



Alexander Joseph Ferrance

January 8, 1953 - October 20, 2012

Alex J. Ferrance , 59, of Houston lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on Saturday, October 20, 2012. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on January 8, 1953, the youngest child of Alex and Sadie Ferrance. He married Joanie Hasay on Feb 12, 1977. In 1982, they moved to Houston and made it their home .

"Jesus decided that he would take Alex home to Heaven and heal his body as only He could."

Al was a member of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. He graduated from Meyers High School in 1970. He was self employed as a General Contractor in Pa. and Houston until 1994 when he became employed at Rice University. Throughout his career, he maintained great pride in being associated with Rice University and cherished the many friends he made there. Being an inaugural season ticket holder, Al was an avid Houston Texans fan. He also loved his Rice Owls. He and his wife enjoyed travelling and he felt blessed that he took the opportunity to visit so many places in the United States, Caribbean, Mexico and Italy. Al was always ready to lend a hand to anyone! It can't go without saying that his friends were many and the lives he touched, he did so deeply. His family, friends, neighbors and co-workers meant the world to him.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Joanie, and his beloved Scottish Terrier "Freeway". He is also survived by his Mother, Sadie Ferrance of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Sister, Carolyn Lindeman of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Brother, Cyril Ferrance (wife Vicky), of Throop, Pa.; Brother Bob Ferrance (Fiancé Shelly) of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Sister -In -Law, Mary Anne Klaips (husband John) of Dallas Pa.; Brother in Law, Joe Hasay (wife Teresa) of Arroyo Grande, Ca. and a very dear friend of the family, Lori McKenna. He also leaves behind his nieces and nephews whom he loved very much, Tabitha Seigle, Todd Czubek, Robert Ferrance, Allcot Czubek, Stacey Ferrance, Gabe Lindeman, Jeffrey Ferrance, Carrie Lindemen, Jennifer Glahn, Jordan Hasay and Jedd Hasay. As well as many great nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends whom he considered family. Al was preceded in death by his Father, Alex Ferrance; nephew, Chris Ferrance; Mother-In-Law Marcella Ceglarski; Father In Law, Joseph Ceglarski; Father in Law, Joseph Hasay and his Grandparents.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Rice University Chapel, 6100 Main Street, Houston, Texas on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM, with The Reverend Paul E. Lockey, PhD., Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and Schools, Officiating. Friends may visit from 9:00 AM until service time. Immediately following the service a reception will be held at the Farnsworth Pavilion which is adjacent to the Chapel. Parking for the Chapel is at entrance (Gate 20), press the call button to inform attendant of attending the service, there will be no charge for parking. Visit www.Rice.edu for driving directions and map. The regular daily Mass held at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM with the added intention for Alex. An additional Memorial Service will be held for family and friends in Pennsylvania on November 3, 2012, however arrangements are pending. The family would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support and care during Al's illness. And a very special "Thank You" to Al's Rice University family, Joanie's Consolidated Communications family and VITAS Hospice.

"A thousand words won't bring you back, I know because I tried, neither will a million tears, I know because I've cried."

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Rice Memorial Chapel
6100 Main Street
Houston, TX 77005
<http://www.rice.edu>

Reception

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Farnsworth Pavilion At Rice University
6100 Main
Houston, TX 77005
<http://www.rice.edu>

Tribute Wall



“ *Alexander Joseph Ferrance*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Alexander Joseph Ferrance*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Alexander Joseph Ferrance*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Alexander Joseph Ferrance*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Today is 1 month since Alex passed away. Sometimes it seems like yesterday and sometimes it seems like months. My heart is aching and I miss him very much. Trying to be strong.*

Joanie - November 20, 2012 at 08:39 AM



all my prayer for you brother Al . I miss him so bad. I m glad you are not suffer any more.... but our heart aching for now... He will watching over Joanie's shoulder to be strong..also family..... love Sis... .

carolyn Lindeman - November 20, 2012 at 03:31 PM

CL

“ my beloved brother Al I missed you so bad... Joanie , You always my thoughts..May god comfort you...He is watching over your shoulder.... <3 Sis

carolyn lindeman - November 14, 2012 at 09:36 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lindeman lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



carolyn lindeman - November 14, 2012 at 09:29 AM

LE

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Leticia - November 08, 2012 at 02:58 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Siergiej lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Barbara Siergiej - November 02, 2012 at 06:04 PM

BS

Joanie, I know it's been a long time since we have talked or seen each other. I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. What a great guy. I often think of you both and wish we wouldn't have lost touch. I know your heart is broken! I hope someday we will connect again. I can't make the service but I will be with you in thoughts & prayers on Saturday. God bless & comfort you at this time of such heartache.

