

50 Reasons Why We Love Alison

Dear Alison,

Phil and I have known you for 26 years now, meeting you at our wedding. We BOTH have treasured your friendship through all the seasons of our lives. You are really such a dear and wonderful friend. Really, you are “family”.

In 26 years there have been thousands of reasons why we have loved you. Let me, right here, mention just 50.

- We loved our 3 day hike down into the bottom of the Grand Canyon in 1984.
- I loved the season that we played golf every week together at Coronado Golf Course (until our pregnancies took us to different activities)
- We love that we raised our families together. We love that our girls had two brothers in Paul and Johnny. And an “auntie” in you. We love all the hikes, the camping trips, the trip to Coronado Island with the 4th of July Parade and Sea World where we all got splashed and you were on the Big Screen.
- We loved our Sunday night family dinners together and our Thanksgivings, Easter, Christmases...

Alison, you have been the hub of your family and always embracing our family among yours. And for that, Phil and I are grateful. But you have also been MY own very dearest girlfriend. I have always admired your gracious strength. You have the ability to confront challenges rationally and fairly. You are always there for me with a listening ear. You have a beautiful love of life, a love of people, and the love of a good story. And you have a unique gift of gab—clever, intelligent, funny. You are naturally beautiful but it mostly glows from the inside.

I have treasured my friendship with you, Alison, and it feels good to have an excuse to express it.

All Happiness to you, Betsy and Phil Lovell