



Mark A. Alexander

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Mark A. Alexander, 56, of Decatur, died Thursday, June 30, 2011 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

He was born February 15, 1955 in Brockton, MA, son of E. Nick Alexander and Barbara Hicks Clough. Mark was an accomplished musician and played in several bands including, The Stand, Slip Mahoney and most recently The Hitmen. He also has a book being published in September called "The Wonder Years." He was employed at Greif for 14 years.

Mark is survived by his son, Nick Alexander of Decatur; mother, Barbara J. Clough of Cleveland, TN; favorite aunt and uncle, June and her late husband Dale Coleman who raised Mark; sisters: Cheryl Urbanczyk husband, Ray of Hendersonville, TN and Penny Seeman husband, Claude of Eagle, CO; fiancée, Laura Bruns of Decatur; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Services celebrating his life will be 11 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 2011 in the funeral home. Private burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are suggested to the Decatur Public Library.



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SA

Sandeep posted:

Was required to deevl that hardly any remark just to thanks all over again because of these spectacular techniques you may have provided in this post. It's so particularly generous with people such as you to generate unreservedly what almost everyone might have marketed being an e book to earn some dough for themselves, primarily considering that you have tried it in case you wanted. The tactics also acted being easy way be aware that almost everyone has similar desire just like my own, personal to know quite definitely more about it condition. In fact there are thousands of nicer opportunities beforehand for many who study your blog site post.

October 21 at 2:02 PM

CA

Cheryl Harminsonbrown-Armstrong posted:

My heart goes out to Mark, and his family and friends. It was a short time ago that I had the opportunity to run in to him and meet his fiance and son Nick. I had only saw Mark once in a great while over the past 35 or so years, playing in the Hitman, and many others. i remember Bugtussle, Slp Mahony, American Band, among others for Mark is a FINE musician!! Memories of old Ryan winter Resort. I found out yesterday that you are no longer with us and I sure wish I had known, for I would of been at your life celebration. I also feel blessed that I had the chance to meet your son Nick, WOW what an awesome keyboard player like his Dad long ago I can see you with your long black beautiful hair and your fingers waving through it while the you played the keyboards magically! You will be missed by all that knew you and my prayers go out to your family, your son, fiance, Sandy and Missy too! Until we see each other again, the ANGels are playing Music with you MarkAlex Cisco, IL US

July 24 at 7:00 PM

LH

Lynn Ann Breeze Haney posted:

To all of Alex's family, I hadn't seen Alex for quite awhile. Then, at Decatur Celebration 2010, you both performed, Nick. Thanks for a wonderful memory. He's making some awesome music, now. May you all find peace from his love. Decatur, IL US

July 9 at 7:00 PM



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SB

Suzy Billman posted:

What a great talent and great person. He will be missed so much. My thoughts and prayers for strength are with you and your family. My husband, Barry Billman recently passed away also. He did band demos and recordings for lots of musicians around this area. We are planning to have a Celebration sometime early in September and I was wondering if you would like to have one for Mark at the same time. There will be many old friends around and I know Barry would be happy if we could share that vibe. Please contact me by email if you would be interested. Sincerely, Suzy Billman prairie1@fgi.net, IL US

July 9 at 7:00 PM

JJ

Jim Jones posted:

Thanks for all the tunes and good times Alex! It was just a moment ago...., Austin, TX US

July 6 at 7:00 PM

EM

Elizabeth Simmons Mccoy posted:

You were one of a kind, I met you as a young child and never forgot you. Many thoughts and prayers to your family, for this loss. Chicago, IL US

July 6 at 7:00 PM

SM

Skip & Marcia Moore posted:

Nick, Missy & Sandy.... There was a special place in all your hearts the biggest being Nick.. Skip & I are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our hearts go out to you. Our prayers are with you Nick.. Love Marcia & Skip Decatur, IL US

July 6 at 7:00 PM

KO

Kathy Oleson posted:

So sorry to hear about Mark, I worked with him at Grief. We just got home and was reading the paper and found out. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Again we are so sorry for your loss Oakley, IL US

July 5 at 7:00 PM



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BB

Brian K. Burcham posted:

Remembering the good ole days, and there were some great ones. Decatur, IL US

July 5 at 7:00 PM

SF

Sharon Hicks Ferguson posted:

Thinking of my family and sending prayers as they prepare to greet friends and relatives today and then tomorrow celebrate Mark's life. Memories are of us cousins as children and teens...Zoro existed on Newcastle Drive as well :. Tried to grab some time when Mark's band played Ted's Warehouse in Charleston. It was usually fun! I am sure Mark is making music in heaven! Love, Sharon Arlington, TX US

July 5 at 7:00 PM

GM

Gregg Mcbride posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Even though it has been many years since I saw Mark last, I have many great memories of the times we all spent together in the 70's! Good music great experiences, Bugtussel, Slip Mahoney, Picket, Goviea, Voss, Nichols, Jarros, etc, etc. Rest in Peace Mark..... Houston, TX US

July 4 at 7:00 PM

SP

Sandra Alexander Pulliam posted:

our wedding day August 1, 1974. Riding around in the big old gas guzzling cadillac listening to Bennie and the Jets. Decatur, IL US

