



Alexander Pal

November 7, 1960 - March 12, 2019

Alexander Pal, age 58, of Royal Oak, passed away March 12, 2019. Survived by his loving brother Gabriel Pal and his wife Takako Shigematsu Pal, his nephew Gabriel and niece Magdalena. Also survived by his beloved fiancée Charlene Govaere, her children Benjamin and Jasmine Govaere, and extended family in Hungary, Germany and Argentina. Predeceased by his parents Gabriel and Carolina Pal.

Alexander was employed as a mechanical engineer for General Dynamics, where he was involved in the development of the A-1 Abrams tank. He also was a tremendously talented painter and photographer, as well as a gifted musician, who wrote and composed his own music. A widely renowned Tango dancer, Alexander will be remembered for his passion and grace in the Tango community.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 31st from 1 pm until time of the memorial service 3 pm, at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. A luncheon with dancing will follow at City Style Tango, 164 E Maple Road, Troy, MI 48083, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Memorials to ASPCA (www.asPCA.org) or Lymphoma Research Foundation – Mantle Cell Lymphoma (www.lymphoma.org) are appreciated.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Memorial Service

MAR 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ My last memory of Alex took place in December at Mary Duprie's Tango Studio. We sat on a comfortable bench as the soft music played in the background. It was the first time we had a full conversation in the language we both grew up speaking, Spanish. As always, I asked him how he was feeling and if he was eating. A question I asked him often whenever we saw each other. A couple of times I cooked for Alex. I made meatloaf and purchased tamales for Alex. My friend Jean Boyer took the food to him. I later asked her. "Did he eat the food? She responded, "He ate it all! I later found out that he was a vegetarian!

He never expressed frustration or appeared irritated in being asked the same repetitive question whenever we encountered each other. Instead, always with a smile he politely responded the same.

"I'm doing ok."

You know, there was a time when I was upset with Alex. One evening, many years ago, I approached him and asked him why he never asked me to dance. He responded, "I will when you get better." I was so upset with him, but in retrospect, his comment made me become a better dancer. I was determined to prove to him that I could dance tango.

Months later, one evening Alex gave me a "Cabeceo" with a glint in his eyes. A "Cabeceo" is the signal a gentleman gives to a lady when asking for a dance. In astonishment I stood up and exclaimed, "Alex, you asked me to dance!"

He responded with just a few words, "I saw you dancing with Danny, referring to Daniel Moreno, a Champion Tango Dancer. I felt like I had just walked

across a commencement stage and received my diploma. I was no longer upset with Alex.

That last evening in December we spoke about tango. It was apparent that his passion for the dance had not faltered. The beauty of Tango is that it represents the connection we feel as men and women. As human beings. Alex connected with so many people as I felt connected with him that evening when we spoke in a language we both loved. Rest in Peace Alex. Descanse en Paz, Alex. Even though our spiritual beliefs were different, I feel that when we meet again he will respond. "I'm doing ok."

*Iraida Garcia
"Mita"*

Iraida Garcia - March 31, 2019 at 08:35 PM

AM

“ <3 R.I.P Alex. I'm so happy to have known such a loving, kind, encouraging Man. I'll never forget all the sweet times, even when I was a little girl. You always put a smile on everyone's face. I'll dance a tanda with you again

<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/m/obituaries/Alexander-Pa/ Memories>



Amanda - March 31, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alexander Pal.



March 30, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ We will remember Alex as such a warm friendly person. He was a very ardent supporter of the tango community. Our sincere sympathy to Charlene and family. Our love to you always, Mike and Penny Nyberg

Mike Nyberg - March 29, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' was purchased for the family of Alexander Pal.



March 24, 2019 at 11:42 AM

AA

“ Alexander was a wonderful man and neighbor. He was always inviting and lending an ear when my family needed to talk. My kids loved his homemade potato fries. They thought they were the best! We were so happy when Alexander found his true love Charlene. (coincidentally, Charlene works with my husband Matt). It truly is a small world.

Alexander will truly be missed.

Everyone is in our thoughts and prayers,

Matt and Allyson Andrews & family

Allyson Andrews - March 20, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Alexander Pal.



March 18, 2019 at 07:22 AM

LK

“ Always loved, cherished and remembered for so many wonderful qualities. Alex was a special man in our lives. He will always hold so many wonderful memories and love in our hearts. God bless all of his loved ones.

Lori and Joe Kassin

Lori and Joe Kassin - March 18, 2019 at 07:15 AM

JC

“ We will remember Alex’s presence, warm smile, energy and kindness to all at the milongas in the past and will miss them in the future. We know he’ll be with us in spirit and always in our hearts. We hope to dance again with you one day, dear friend. Our heartfelt sympathy and love to his loving family.

John & Norah Cimaglia - March 17, 2019 at 11:31 PM

HC

“ Alex will be remembered for his gentle manner, myriad talents, and ardent support for Argentine Tango. He will be sorely missed. Helen Corrigan

Helen Corrigan - March 16, 2019 at 07:59 PM

SM

“ Alex's engaging smile, his bright laughter, and his gentle soul will be with us forever.
- Suzanne and Douglas MacGeorge

Suzanne and Doug MacGeorge - March 16, 2019 at 07:14 PM