



Alex James Friedman

December 13, 1995 - April 13, 2016

FRIEDMAN

Alex Friedman passed away at home on the early morning of April 13, 2016. He was 20 years old and grew up in Dublin, Ohio.

He is survived by his loving parents Mark and Sara Friedman and his siblings Nick, Lindsay and Kate, as well as a myriad of loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He loved them all.

That's how this should be written.

But who are we kidding? Just like you Alexander, we're going to do this a different way.

Alex deserves an obituary worthy of his life and legacy. He mattered and he'd want to do things his way – the fun way.

He loved the people in his life, God, and constantly sought the thrill of competition. He had natural talent, intelligence and the ability to make you laugh, even when it's the last thing you wanted to do. He was unpredictable, witty and a perpetual surprise. He would say the unexpected and he was always there when it mattered most with a bear hug only he could master. Alex had his own problems but when wrapped up in his arms, the ones who loved him knew they were taken care of.

Alex was an adventurer, a brother, a son, a cousin, a grandson, a friend, a teammate. He loved his family and friends as hard as they loved him.

But, that's not the point here. We're aiming for something Alex would actually say. A man of few words and an extreme dislike for any writing whatsoever, he would keep it short and simple, swagger of course included. That mischievous ornery smile.

Alex, your soul is already with our Lord Jesus Christ. We will never forget you and your

spirit will always be with us.

God has finally relieved your burden.

Family will receive friends on Monday, April 18, 2016 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL 450 W. Olentangy Street Powell, Ohio 43065. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 12:00 PM at BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 501 E. Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 with Pastors Lou Seipel and Jim Lillibridge officiating. To send an online condolence, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

APR 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Broad Street United Methodist Church
501 E Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Tribute Wall



“ *Alex James Friedman*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We heard of your great loss and we pray for you and your family as you continue to work through it. We are so sorry.*
Gary and Becky Custer

Gary & Becky Custer - May 12, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ *Mark, Sara, Nick, Lindsay & Kate. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Brian, Alec, Jordan & Kendal Dooley*

Brian Dooley - April 19, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ *Mark , Sara and Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss and know that Alex has wonderful loving parents & siblings. Words can not express how deeply sadden we are to learn of your loss, you will always be in our prayers.

Mary Ann, Lynn, Doug, Jodie and the entire ROSC family.

Mary Ann Cooney - April 18, 2016 at 06:04 PM



“ *Mark, Sara and Family,*

We were shocked and saddened of Alex's passing. Words cannot express the sorrow we feel. Alex was such an amazing person, so full of life. We have so many "Alex" stories...he will always be remembered.

Our love and support,

Armstrong Family

Beth, Don, Quinn, Tori and Ian

Beth Armstrong - April 18, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Alex James Friedman.



April 18, 2016 at 01:29 PM

PP

“ *Mark, Sara, and Family,*

We were blessed when Nicholas had the chance to play soccer w/ Alex @ DCHS Soccer and thru the many years @ DYA Basketball. Alex was such a strong athlete on and off of the field, he will be truly missed. His heart was always in the right place, a solid athlete and friend.

Our prayers are with ya'll each and every day,

Phil, Michelle, & Nicholas Petruska

Phil Petruska - April 18, 2016 at 01:26 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Alex James Friedman.



April 18, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Alex James Friedman.



April 18, 2016 at 10:44 AM

MW

“ Dear Mark, Sara and family,
So very sorry to hear of this terrible loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. God is holding Alex in his loving arms.
Mary Lynn Whetstone
Ohio Orthopedic Surgery

Mary Lynn Whetstone - April 18, 2016 at 09:19 AM

OL

“ OSU LiFEsports purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket
for the family of Alex James Friedman.



OSU LiFEsports - April 18, 2016 at 09:04 AM

RP

“ Dear Mark and Sara,
Heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this most difficult time. Having lost my son last year I totally understand the pain you are going through and offer my friend ship anytime you are in need of someone to talk to. May you find peace and strength from the good memories of Alex.
Your old Delta Chi friend,
Rich Premec

Richard Premec - April 18, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alex
James Friedman.



April 17, 2016 at 08:26 PM

MP

“ Dear Sara Mark Nick & Lindsay

Words cannot express our sadness in the recent loss of Alex. We loved having him join the DCHS Lacrosse team in his later years in High School. He had that smile that will never be forgotten. Our sympathy to all of you during this very difficult time.

All of our Love,

*The Pinnell Family
Maria & Chad
Jason Morgan Drew Jack Helena*

Maria Pinnell - April 17, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alex James Friedman.



April 17, 2016 at 01:31 PM

SG

“ Please accept our heartfelt sorrow for the passing of your beloved Alex. We have the fondest memories of the fun soccer days, and Mark coaching the infamous Reccos big league baseball team! Alex always being a standout athlete and a consummate team player! Chase always considered him a friend and great teammate.

You are an amazing family and we pray for your comfort and peace that only your family, friends and the Lord can provide.

*In Sympathy and Friendship,
Sue, Forrest and Chase Granlund*

Sue Gralund - April 17, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ Mark and Sara,
So sad to hear the news about Alex. My prayers are with you both. Pam Yeager

Pam Yeager - April 16, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Alex James Friedman.*



April 16, 2016 at 09:00 PM

TR

“ *Mark and Sara*

I want to let you know how sorry I am to here about Alex. I never got to actually coach Alex or have him in class but he would always say hi and stop to talk to me in the hall at Coffman. Having coached Nick and Lisa I always felt I missed out coaching the youngest Friedman. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Tim Rathburn

Tim Rathburn - April 16, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alex James Friedman.*



April 16, 2016 at 01:20 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Alex. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*
With Deepest Sympathy,
The Hernandez Family

Beth Hernandez - April 16, 2016 at 10:42 AM

SK

“ Dear Mark, Sara, Lindsay, Nick and Kate,
Our hearts are broken. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Alex was a beautiful young man. I will never forget his presence, love and support for our family when Emily passed away. We were all very touched when he and Gunner drove all the way up to Toledo for Emily's calling hours. Recently, Chloe had the pleasure of visiting Alex and he was there for her, comforting her and being the amazing young man that he was. I know Alex is around all of you now and in the loving arms of Jesus Christ. He will be greatly missed. We will keep you in our prayers daily.

God Bless You All,
The Kisela Family
(David, Stephanie, Kelsey, Chloe and Angel Emily)

Stephanie Kisela - April 16, 2016 at 10:09 AM

AB

“ Mark & Sara, Lindsay and Nick,

I can't even imagine the pain and sorrow you are feeling. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God comforts you and gets you all through this incredibly tough time. Hugs and Prayers

God Bless,

April Boddorf & Family

April Boddorf - April 15, 2016 at 10:27 PM

 Jeff
Wills

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm saddened to hear the loss of someone with so much life to give us. I will always remember coaching Alex with my son in DYA basketball when they were young. Alex was always so athletic and would make that one shot that you didn't expect a child that young to make.

Please know you have so many friends out there like me to lean on.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wills

Jeff Wills - April 15, 2016 at 04:48 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with the Friedman family.

Charlie McKisson - April 15, 2016 at 04:31 PM