July 4 at 7:00 PM

BW

Bonna Woodrum posted:

RIP Mark, old friend. Hope to see you on the other side. Ellsworth, IL US

July 3 at 7:00 PM



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CS

Cathy Simmons posted:

To Mark's family, son Nick and Nick's mother, Melissa. My love and prayers to you all. Nick – although we've never met, I knew your mother well when she dated your father and when she was pregnant with you. My heart goes out to you both. Mark was always kind to me and we had many fun times. As Joel's girlfriend, I spent every available weekend with the Slip Mahoney Band. Me and my sisters, Theresa and Rita, remember our days with Mark and the band as some of the best of our lives. We loved the music, the dancing and the parties. Mark – you are fondly remembered by all the Simmons sisters. I hope to see you on the flip side. With love, Cathy Chicago, IL US

July 3 at 7:00 PM

RP

Roger Pulliam posted:

My one and only brother in law. Everytime we went out you left your wallet at home. Decatur, IL US

July 3 at 7:00 PM

TH

Timothy L. Hamilton posted:

To Mark's Family, Although its been years since Mark & I were friends, Mark shared inspiration Ive never forgotten. A nice man has risen to the greater place. Our day will come. Decatur, IL US

July 2 at 7:00 PM

TH

Teri Strocher Hopkins posted:

I knew Mark first through his cousin Debbie, when we were kids. Later through Slip Mahoney. He was a great musician. My condolences to the family. Decatur, IL US

July 2 at 7:00 PM

BP

Becky Wells Peacock posted:

The world is a lesser place without you but heaven just got a lot more interesting. I was blessed to have known you. My heartfelt condolences to your family. Becky Wells Peacock Elizabeth, CO US

July 2 at 7:00 PM



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SM

Susie Minix posted:

Alex, words cannot express how blessed I have been to be part of your life over the years. We shared many good times and best of all many, many good laughs. You were always there to cheer me up just when I needed it. You always were and always will be one of my best friends forever and ever. I will miss you!! Love ya!!!~~SusieTo Laura, Nick and the rest of the family: I'm sorry for your loss and my thoughts & prayers are with you all. Long Creek, IL US

July 2 at 7:00 PM

CQ

Christy Quintenz posted:

Alex, my friend ~ our love for music brought us together, so glad I got to know you. One of the kindest people I have ever met. You were always willing to share the spotlight. You will be greatly missed, not only for your talent, but for the man you were. I am so blessed to have been your friend. Decatur, IL US

July 2 at 7:00 PM

DE

Dean Alan Evans posted:

My Brother Alex. We traveled many miles together and you provided much joy and happiness through your music & wit. We were friends the min. we met. My thoughts and prayers to all of your family and friends. See you on the next tour! Alan, Keith, Bobby, Dexter, Johnny ect. Highlands Ranch, CO US

July 2 at 7:00 PM

JK

Jon E. King posted:

I remember Mark from 50 years ago when his family lived in the 800 block of West North Street. We had some fun times then, no one was rich, but friendship was worth more than gold. Rest in peace, Zoro... Moweaqua, IL US

July 2 at 7:00 PM

NS

Nancy Scott Strocher posted:

Mark will be missed by all. RIVERVIEW, FL US

July 2 at 7:00 PM



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MB

Marty Brilley posted:

I was so glad to reconnect with Mark after all these years through The Hitmen. Always enjoyed hanging with Alex. A kind person, great musician. Condolences to his family and all who will miss him. I will. Decatur, IL US

July 2 at 7:00 PM

BL

Beth Lahr posted:

I remember Mark playing in Slip Mahoney. My deepest sympathy to friends and family. Taylorville, IL US

July 1 at 7:00 PM

BG

Bill Goveia posted:

I was sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was a good friend and I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones. – Bill Goveia Normal, IL US

July 1 at 7:00 PM

ST

Susan Kuzma-Turner posted:

I knew Alex from way back in the day. He was such a fun guy to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones. Gone, but never forgotten. Rest in Peace Alex. So. Wilmington, IL

July 1 at 7:00 PM

SS

Sheryl Senkiw posted:

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Mark. Minneapolis, MN US

June 30 at 7:00 PM

BH

Brian Harrison posted:

We've lost someone very special. Decatur, IL US

June 30 at 7:00 PM



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CC

Christian Carpenter posted:

One of my best memories of my uncle Mark was him sneaking an Aerosmith cassette to me as a gift. Ever since then I think of Mark whenever Aerosmith comes on the radio, and I always will.
Louisville, KY US

June 30 at 7:00 PM

VW

Vicki Caudill Wiant posted:

Mark will be remembered and sadly missed by everyone who has ever met him. He was a very fun loving and talented man. Decatur, IL US

June 30 at 7:00 PM

WS

Will Smith posted:

Always around if you need something. -Will ,

June 30 at 7:00 PM

PC

Phyllis Chappell posted:

My deepest sympathy goes out to Nick and his family. Alex was much loved by many and will be terribly missed by all. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Phyllis Chappell & family.... Lovington, IL US

June 30 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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