



## William Alexander

April 6, 1945 - November 24, 2008

William Francis Alexander, Sr., known as "Bill" to family and "Alex" to friends and co-workers, died Monday, November 24th at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, surrounded by his family and life partner. William was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, on April 6, 1945, to Lloyd and Margaret Alexander. He is survived by sons William Jr., Brian, and Timothy, Daughter Rebecca, grandchildren Ashleigh, Raleigh, Amber, Peyton, and Jame, and life partner Denise Roberts.

William was a Support Account Manager at SAP for 12 years with many outstanding successes. He positively touched many people through his insights and wisdom during his career and was respected for his leadership and mentoring abilities. Prior to this, William had a very distinguished career at IBM for 30 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed antiquing, woodworking, hunting, camping, and skiing.

Friends may call at the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA 19468, on Sunday, November 30, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Burial will be held on Tuesday morning, December 2, 2008 in the Wyoming County Cemetery, Paw Paw Illinois, 61353 at 10AM. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Penn Lung Center, c/o Maryl Kreider, 3400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

He will be dearly missed by family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

HL

“ *A very great friend and colleague.*

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**Howard Lewis** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DC

“ *I have the honor of both calling Alex a friend and being his friend. I am thankful that I know Alex and we were able to share thoughts on life, family and work. Alex, you are truly missed.*

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**Don Copeland** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MJ

“ *Sorry to hear about Alex's passing, he certainly had an impact on my career at SAP and more importantly as a friend. Sure going to miss those fun lunches we had together with Denise at SAP. May he rest in peace. Mark*

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**Mark Jalkiewicz** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MT

“ *I was so very sorry to hear the news about Alex's passing - I had seen him a few months ago at the lake and we were planning to get together this Christmas. I knew him at both work (SAP) and at Hideaway (Lake in Texas), where he was my neighbor across the street. He was always upbeat and very gracious, and he had a wonderful sense of humor. We often shared work stories and discussed what we had been working on with customers. His faith, hope and positive attitude were amazing, even when I knew he was not feeling well. He was an inspiration to us all - and we will sorely miss his wonderful smile and 'love of life'. During this difficult time, we'll be praying for his family and remembering the man who was our friend, neighbor and co-worker.*

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**Mark Pyatt** - [thepyatts@verizon.net](mailto:thepyatts@verizon.net) - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BK

“ To the family and friends of Bill.

*Bill and I started first grade together at Cyclone School in rural Paw Paw. We were friends all the years we spent in our class of '63. Bill left Paw Paw after his junior year and would have been the only one I went all the way through school with had he stayed. When we were in country school we use to visit each other's homes. I remember Bill was especially proud of his Indian heritage. We were always kind to each other and always felt we had a bond as we were the only two in our first grade class!*

*Several years ago Bill visited Paw Paw since he had work near here. I think it must have been 30 years since we had seen each other. We talked non stop for about 2 hours. It was so good to see him and catch up on each others lives.*

*I had emailed him a few times and he stated he had a rare lung disease but would be okay and planned to live to 104 and then come back to Paw Paw to be buried.*

*I extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. I am proud to have known him and call him my friend.*

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**Betty (Delp) Kaiser** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ Alex

*It was a pleasure to have worked with, and known you, even for such a short time. Your tremendous experience, keen eye and enthusiasm were always an inspiration even in times of severe adversity.*

*Denise, William Jr, Brian, Timothy and Rebecca, our thoughts are with you in this time of tremendous sadness.*

*We knew Alex as an optimist and a fighter to the end and in his struggle with this condition that was never more obvious and something that everyone admired.*

*We are very glad that we met and knew Alex and had the opportunity to share at least share some time with him.*

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**Clinton & Matthew Jones - [clintonj@ieee.org](mailto:clintonj@ieee.org) - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM**

MD

“ *I did not know Alex very well but I recently had dinner with him and Denise. My husband Bill and I had a lot of fun with Alex. He was a very nice man and I know he will be missed very much by all who knew him.*

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**Mary DeHaven - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM**

RM

“ *The Meyer family sends its condolences. Alex was one of the very finest souls ever encountered and set high standards for friendship, honor and the day to day practise of goodwill. Our prayers go with you.*

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**Ray Meyer - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM**

YY

“ I had the honor and pleasure to know Alex briefly. It was a sad shock to hear of Alex's unexpected sudden passing. All our mutual SAP colleagues were so hopeful that Alex was so close to celebrating getting better with his family. The short time I knew Alex I found him to be a great colleague and a good honorable man. May the grace of the Almighty surround, embrace and guide his soul to eternal peace. My sincerest and deepest sympathies to all who knew Alex.

