

Alan George Kepka

December 14, 1942 ~ April 21, 2024

Alan George Kepka, age 81, of Salt Lake City passed away on April 21, 2024. He was born on December 14, 1942, in Chicago. Alan married Leo Kathryn Ludwick on September 3, 2023. Although their union was brief, it was filled with an abundance of love, laughter, happy hour gatherings, and Scrabble challenges.

Alan and his late wife Margery Elaine Kepka (née Theisen) were married on April 1, 1967, in Chicago and enjoyed nearly 55 years of marriage.

Alan was a brilliant medical physicist. He worked at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago for 35 years in radiation oncology. He developed scores of interesting and innovative ways to fight cancer, helping thousands of patients live longer and experience more comfortable lives.

Alan graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a PhD in physics in 1970, a master's in physics in 1968, and a bachelor's in physics in 1965. He graduated from Tilden Tech High School in Chicago in 1961 as valedictorian.

Alan loved to laugh, spend time with family and friends, attend church services, play board games, solve Sudoku puzzles, take photographs of nature, and travel the world. He had a kind heart and enjoyed caring for others.

Alan is survived by his wife Leo, daughter Deanna Kepka (Michael Traum) and their children Jonah and Evelyn Traum, son Daniel Kepka and his children Daniel, Jasmine, Jadan, and Amatista Koo Kepka and brothers Edward (Tamar) and Robert (Janice) Kepka. He is also survived by his new loving stepdaughters Kristin Bryson and Karri Ludwick, sister-in-law Lorraine Hermann (née Theisen) and by numerous nieces and nephews in the Kepka and Hermann families. He was preceded in death by his parents Rose and George Kepka.

A Celebration of Life will take place at The Ridge in Salt Lake City, UT, on May 2, 2024, at noon.

A memorial service will occur at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Palos Heights, IL, on June 12, 2024, at 3 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please support the American Cancer Society (https://donate.cancer.org).