osmond was the youngest member of The Osmonds.
8. Donny Osmond shared a color photo of Alan after his death.
9. Merrill Osmond encouraged fans to grieve Alan's passing.
10. Alan Osmond took on a significant role in the family's success.
11. Alan was part of the initial boy band lineup of The Osmonds.
12. Alan Osmond was known for his contributions to the music charts.

### Gap-Fill

13. Alan Osmond was known as the oldest member of The Osmonds and died at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Donny Osmond described Alan as a rock and \_\_\_\_\_ for the family.
15. The variety show 'Donny & Marie' aired from 1976 to \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The Osmonds initially started as a boy \_\_\_\_\_ known for their barbershop quartet style.
17. Merrill Osmond highlighted Alan's strong faith in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The Osmonds had 13 songs reach the Billboard Hot \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. 76 2. Donny Osmond 3. 13 4. Donny & Marie 5. Barbershop quartet 6. 1976-1979  
**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. True  
**Gap-Fill:** 13. 76 14. protector 15. 1979 16. band 17. Saints 18. 100



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What type of event is focused on showcasing art or artifacts?  
Option: Conferment  
Option: Exhibition  
Option: Dissemination  
Option: Auction
2. Who is responsible for organizing exhibitions in a museum or gallery?  
Option: Artist  
Option: Curator  
Option: Visitor  
Option: Blogger
3. What quality is often associated with continuing efforts despite difficulties?  
Option: Apathy  
Option: Perseverance  
Option: Indifference  
Option: Procrastination
4. What term describes visually descriptive language used to create a mental picture?  
Option: Dialogue  
Option: Imagery  
Option: Monologue  
Option: Narrative
5. What is the term for the force that draws objects or people together?  
Option: Repulsion  
Option: Attraction  
Option: Compression  
Option: Expansion
6. What term refers to someone who has passed away?



- Option: Alive
- Option: Deceased
- Option: Elderly
- Option: Youthful

7. What term refers to the act of intentionally causing one's own death?

- Option: Homicide
- Option: Suicide
- Option: Cide
- Option: Regicide

8. What is it called when items are sold to the highest bidder?

- Option: Auctioned
- Option: Donated
- Option: Repossessed
- Option: Exhibited

9. What is the term for those who make offers to buy items in an auction?

- Option: Vendors
- Option: Sellers
- Option: Bidders
- Option: Buyers

10. What word describes a sudden, strong expression of feelings or emotions?

- Option: Outpouring
- Option: Flow
- Option: Surface
- Option: Trickle

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. Taking care of others often comes with great \_\_\_\_\_ .
12. The author's published works became a significant part of their \_\_\_\_\_ .
13. In order to achieve success, many make personal \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. Many individuals \_\_\_\_\_ to the charity's success through donations.
15. The information was \_\_\_\_\_ to the public in a formal announcement.



16. The artist was \_\_\_\_\_ for their innovative work in the exhibit.
17. An unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ occurred during the heated debate.
18. The argument quickly \_\_\_\_\_ into a full-blown fight.
19. The long-standing \_\_\_\_\_ between the two teams intensified during the finals.
20. The television show was carefully \_\_\_\_\_ to meet audience expectations.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The athlete maintained a high level of performance throughout the season.
22. The crowd was filled with excitement and suspense before the concert began.
23. The garden was overflowing with a variety of flowers and plants.
24. The teacher motivates students to explore their interests and talents.
25. Her explanation brought a clear understanding of the complex topic.
26. The company is known for its unique and forward-thinking products.
27. He decided to leave everything behind and start anew in a different city.
28. There was a pressing need to address the issues faced by the community.
29. The family held a memorial service to honor their loved one who had passed away.
30. The bank took back ownership of the house after the owner defaulted on payments.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Exhibition 2. Curator 3. Perseverance 4. Imagery 5. Attraction 6. Deceased 7. Suicide  
8. Auctioned 9. Bidders 10. Outpouring

**Gap-Fill:** 11. responsibility 12. legacy 13. sacrifices 14. contributed 15. disclosed 16. praised 17. altercation  
18. escalated 19. rivalry 20. scripted

**Matching sentence:** 1. sustained 2. anticipation 3. abundance 4. encourages 5. clarity 6. innovative 7.  
abandon 8. urgency 9. deceased 10. repossessed



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