

Alex Blackhurst Ruegner

November 2, 1984 ~ July 3, 2020

To know Alex was to love Alex, as he shared his pure joy and enthusiasm for life with all those with whom he crossed paths.

Adoring husband, beloved son, loving and engaged uncle, favorite coach, and genuine friend to everyone, Alex was an example of Christlike love and service all his life.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah to Janice and Roland Ruegner, he was an easy baby turned energetic child. (His parents admit the "terrible twos" lasted from about age two to eighteen.) As he grew up in Riverton, Utah, it was clear Alex was a loving child, always smiling and never embarrassed to show affection, traits that would carry through to adulthood.

Alex was a natural and life-long athlete. He played baseball at a young age, but was distracted by dandelions and switched to soccer, the sport where he truly excelled. Soccer played an integral role throughout his life, both as a talented player and a coach. Alex developed his talents at annual summer soccer camps, through club soccer, and collegiately on athletic scholarship at William Penn University, and later BYU-Hawaii, where he played 3 years, and also graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing in 2010.

In addition, he was a dedicated and fun-loving coach to hundreds of players during his tenure at BYU-Hawaii as Men’s Assistant Coach and Women’s Head Coach. Alex was also an avid skier and all-around lover of the outdoors.

As a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Alex had a firm testimony of his Savior, and shared that truth with friends and family, including the people of Argentina during his service as a full-time missionary in the Argentina Buenos Aires South Mission, from 2004-2006.

Alex was always industrious, with jobs in lawn care, security, software sales, and most recently aviation. His dream was to become a pilot, and he had taken the first steps toward fulfilling his dream. He was loved by his many work families.

Alex had a heart of gold, and naturally, loved many. None so much as his sweet wife Kendra.

In 2017, Alex and Kendra were set up on a blind date. Soon after, Alex would claim he pretty much knew she was "the one.” He patiently waited until Kendra knew with absolute certainty that she wanted to spend the rest of eternity with him. He was head over heels in love with her, and she with him, and on October 17, 2019 they were married in the Mount Timpanogos Temple. Deeply in love, they were excited to move into their first house and build a beautiful, adventure-filled life together.

Alex leaves behind his wife Kendra Stephenson Ruegner, parents Roland Gerhardt Ruegner and Janice Blackhurst Ruegner, siblings Ryan (Andrea) and Chari (Seth), grandparents Reinhold and Noni Ruegner, adorable nieces and

nephews, a large and supportive extended family, and an incredible amount of friends - too many to count.

Alex also leaves behind a legacy of goodness, optimism, faith, and contagious joy. Even death cannot dim the light and influence this exceptionally good soul had on the lives of so many.

Visitation Information:
Sunday, July 12
6:00-8:00pm
Larkin Mortuary Riverton
3688 W. 12600 S.
Riverton, Utah 84065

Graveside Funeral Service:
Monday, July 13
10:00am
Larkin Sunset Gardens
1950 East 10600 South
Sandy, Utah 84092

For both Visitation and Graveside Service:
Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

For Graveside Service: bring your own chair, umbrella or hat, and water.