



Mr. Alexander "Alex" Kosma, Jr.

October 29, 1939 - June 28, 2016

Alexander (Alex) Kosma passed away peacefully on Tuesday June 28th, 2016 in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 76. He battled cancer since September 2015.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Susan, daughters Ashlyn, Alexia, Katie, and younger brother Gary. Alex was preceded in death by his third daughter Stacia.

Alex was born on October 29th, 1939 in Richmond, Virginia, then spent his youth in Concord, North Carolina. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in Political Science. One of his favorite pastimes was discussing the current state of affairs and trying to convince his friends to think democratically. Alex believed in promoting absolute equality and justice for all races and genders.

A stronghold in supporting the community, Alex served on the boards of Pack Place, UNCA, the Lineberger Cancer Center at UNC, and was a longtime donor to the Educational Foundation of UNC-Chapel Hill. Alex believed the way to a better future is through education.

A memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday July 6th, 11am at Central United Methodist Church in Asheville. Dr. Michael Brown of Marble Collegiate

Church will speak at the ceremony. Alex's family would like to thank their kind and supportive friends as well as the exquisite caretakers at CarePartners' John Keever Solace Center.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to either The Suicide Prevention Foundation (<http://afsp.donordrive.com/campaign/alexkosma>) in memory of Stacia, or the UNC need-based scholarship fund (<https://give.unc.edu/>).

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church
27 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Alexander "Alex" Kosma, Jr.*



Morris Funeral Home - July 05, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *Mr. Alexander "Alex" Kosma, Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *22 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Morris Funeral Home - July 05, 2016 at 11:52 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to the Kosma Family during this difficult time of loss. I worked for Alex in 1980's-1990's. He was a wonderful man and a great person. He was generous, kind, supportive and I could not have ask for a better boss who believed in me. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Ceceale McKinney

Ceceale McKinney - July 05, 2016 at 06:46 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Alex will be missed greatly. We shared many things in common, but our love for UNC resulted in the most passionate discussions. We were always on the same side of the aisle regarding UNC. Please accept my deepest condolences.

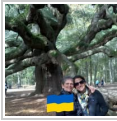
Bob Roberts

Bob Roberts - July 04, 2016 at 08:31 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to Susan, Katie and the entire Kosma family.
Alex was one of a kind. He accomplished much in the 52 years I knew him.
He was smart, witty, kind, generous and interesting. There wasn't much he didn't know about. He was always trying something new. He laughed heartily and hugged tightly.
Alex had a wide circle of friends stretching around VA, NC, SC, and GA who grieve his loss. He loved his Tarheels, good BBQ, big band music and most of all his girls, Susan, Katie, Ashlyn and Lexi. He leaves behind an enormous footprint in Asheville. I suspect some day there will be a monument somewhere in Asheville resembling him wearing a big grin.
With love and sorrow,
Judy Hunt

Judy Hunt - June 30, 2016 at 01:19 PM



Lovely, Judy. He indeed is bigger than life!

Susan Kosma - June 30, 2016 at 08:22 PM

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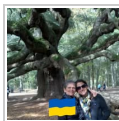
“ My deepest, deepest sympathies to you Susan, Katie and the whole Kosma family.

For 20 years, Alex was a dear friend, mentor, client and father figure to me...

His infectious laugh, kind heart, gentle spirit and uncommon wisdom will be missed by me more than words can ever say. I am honored and grateful to have know this wonderful man. I find peace that he has taken his "light" to another room, and will reflect for endless days on what he meant to me and my life...his impact has been immeasurable.

*With much love and peace,
Michael Smalyga*

Michael Smalyga - June 30, 2016 at 07:58 AM



Thank you, Michael. A beautiful tribute.

Susan Kosma - June 30, 2016 at 10:36 PM