



## William "Alex" Richard Alexander

September 22, 1953 - May 24, 2026

William "Alex" Richard Alexander, age 72, of Cumming, GA, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 24th, 2026, surrounded by his two children after a long fight with cancer.

He was born on September 22, 1953, in Muncie, IN to Ramon and Deborah (Dieden) Alexander. He grew up in Indiana and went on to live a life full of love for his family and friends, service to his community and church, and devotion to His Lord, Jesus Christ. William, best known by all as "Alex", was an incredibly talented chef, storyteller, music lover, and sports enthusiast. His presence brought joy and comfort to all who knew him.

William Alexander was known for his generosity, showmanship, strength, and loyalty. He enjoyed IndyCar Racing, and Notre Dame football most of all and these two hobbies followed him his whole life. His final day on Earth came to an end just a few short hours after the checkered flag waved on this year's Indy500, a main staple in his life. "Alex" was also charitable, sharing time and resources with several children's and medical groups, and patriotic organizations.

He is survived by his children Ashley Ratliff (husband, Jason) of Tuscaloosa, AL, Blake Alexander (wife, Lindsey) of Fairhope, AL; grandchildren Sidalee, John Hendrix, and Sawyer Ratliff; and Natalie and Sophie Alexander; and siblings Mike Alexander (wife, Frances) of Chicago, IL, and Ruth Marcus (husband, Steven) of Miami, FL. He also had three nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A traditional Catholic Funeral Mass will be held at 1:00pm on July 17th, 2026, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church located at 3740 Holtzclaw Rd., Cumming, GA 30041. All are welcome but for those unable to join, the funeral will be live streamed on the church website ([www.gsrcc.net](http://www.gsrcc.net)).

Memorial contributions may be sent to Good Shepherd Catholic Church, and we will hold a Celebration of Life after the service at Cherry Street located in nearby Vickery Village.

“Alex” will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those who loved him.

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral Mass

JUL 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Good Shepherd  
3740 Holtzclaw Rd  
Cumming, GA 30041

## Celebration of Life

JUL 17 (ET)

Cherry Street Brewing at Vickery Village - Home of Rick Tanner's  
5810 Bond Street  
Cumming, GA 30040

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ My family, the Wares, were very close with the Alexander family while we were growing up as kids. I looked at Bill, Mike, and Ruth as extra siblings. We went on many adventures together, weekend trips, a couple of big trips out to Colorado, and camping at Monroe Reservoir in Indiana. Boy did we have a lot of fun! As we all got older and scattered across the country, that friendship held strong. As flawed as we all are, Bill had had some qualities that I always cherished. Bill was always ready with a radiant smile and wonderful hug upon greeting, and ready with a joke to brighten your spirits. These were gifts that Bill shared with readily, and I will always remember fondly. Rest in Peace my friend!



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**Katherine Ware** - June 11 at 08:48 AM

LW

“ I am Liz Bill's cousin. We lived across the street from the Alexander's. We had many wonderful memories of our childhood with Bill, Mike and Ruth. Bill was an avid Indy 500 fan as well as loving Notre Dame football. He loved his family and his dear friends. I will always remember his kind soul, such a funny guy and all around great man! God Bless Bill's family, friends and know you are hanging with and surrounded by a great crowd in heaven!

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**Liz Wright** - June 07 at 01:48 PM

KA

“ When I think about Alex and the memory he leaves behind, a smile instantly fills my face. Alex was my patient a few times at Encompass and I would be writing all night if I shared every laugh, every story, and every noteworthy encounter with him. Alex was the type of guy who you could always count on to brighten your day- the type of person you purposefully put at the end of your schedule/day so you can leave with a smile and in a good mood, or someone you see at the beginning of the day to get you going or start the day off right. Alex never hesitated to ask about my life and the things I may have had going on outside of work. In the gym, he wanted the rock music loud, and to get the older ladies smiling. To know Alex was to love him. I hope Daisy was there to meet you at the pearly gates! You will be missed!! With love, Kasey Ambriz



Kasey Ambriz - June 05 at 08:20 PM

BA

Thank you so much for treating him at Encompass and the kind words!  
- Blake A.

Blake Alexander - June 09 at 09:08 AM