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Yaser Alkhatib - [ya.alkhatib@sap.com](mailto:ya.alkhatib@sap.com) - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

KS

“ I was extremely saddened and a bit shocked by the passing away of Alex as never once did he ever hint or have any doubt at not getting through the operation successfully. Although, I had a very short association with Alex compared to others, it was very enriching and enlightening and Alex's mentorship was absolutely instrumental in making me personally and CMC a success. His calming influence, a positive attitude and the great trait of making everyone comfortable particularly during tense situations has left an indelible mark and were some of the greatest traits I learnt from him. His passing away is an irreparable loss to all of us and will be missed tremendously. I offer my most heartfelt condolences to Denise, all his family members, colleagues and friends who came in contact with Alex one way or the other. My prayers are with everyone and may his soul rest in peace.

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Kayo Sidhwa - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ Christina & I met Alex 2001, when I moved from Germany to the US and joined SAP AGS.

*At this time Alex became not only my coach and mentor but also a friend. His life experience, charming character, friendliness and wisdom touched us everytime.*

*Also when returning to Germany 2 years later we stayed friends.*

*We are proud to have had the chance to share time with Alex and feel with relatives and all his friends the great sorrow & loss.*

*Christina & Junis,  
Heidelberg, Germany*

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**Junis Sufi - junis.sufi@sap.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

AA

“ My sincere condolences at the loss of Alex. I am terribly sorry for his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Alex, what a privilege I had working with you. I always admired your integrity and tenacity. I will never forget the enlightening conversations and your great wisdom.*

*I will always remember you!*

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**Andrea Maspero - andrea.maspero@sap.com** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

CJ

“ What a tremendous loss for everyone that knew Alex. He truly will be missed.

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**Claudette Judd** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

LL

“ When my mother first met Bill, she said, "What a gentleman, and so good looking!" In return, I said, "Yes, he is a gentle man, and he is every bit as handsome on the inside as the outside." As years went by and his Uncle Mel brought Bill more and more into our lives, I understood that everything I love about Mel is what there is to love about Bill. They are truly two of a kind: warm, generous, sincere, intelligent, and yes, thrifty, clean and reverent! For every one of Mel's pheasant hunting memories, I have my own, not the least of which was learning from Bill how to enjoy single malt Scotch, one sip at a time! His wicked sense of humor, the smile that started in his eyes, and appreciation for the finer joys in life (that's where you come in, Denise), all these gifts he leaves with us. Our hotel library holds numerous volumes he found at auction, Mel's office the pheasant-themed memorabilia, and my kitchen cupboard the last sip of single malt I salute you with, Bill. You will always be in our hearts and lives. Love and Godspeed, Auntie Laura

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L. Lowry-Greene - llowgre@columbus-ks.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MM

“ My thoughts are with you. I was a childhood friend and classmate in Paw Paw, Ill. of "Alex," who was my close friend and playmate throughout grammar school. We played "horses," fished and waded in the creek, and played games on the teacher in 4th grade. I have the fondest memories of my good friend, Alex. I will miss him and send you all my love at this time of need. Paw Paw classs of 1963, Mary Ann Fitzpatrick Carter

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Mary Ann Fitzpatrick Carter - marissacarter98@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RP

“ Alex was someone you could always count on for an advice, a word of wisdom, and to cheer you up with a fun anecdote. He will be missed.

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Rafael Perez - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MM

“ William Alexander was many things to many people. To me he was my Nephew, brother, hunting partner and best friend. His mother was my sister and I was there when he was born and watched him grow up and help him in his development. He was always there for me and I always was willing to go anywhere for him. He now has departedd to a place I cannot go just now. But I know he will be waiting for me on the other side with one of his big hugs and one of his smiles which is as wide as the river is long and as deep as the ocean. You will be missed my brother and enjoy your new place with the same love you had here in this life as we know it. May all your happines follow you into this new life where the air is clean and your body be new.  
Leave a few good birds for me when I get there.  
Uncle Mel

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Mel Greene - melgreene@columbus-ks.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

MM

“ I am so terribly, terribly saddened to learn of Bill's passing. I had the pleasure of meeting Bill approx 12 years ago at a Dallas Sidekicks game, where he, his family, and my soon-to-be husband had season tickets. He was a dear friend and mentor to my husband Brent long before I knew him. He was a classy, charming, and gracious man with a wonderful sense of humor. What an honor it was to have him as best man at our wedding. My heart goes out to the children, the grandchildren, Denise, and all who knew and loved him. He will be sorely missed.

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Mary Ann Allen - maallen@us.ibm.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BM

“ *My sincere condolences at the loss of Alex. He was my neighbor and a wonderful man. Whenever I needed help he was always there for me. He was very kind and thoughtful. I will truly miss him. My thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. I know he is traveling to his next journey. God speed Alex. Thank you for allowing me to share in your life.*

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**Brenda Maliniak** - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ *Alex was a friend, mentor, and close colleague. He not only taught me about things SAP, but impacted my personal life in some very positive ways. As I reflect over the years we have known each other, Alex is still teaching me in his death. I will miss Alex. He will certainly be brought to mind in many ways over the time. My Most Sincere Felt Sympathies, Bruce*

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**Bruce bishop** - [bruce.bishop@sap.com](mailto:bruce.bishop@sap.com) - July 19, 2013 at 08:38 AM