



Alex Klooster Jr.

December 24, 1933 - May 19, 2021

Alex Klooster, Jr., age 87, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, after a four month struggle with bone marrow cancer (MDS).

Alex is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Beverly (nee Kremers) Klooster; his children Mark (Rachel) Klooster, Kelly (Steve) Van Singel, and Eric (Andrea) Klooster; and seven wonderful grandchildren: Brady, Julia, Magdalyn, Gillian, Ryan, Jeremy, and Alyssa.

Alex was born on December 24, 1933, in Charlevoix, Michigan, to Allie and Grace Klooster. He grew up in Ellsworth, Michigan with his younger sister Beverly (previously deceased).

Alex graduated from East Jordan High School in 1952. Working in his father's machine shop after high school, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1954. He served stateside from 1954-1956 at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, Fort Bliss in Texas, and Fort Meade near Washington DC. In 1956, Private Specialist Third Class Alex Klooster received a letter of commendation for outstanding performance of duty as a radar technician. Thanks to his service and the GI Bill, Alex began his engineering studies at Calvin College and completed his MSEE at the University of Michigan in 1965. He then began working at the U of M Willow Run Laboratories, eventually known as the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan (ERIM) where he would work until 1994 as an Electrical Engineer. After retiring from ERIM, Alex enjoyed over twenty years of consultant work for companies such as Coherix in Ann

Arbor.

Alex's experiences, from the machine shop to optical engineering, led him to be able to fix anything, from cars to intricate electronics. He had a fondness for old time radios and cameras which he loved to display and repair. Alex had a vast knowledge and love of classical music and old time radio history. He enjoyed sailing and at one time, was a member of the Michigan Sailing Club. Alex was a diehard University of Michigan fan, and he and his wife, Beverly, had basketball season tickets for many years. Alex loved to travel and he and Bev took many memorable trips: bicycling through the Netherlands, many annual Spring Break trips to Hilton Head Island, SC, and summertime weeks at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, MI. Alex was most recently a member of Trinity Evangelical Presyterian Church where he and Bev enjoyed serving on the Wednesday night dinner crew and attending community outings with other seniors in the Living Lively group. Prior to that he was a long time member of Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church where he assisted with various technologies throughout the church. He also attended Campus Chapel at the University of Michigan, where he met his wife. Recently, he also enjoyed volunteering in the community with Friends In Deed and Friendship Ministries.

The family will receive visitors at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home (46401 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth, MI) from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

The Funeral Service will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021, 11:00am at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church (10101 Ann Arbor Road W, Plymouth, MI). In state at church Monday 10 AM. Private interment will be held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

Memorial contributions can be made in Alex's honor to the "Jeremiah 29:11" scholarship at Calvin University (set up in honor of 2 of his granddaughters living with Autism), 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, Mi 49546-4388, Friends in Deed, 1196 Ecorse Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48198, or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenh.com

In state

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Church
10101 W. Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Service

MAY 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Church
10101 W. Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall

KD

“ Alex and I were schoolmates in Ellsworth, and I enjoyed hanging around his dad's auto repair garage. His mom was one of my mom's good helpers. My brother and I also played with Bev. Attending grad school at MSU, my wife and I sometimes gave her rides home to Ellsworth on weekends. I do genealogy, and just learned that John Van Rhee of Drenthe is a common ancestor of my wife and Alex. Many connections! Sorry we lost track in recent years.

Kenneth Van Dellen - August 24, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ Alex Klooster Jr.

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

KG

“ Alex, you will always be remembered as one of the Greats - the most creative, humble, adventurous, passionate, expert research scientist-engineer, that I had an honor and pleasure to work with!

Kurt Gleichman - June 21, 2021 at 08:35 AM

CP

“ Dearest Beverly, Kelly & family,
I remember meeting Alex when I did respite care for Gilly.
Alex had a tender heart, sweet & loving personality, loved his wife and family, and loved God.
Rest in peace & in the loving arms of Jesus. 💙🙏

Candace Peludat - May 23, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ I loved it when Alex would come into Friends In Deed. He always had a smile and usually some silly joke. His humor was self-deprecating and funny. Sometimes we would slip into politics and happily and respectfully disagree at times. I just loved him. I have missed seeing him these past few months, and I will continued to miss him.

The FID family has lost a true family member.

Sarah Thornburg - May 23, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Alex Klooster Jr..



May 23, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Alex Klooster Jr..



May 22, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Alex Klooster Jr..



May 22, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Alex Klooster Jr..



May 20, 2021 at 08:03 PM