



Alexander Roman Reynoso

July 16, 1955 - March 4, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Alexander (“Alex”) Roman Reynoso, beloved husband, father, brother and uncle. Surrounded by his loving family, Alex passed away – far too soon – on March 4, 2022, from cancer.

Born in Albany, California on July 16, 1955, the third child of Dario and Elodia Reynoso, Alex lived in Albany and Oakland until 1964, when the family moved to Napa. He was at heart a Napa native, attending Shearer Elementary, Ridgeview Middle School, and Napa High.

While working at a gas station, he attended Napa Valley College, where he thrived in math and science courses. He was accepted at U.C. Santa Cruz, earning a B.S. in Biology, while also making many friends, playing club tennis, and meeting the love of his life, Jean (née Olague) Reynoso. They married in March 1980, while both were still students, and remained happily married for 42 years.

They moved to San Diego in 1981 where Alex attended U.C. San Diego Medical School, and there, welcomed their first child, Anna. Alex so loved being a father that when he graduated in 1985, he carried Anna in his arms while he received his diploma. As a first generation Mexican-American, he was proud to achieve his parents’ life-long dream of having a doctor in the

family.

Alex then did a three year residency in Family Medicine at Kern Medical Center. In 1988, he joined Kaiser Permanente Vallejo in Family Practice; that same year his son David was born. After caring for many long-term patients who loved and respected him, Alex retired from Kaiser in 2015. His name is engraved on a brick outside Kaiser Vallejo.

Alex dearly loved, and was loved by, his family. He loved nothing more than to entertain them with his wild stories. His house was the center of life for the extended family of the Reynosos and their friends. They gathered there on the weekends to eat and watch tennis or, his favorite, Raiders football. Sometimes, they just stopped by because being around Alex was fun. He made you laugh and made you happy.

Alex had several hobbies and interests: sports (particularly the Raiders), music, and camping at Donner Lake. But tennis was his passion. As a young child, he learned to play tennis from his father Dario. Alex and his brother John were tennis-doubles partners, and over the last 45 years played in local and regional tennis tournaments, winning many but always having fun and eager to play more. Alex also played on the Napa Valley Tennis Association's over 55, 7.0 tennis team, which played against other regional teams in an invitational tournament in Surprise, Arizona.

Alex had two "shrines" in his family room. The first was to the Beatles, whose lyrics he knew by heart and played on his guitar. The second was to the Raiders, whose games and tailgates he attended in Oakland.

We have many fond memories of family camping trips at Donner Lake, which Alex planned every summer around his birthday. There, he brought the extended family together to fish, explore and sit around the campfire listening

to his stories.

Alex and Jean were long-time active members of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. They participated in many church activities and their children attended elementary school there.

Above all else, Alex loved being a husband and father. He and Jean had one of the happiest marriages, making each other laugh every day, just as in love in their sixties as they were in their twenties. He always encouraged his children to follow their dreams and explore their passions. He and Anna loved watching sports, discussing current events and caring for animals. He and David loved long talks about anything and everything, listening to records, and brewing beer. He also loved his dogs, Elvira, Dewey, Tootsie and Ruby.

Preceding Alex in death were his parents, Dario and Elodia Reynoso and his beloved nephew Aaron Paddock. Surviving Alex are his wife Jean and children Anna and David Reynoso; his siblings Clara Willis (Steve), Victor Reynoso, Sarah Reynoso-Palley (Mark), John (Kristy) Reynoso; and many nieces, nephews, and their children.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to NorCal Aussie Rescue, the American Cancer Society or St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. A Rosary will be held at Claffey & Rota on March 29, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., and funeral services at St. John the Baptist Church on March 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd
Napa, CA 94558

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR **29**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 224-5210
services@claffeyandrota.com
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

Mass

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
981 Napa St.
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 226-9379
<http://www.stjb1858.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Alexander Roman Reynoso*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Alexander Roman Reynoso*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Those of us who knew Alex are missing his smiling manner, laughing ways and compassionate heart. Alex was the guy you'd always like to have nearby - funny, down to earth & a bright light. We will think of you often Alex.*

Tony Kelly - April 30, 2022 at 02:22 AM



“ *I am deeply saddened to learn that Alex has passed. We played tennis on a league team years ago, and then I played recreationally with him and his brother John since then. During all that time I came to know him as not only a fine player, but a fine man. His keen sense of humor always stood out. My sincere sympathies and prayers to his family. Randy Skidmore*

Randy Skidmore - April 17, 2022 at 11:04 AM

TM

“ This comes as a real shock. Alex was a year ahead of me at KMC, and had such a sense of who he was. Smart, funny, absolutely great to work with. I admired that he chose to practice medicine in the way that would best suit his family life. Regret that Sandra and I only visited once after moving north. My deepest condolences to Jeannie, Anna, and David.

