

Alex Blackhurst Ruegner

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I cannot imagine your loss, Roland, Janice, Chari, and Ryan. And his sweet wife. My heart goes out to you in buckets. May you be able to find solace; somehow, somewhere. Bless you

- Marti Trunnell

So sad to hear this. Alex was kind and always made people feel good- Sending light and love to his wife and family. RIP Alex.

- Maria Chavez

My dear friends Janice and Roland My heart truly hurts right now. Alex was very special to our family. He will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are are with you and your family. We just love that young man. Heaven received one of the best. Love you all Cheri and Dell Chryst.

- Cheri Chryst

Alex will be missed by many but his spirit and legacy will live on forever. He was truly a one of a kind and I will be forever grateful for his love and friendship to our family, especially Chelsea (Chubs)! Alex spent numerous hours in our home and always kept us laughing or engrossed in great conversation. My heart goes out to darling Kendra and the entire family. I know how much he loved you all. May you find peace in your hearts ❤■

- Kathy Kemp

I played with and against Alex for many years in comp and high school soccer. I vividly remember getting beat twice in one game on defense for spectacular goals (both headers in fact) that still haunt me today. He was a good friend and I admired him both on and off the field. Alex, carry on with the good work my friend. To his wife and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Families are forever.

- Spencer Sorensen

Words cannot express the deep grief I feel over Alex’s passing. I didn’t know your children, but I know you as family and as parents, you both are loving parents and grandparents. I cannot imagine the depth of heartache and grief you are experiencing. You, your children, your siblings, and Alex’s wife have been in my prayers. I am praying for comfort and solace at this tender time. I am so sorry you are experiencing this heartache. I love you.

- Sheryl DeGering

Words can't express the deep sadness in our hearts ,at the loss of this exceptional young man .So many great memories of Alex and our son Tim playing Soccer together thru the years along with other great young men .May you always know how much Rhonda and I appreciate your friendship you will be in our thoughts and prayers continually and look forward to the day when your family and ours can reunite with Alex . May God be with you and less you in all your endeavors until that great day ♥■ All our Love Kim and Rhonda Rindlisbach

- Kim Rindlisbach

Getting to know Alex and Kendra has been one of the sweetest joys of our life. Alex was so full of joy and love and made us feel that we were always loved. We will dearly miss him but we will always have sweet memories. He was blessed to find his dear Kendra and she will always be in our hearts. We pray for her and the family always. Our dearest love, Laurie and Paul Cook

- Laurie Cook

Dear Janice and Roland: We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Saying good-bye to our loved ones is never easy especially when it is so untimely. We hold you and your family in our hearts and our prayers. Please call if we can be of help. 801-942-4433.

- Shand & Janeen Waddoups

I knew Alex in Hawaii and he truly was a ray of sunshine and joy. I send my love to those grieving him, his life, and all he left behind. I’m glad to know he is at peace and that families are forever. May we all try and keep his spirit of happiness and love alive.

- Lacey White

Alex, you are gone too soon, our dear friend. It has been a privilege to have known you from your youth to adulthood. We will miss your big smile and wave as you greeted us while driving down the street and to catching up with your recent life activities at Utah football games. Your life has been one of robust adventure and service. We will sorely miss you. Chuck & Kaye Spence

- Chuck & Kaye Spence

One of the wonderful blessings in marring LuAnn and being part of the Sudbury family was meeting Alex. He treated me like we had know each other for forever. My heart and soul is sad from this news. The last time we saw

Alex was at the wedding reception. He looked so happy. I can just imagine the happiness he had these last few months. I send my love for him and hope that Gods peace and loving arms are felt by you all at this time.

- Brian Dudley

I loved Alex, as all of us did. He was such a great person. We all will miss him and playing games in the yard with him (that was the last thing I did with him on Father's day). My love goes out to Kendra, so glad I could come to your wedding. I heart is breaking with you.

- Debby Crider

What a privilege for all of us, knowing and sharing a bit of time with Alex. Over the years, wherever Alex was things were better simply because of his gentle giving. With Alex, you knew that it was his faith in goodness that lifted and motivated him. Ulterior motives were not his way. This is not the place to recount the hundreds of conversations, activities, and life planning sessions where a teenager initiated contact and friendship with an "old man". But, Alex never treated me old. Just like he never treated anyone any way, but good and kind. On a personal note, Alex and I share the same birthday, the same love of Hawaii, and the same deep love for a few good (if less faith filled) people than him. I trust that his gentle ways will continue to touch many. Thanks to all who gave us Alex.

- Ralph Sudbury

Kendra, We were shocked and saddened when Dayna told us the news. You are in our thoughts and prayers and hearts. May our Father in Heaven's spirit bless and comfort you especially at this tender time. We love you! Patti and "papa" Smart

- Eric Smart

Dear Kendra, Our family was so saddened to hear of Alex's passing. Alex coached our daughter, Leah, for a year and he made such a tremendous impact on her in that year. One of the special fun things he did was to have each girl create a silly "handshake" with him; the girls loved lining up in front of Alex and doing their handshakes, one by one! I would be so happy to send you a video of that if you feel up to sending me your email address. We will miss him and will keep you in our prayers. With love, Elizabeth, Will, and Leah Thackeray elizabeth.thackeray@hsc.utah.edu

- Elizabeth Thackeray

Roland and Janice, We are both saddened to hear of Alex’s death. Paul coached Alex when he was 9. As the years went by both of our Sons Eric and Andy played with Alex for 4 years on the Riverton High team. Great times and great memories. Alex put his “All” in the game with Coach Paul Mozier. We enjoyed watching him play. The great memories we all will had of Alex. Pray the Holy Ghost will comfort your family at this time of loss of Alex. Love, Paul & Patti, Andy and Eric Ottoson. Riverton, Utah.

- Paul & Patti Ottoson

Fresh from Africa, I had recently moved into the ward. I was the only African man in the congregation. I have never experienced this before, and fitting in was a puzzle for me. I always sat with my wife during Sacrament meeting, but

when we split to class I always stayed on my phone because I didn't think anybody really cared very much. Then Alex moved in. One day, as I was pondering, I felt a hand on my shoulder and was met with a big smile and an enthusiastic voice that conveyed the message to me as if to say, "I see you. I love you. I want to be your friend." I always sat alone but he sat right next to me. We chatted about life, career, and marriage. I never felt alone in class again. I knew Alex would always be there and I felt like I'd found a true friend. We would see each other when he was driving to work, he'd stop his car and look at me, and with his big, charming smile, he'd say in a big voice, "How are you my brother?" His greetings built confidence in me and surity that there was somebody who had noticed me and wanted to make sure that I felt comfortable and that I knew I had a contribution to make. His charisma in friendship became an invincible bridge that connected us. Alex, in the short time I knew you, you blessed my life tremendously. Until we meet again, my friend.

- Paul Hakizimana

Janice and Roland, we are so sorry to hear about Alex. It is so hard to say goodbye to a child. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Carolyn and Ron

- The Lloyds