Barbara Siergiej - November 02, 2012 at 06:07 PM

JO

“ *Thank you to everyone for making today so beautiful for Alex and me. My heart hurts so bad but having over 250 friends show up to say goodbye to him and know how much everyone loved him was so very special. I can't even put in words how overwhelmed I was. My life will never be the same but you all have made me feel special too ,in offering your love and help to me.*

I will be going to Pa this week and we will have another Memorial for Al with all our families and friends. Father Lockey told me today that it will be easier next week for me but I have my doubts.

(We love you and miss you so much Dad....Joanie and Freewayxxxxxoooo)

Joanie - October 27, 2012 at 07:37 PM

JP

“ Joanie, I am so sorry for your great loss. I never had the pleasure of meeting Al. I am sure that he was terrific after reading so many of the tributes. I always had admired you when we worked together so many years ago and you always spoke so sweetly of your husband. God will watch over you and so will Al.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jodel Pickett*

Jodel Pickett - October 27, 2012 at 04:03 PM

MW

“ Joanie & Al,s family So Sorry he lost his fight to cancer know how much you will miss him Joanie as you two were a perfect pair. I'll not make it to memorial today, but plan to go to the mass on Tuesday. Love you old friend marilyn wenrich

Marilyn Wenrich - October 27, 2012 at 07:42 AM

MW

“ Marilyn Wenrich lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



Marilyn Wenrich - October 27, 2012 at 07:36 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.



October 26, 2012 at 09:54 AM

GL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gabe Lindeman - October 25, 2012 at 10:09 PM

GL

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Gabe Lindeman - October 25, 2012 at 10:03 PM

GL

“ *The Day God Took Uncle Al Away*

Dear Uncle Al,

You were special person, you are now special angel. It was the shocking news, that brought tears to my eyes. And you made me remember what it was like to cry. On that dreadful day, God decided it was your time, your time to go, so He took your life away. It was the moment I was in the car behind the funeral station wagon on the beautiful sunny day at Home Depot parking lot reading the text message from my Mom that you have gone to heaven.

Two things I noticed on that day, I was at Home Depot where you were in love with carpenter things and there was a funeral car on the parking lot.

As you sit in Heaven, watching down over all of us, I want you to know that I loved you very very much an still think of you often today.

I am sorry that I didn't get to see you and say "Goodbye" to you while I am in recovery here in Minnesota. I am putting this note here is my Goodbye to you. So, Uncle Al, I know you can see this. I want you to know that I appreciate the impact you had on my life. Thank you for loving me. So, wait by the gate for me with the rest of our family. When my turn comes, I want you be there to greet me.

I love you, Uncle Al!

*Love,
Gabe*

Gabe Lindeman - October 25, 2012 at 09:56 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.*



October 25, 2012 at 04:39 PM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.*



October 25, 2012 at 04:06 PM



“ *Hazel Cole lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Hazel Cole - October 25, 2012 at 02:38 PM



"My heart is heavy to hear of Alex' passing. He was so very helpful when we were moving from Abercrombie to Keck Hall, and I know he made everyone feel like they were his own concern. What a gift! We met again at MDACC when I was going through cancer treatment and he told me of his cancer. When I returned to work, I attempted to contact him without success. Now I know why. My only comfort is that he was a true believer, and is now with Jesus. I pray the family will also find comfort in this knowledge.

Hazel Cole - October 25, 2012 at 02:42 PM

TL

“ My heart goes out to you and your family Joanie. We continue to lift you up in our prayers.

Tera Lee, Consolidated Communications

Tera Lee - October 25, 2012 at 12:43 PM

LP

“ Love, Larry & Karen Packard purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.



Love, Larry & Karen Packard - October 25, 2012 at 11:10 AM

LK

“ Love, Don & Marlyn Kelley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.



Love, Don & Marlyn Kelley - October 25, 2012 at 10:52 AM

TG

“ The Gulitti's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.