Tim Takagi MD - March 30, 2022 at 09:58 PM

NA

“ Our heartfelt condolences and prayers for the entire family. We loved and admired Alex very much. Our sincere prayers are for his soul to rest in eternal peace. Navin Amin.

Navin Amin - March 30, 2022 at 12:31 PM

FH

“ I'm sorry to hear you are leaving us Alex, you were someone I really looked up to when I was a junior resident at KMC. I enjoyed those Raider games, watching Bo Jackson with you and Jeanne. You are a great healer Alex, someone I'll never forget. Fidel Huerta MD

Fidel Huerta - March 29, 2022 at 06:25 PM

MP

“ Alex was a bright star that matched his smile and warmth for family and all that met him. So proud to be part of his family. He left us too soon but he will be in our hearts forever. We send our prayers and peaceful healing to his family.

Michael Paddock - March 23, 2022 at 05:38 PM

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“ ~ your friends and family at The General purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Alexander Roman Reynoso.



~ your friends and family at The General - March 22, 2022 at 05:25 PM

FM

“ Alex you will be missed by so many. You'll forever remain in our hearts. Thank you for the laughs and the great times. Hugs, love and prayers for family and friends. RIP



Frances Molina - March 22, 2022 at 12:21 AM

TF

“ The Zerba Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Alexander Roman Reynoso.



The Zerba Family - March 20, 2022 at 07:37 PM

LW

“ *I was a patient of Dr Reynoso for many years. I missed him when he retired from Kaiser Vallejo, where he treated me with kindness and fierce consideration. His treatment always suited my particular situation, and he never prescribed medical solutions that were overwrought or excessively strong. I was so fortunate to have him to take care of me.
I offer much affection to his grieving family.*

Lois Wu - March 19, 2022 at 04:10 PM

AA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Andy Alejandro - March 19, 2022 at 02:30 PM

AA

I met Alex in September 1977 when we were about to begin the fall quarter at UC Santa Cruz. The two of us, along with three other young men had been assigned to share an apartment/dorm at UCSC's Oakes College. Being a transfer student from San Bernardino Valley College, I was relieved to meet the friendly and easy going Alex, who was also a community college transfer student, and in no time at all we became friends.

After tiring of the on campus group apartment scene, Alex and I decided to rent an off campus apartment together. Probably owing to some slightly neurotic tendencies on my part, Alex often referred to me as "Felix Unger," from The Odd Couple.

After meeting up with Alex and Jean in 1981 when Alex was in medical school, life intervened, careers and families came into being, and years turned into decades. Fortunately, we were able to meet again in summer 2016. Even after all those years, thanks to Alex's welcoming and warm personality, reconnecting happened instantly. In addition to his contagious sense of humor, Alex truly had a heart of gold, and was a friend like no other.

Rest In Peace, my good friend.

Andy Alejandre - March 23, 2022 at 07:46 PM

LA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



liz Ackley - March 16, 2022 at 06:25 PM

CR

Remembering all the wonderful days of tennis with Alex and all the Reynosos from Dario on. The Simonds family and the Reynoso family enjoyed lots of great tennis. Alex added so much joy and many wins for our teams. Blessings to all of the Reynoso family. We will miss Alex. A wonderful friend. Chuck Simonds and Cheryl Richburg

Cheryl Richburg - March 29, 2022 at 07:45 PM

PS

“ I'll always remember Alex for his great laughs and smiles. He could tell a joke 3-5 times, the same joke and laugh and smile as if it was the first time he told it. He loved to see people's responses even if they had already heard the joke the first time. He loved the Beatles. When we got together to play Beatles music long ago, he's show me some of the more difficult guitar notes/chords and I couldn't get many of them so he'd say "Ok, you sing lead and I'll sing backup and play guitar". Then he'd say "Now I'll sing lead, you sing backup and I'll STILL play guitar". Then he'd laugh and flash that huge smile of his, every time. He and Jean always made and make everyone feel special with laughter, great fun and music when welcoming them into their home. There is a Beatles song titled "In My Life" written by John Lennon. Its lyrics are very poignant. I'll now think of Alex with the warmest of thoughts and memories when listening to it. I'm blessed I was able to meet, know and call him friend in his wonderful, caring and sharing of his life with all!

Peter Stark - March 16, 2022 at 04:02 PM