The Gulitti's - October 25, 2012 at 10:48 AM

GG

“ George And Ellen Gulitti lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



George and Ellen Gulitti - October 25, 2012 at 10:43 AM

AN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



April Neal - October 24, 2012 at 09:34 PM

JG

“ Jennifer Glahn lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



Jennifer Glahn - October 24, 2012 at 08:38 PM

JG

We miss your smile, your laughter, and the happiness you brought to everyone around you. We love you, Uncle Al

Jennifer Glahn - October 24, 2012 at 08:40 PM

JG

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Glahn - October 24, 2012 at 08:37 PM

PK

“ Pansy Kelly lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



Pansy Kelly - October 24, 2012 at 07:59 PM

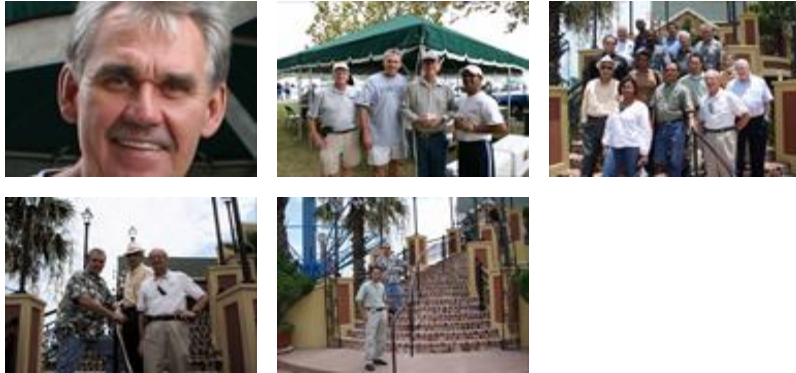
PK

Carolyn and family, We are extremely sorry about your loss! While there may be times that are difficult, take comfort in knowing that he is in a much better place with no pain, looking down on each of you and family. Hugs!!

Pansy Kelly - October 24, 2012 at 08:01 PM

HH

“ 11 files added to the album *Memories of Alex at Rice*



Hannes Hofer - October 24, 2012 at 05:28 PM



“ Alex made a positive difference in many lives here at Rice, always such a gentleman, and loved Rice and it's family of friends. For all of those he touched, he will be sorely missed. Rejoice in the fact that he is in the Lords hands and is holding a spot for all of us.



Richard Stearman - October 24, 2012 at 12:20 PM

RF

“ Rice U SandCastle Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.



Rice U SandCastle Family - October 24, 2012 at 11:26 AM

DH

“ *Diane Hatton lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Diane Hatton - October 24, 2012 at 10:36 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.*



October 24, 2012 at 10:15 AM

DS

“ *Debbie Stevens Stone lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



debbie stevens stone - October 24, 2012 at 09:29 AM

EW

“ *Eileen (Kash) Warthling lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Eileen (Kash) Warthling - October 24, 2012 at 09:11 AM

SG

“ *Sherye Gibson purchased the I Have You in My Heart Memorial Throw for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.*



Sherye Gibson - October 24, 2012 at 07:27 AM

SG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Joanie and all of Al's family.*

sherye gibson

sherye gibson - October 24, 2012 at 07:14 AM

SF

“ *Stacy Ferrance lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Stacy Ferrance - October 24, 2012 at 06:41 AM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lindeman lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Carolyn Lindeman - October 23, 2012 at 10:33 PM

CL

Dear Brother Al, What is a blessing you were to us the family . I m really missed you.. Joanie will be always my thoughts. . May the lord with you . love you .sis

Carolyn Lindeman - October 23, 2012 at 10:48 PM

CF

“ 1 file added to the album *Great Memories...*



Carl Frels - October 23, 2012 at 10:09 PM

AG

“ 4 files added to the album *Al & Joanie's visit in Spring, TX September 13, 2012*



Anna Gomez - October 23, 2012 at 09:23 PM

AG

Al you leave us with many great memories of happy times and a void in our hearts that will forever remain.

Anna Gomez - October 23, 2012 at 09:31 PM

ME

“ *What a blessing you were to everyone...you will be missed Al. We will take care of your sweet Joanie.*



Marcia Enyart - October 23, 2012 at 09:15 PM

JG

“ *John and Anna Gomez purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Alexander Joseph Ferrance.*



John and Anna Gomez - October 23, 2012 at 09:05 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Ralston lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Debbie Ralston - October 23, 2012 at 08:48 PM

GS

“ *Gerie Sheeks lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Gerie Sheeks - October 23, 2012 at 08:02 PM

GS

So sorry for your loss..prayers for you and the family..

Gerie Sheeks - October 23, 2012 at 08:02 PM

DS

“ *Debra Sorber sent a virtual gift in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Debra Sorber - October 23, 2012 at 06:26 PM

LB

“ *4 files added to the album Al & Joanie's visit in Spring, TX September 13, 2012*



Lilia Bautista - October 23, 2012 at 04:31 PM

RC

“ Alex and I started with Rice in 1994. We worked together on many projects, both as Carpentry/Paint Supervisor, and working with The Engineering and Natural Sciences.

Alex was always friendly, energetic, and helpful. He will be missed very much by all.

My heart felt condolences to the family. God bless you.

Ronnie Cox

Ronnie Lynn Cox - October 23, 2012 at 04:26 PM

TS

“ Theresa Nelson Swango lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



Theresa Nelson Swango - October 23, 2012 at 04:24 PM

TS

Joanie, So very sorry for your loss.

Theresa Nelson Swango - October 23, 2012 at 04:25 PM

CR

“ CHERYL SMITH RARDIN lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



CHERYL SMITH RARDIN - October 23, 2012 at 04:12 PM

CR

Joanie - So very sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

CHERYL SMITH RARDIN - October 23, 2012 at 04:13 PM

KS

“ *Kaye Sims lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Kaye Sims - October 23, 2012 at 04:03 PM

SW

“ *S L Willson lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



S L Willson - October 23, 2012 at 03:55 PM

NE

“ *Norma Elam lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Norma Elam - October 23, 2012 at 03:54 PM

PM

“ *I'll miss talkin' Texans with Alex and working on the Sand Castle with him. He was always so patient and generous with his time.*
Pamela Marut



Pamela Marut - October 23, 2012 at 03:33 PM

TP

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Terry P. - October 23, 2012 at 03:29 PM

SW

“ *Steve Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Steve Wiggins - October 23, 2012 at 03:15 PM

JG

“ 7 files added to the album *New Album Name*



John G Gomez - October 23, 2012 at 03:04 PM

KB

“ *Kellye Bennett lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Kellye Bennett - October 23, 2012 at 02:55 PM

DS

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Ferrance Family... He was an absolute gem of a person... i never saw him without a smile on his face, and he always had time for quick chat, which usually made my morning... i will miss you very much, Alex.*

Doni Soward

donald soward - October 23, 2012 at 02:48 PM

AK

“ *My thoughts go out to the Ferrance family. He was such a kind soul and a pleasure to work with. He will be missed.*

Amy Kavalewitz - October 23, 2012 at 02:43 PM

DE

“ *My prayers go out to the Ferrance family; rejoice in knowing Alex is at peace, not in pain, and forever in our hearts. God bless y'all!*

Danny Eaton - October 23, 2012 at 02:41 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie Sapp lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Stephanie Sapp - October 23, 2012 at 02:21 PM

DM

“ *Duncan McDonald lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Duncan McDonald - October 23, 2012 at 02:18 PM

SS

Alex will be forever loved and never forgotten by those who were blessed and honored to have had the opportunity to know him. I ask the family to please share him as our Guardian Angel for we all could use the extra prayers from the Angel that he has become and who is now in Our Creators presence. May he rest in peace as his family celebrates the wonderful life they shared with him during his short time here on this earth.

Sookie

Sookie Sanchez - October 23, 2012 at 03:03 PM

CY

“ *Carolyn Yordy lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Carolyn Yordy - October 23, 2012 at 02:16 PM

MG

“ *Molly Payne Gray lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Molly Payne Gray - October 23, 2012 at 02:14 PM

TS

“ *God has a plan, Joanie. Thinking of you. I am here if you need me.*

Tami Smith - October 23, 2012 at 02:12 PM

TS

“ *Tami Smith lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Tami Smith - October 23, 2012 at 02:09 PM

DW

“ *Joanie, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers!*



Darlene Witt, Magnolia, Tx

Darlene Witt - October 23, 2012 at 02:04 PM

CK

“ *Christine Kahan lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Christine Kahan - October 23, 2012 at 02:01 PM

RB

“ *Alex was an incredibly kind and helpful man. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Sincerely, Rose Berridge

Rose M. Berridge - October 23, 2012 at 01:51 PM

SF

“ Stacey Freudenberg lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



Stacey Freudenberg - October 23, 2012 at 01:47 PM

PJ

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Pamela S. Jones - October 23, 2012 at 01:45 PM

SR

“ Susan Rogers-Garcia lit a candle in memory of Alexander Joseph Ferrance



Susan Rogers-Garcia - October 23, 2012 at 01:43 PM

MS

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Marian Saldivar - October 23, 2012 at 01:25 PM

RV

“ *Rafaela Varela lit a candle in memory of
Alexander Joseph Ferrance*



Rafaela Varela - October 23, 2012 at 01:24 PM