



## Alexis Zavoice

July 21, 1944 - April 24, 2015

Alexis B. Zavoice, 70, died on April 24, 2015 at Duke University Hospital as a result of complications following a successful lung transplant. At the time of his death, Alex was surrounded by his adoring family.

Alex was graduated from Norwich College and earned a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University. Alex then served 6 years in the U.S. Army and reached the rank of Captain.

Alex loved his work and was a loyal employee of Bechtel Corporation for 42 years. During his career, Alex managed many diverse engineering projects spanning refinery and petrochemical, space and defense, solar power, and commercial infrastructure. Alex was so passionate and energetic about his work that his colleagues nicknamed him "Zoom Zoom".

Alex loved life. Growing up in New England he was an avid skier, mountain climber, and collector of Rocks and Minerals. He then became enamored with hiking and backpacking, and later mountain biking. He would often bike to the top of Mount Diablo from his home in Walnut Creek, CA. He also enjoyed fly fishing with his favorite fishing companion, his son. He and his wife traveled extensively; hiking in the Pyrenees and in New Zealand, and exploring Spain, Italy, South America, and the US. After moving to Asheville NC, Alex invested himself in his new community by joining the hiking group, the photography

club, serving on the Architectural Review Committee, and thoroughly enjoying his retirement on Reynolds Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Margie; daughter Tania; son Nicholas; grandchildren, Alexa and Maks; sisters Natasha, Tia, and Lissie; and brothers Stephen and Sabin. Alex loved his family and they will miss him dearly.

Alex was buried on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in a private family ceremony. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 304, Chicago IL 60611.

# Tribute Wall



“ Alexis Zavoico

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ I worked with Alex as his Assistant Chief for Mechanical Engineering for BSII from approximately 2007 till 2010. His ability as an engineer was inspiring, his humanity always touching. I feel privileged to have worked with him and cherish my time with him. My condolences to his family and thank you for setting up this website for remembering him.

Zahid Khan - August 11, 2015 at 06:54 PM



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Morris Funeral Home - May 06, 2015 at 08:49 AM

MS

“ Margie and family - My deepest sympathies to you and your family. I always enjoyed working with Alex and his unbridled enthusiasm. We took many business trips together in BSII, we worked hard and I learned a lot from his experience; however, the dinners at the end of the work day is what I'll remember the most. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.  
Mark Swetonic

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**Mark Swetonic** - May 06, 2015 at 06:27 AM

RF

“ Margie and family,  
All of us here at Bechtel are saddened by the news and send our heartfelt condolences. Alex was quite the character and made us all laugh. Attached is a picture back in 2004 and of course Alex is in the middle with his infectious smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Rob Fultz

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**Rob Fultz** - May 05, 2015 at 01:50 PM

AM

“ To the Zavoico Family -  
I am so very sorry to hear of your family's loss. Alex was an incredibly hard working, smart and talented engineer and I'm very thankful for the years he mentored me while we worked for the BSII functional engineering organization together. Thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
~ Angela McAlpin

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**Angela McAlpin** - May 05, 2015 at 12:10 PM

NS

*Alex was my mechanical engineering Norwich classmate and and shared his brilliance with our group of 12 ME grads. It saddens us all to loose him and our sympathies go out to his loving family.*

*Zeek; as we addressed him, will never be forgotten by every classmate of the NU class of "67".*

*Norm lavigne sr.  
Middlebury, Tt.*

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**NORMAN LAVIGNE SR** - May 29, 2015 at 12:43 PM

DD

“*Alex and I first met during a Bechtel Engineering Company meeting in San Francisco in the fall of 1985. We were part of a team being sent to Cocoa Beach, Florida, to support both NASA’s space shuttle facilities and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station facilities. Our families wouldn’t be joining us in Florida until 2½ months later. Alex was to be my boss. We discovered that we both lived in Walnut Creek, only a mile or two apart, and we each had two children of approximately the same age. We had a lot in common.*

*After sharing two plus months of working and eating evening meals together, Alex and I returned to California to relocate our families to the central Florida coast for a three-year assignment. Our families arrived in Cocoa Beach just in time to witness the Challenger Disaster of Jan. 28, 1986. As time went on more team members joined our office and we formed strong friendships, sharing holidays and weekend vacations together while discovering all the wonders and eccentricities of Florida life.*

*Alex had to wear two different hats. While at work he was all business, but during his free time he loved to enjoy life and party. He wore both hats well.*

*With fond memories and sincere condolences to Margie, Tania and Nicholas,  
Dale Dalgaard & Family*

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**Dale Dalgaard** - May 04, 2015 at 01:59 PM

MJ

“ I want to express my sincere condolences to the Zavoico family. I got to know Alex very well on the many assist visits he did to assess engineering performance on Blue Grass and WTP. I always appreciated his insight, knowledge and energy. Alex will always be known for creating the “AZOT” tool for engineering EV management. Alex will surely be missed!

Mark L. Johnson - May 04, 2015 at 12:15 PM

SC

“ Margie and family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your special husband, father, grandfather and our special lung brother, Alex! We are so glad we were able to meet Alex and you Margie while at Duke. Alex worked so hard at rehab to build himself up for his transplant. He was a great inspiration for us all. We loved his laughter and his wonderful smile. May God bless you and your family with strength during each day, week, month, and years ahead. Continued prayers for you all.

Sandra, Jeff Cook and family and my momma Margaret Matlock

Sandra Cook - May 03, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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Sandra Cook - May 03, 2015 at 10:15 AM

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**Sandra Cook** - May 03, 2015 at 10:27 AM

SL

*“ Margie and family- It was truly a pleasure to have known Alex, to  
have shared in the excitement of learning with him at UNCA Olli and  
to have known you as a couple. I so admire the love and courage  
you have shared through these past months and will continue to  
share and celebrate his memory as well as share in your grieving  
moments. May you receive strength in the love that surrounds you  
now from family and friends. Sarah Larson*

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**Sarah Larson** - May 02, 2015 at 07:24 PM

SM

*It was our pleasure to meet Alex & Margie within the Transplant &  
Caregivers Community. We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Stormy McDonald** - May 03, 2015 at 10:29 AM

BV

“ *Margie, Tania, and Nicholas,*

*Frannie and I would like to extend our deepest condolences on Alex's passing. We trust you find comfort in all the great memories and knowing that he's gone to a place of light, refreshment, and peace.*

*Bob and Frannie Vickery*

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**Bob and Frannie Vickery** - May 02, 2015 at 10:46 AM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - May 01, 2015 at 08:37 AM

TD

“ *Alex was truly a extraordinary colleague to work with his insight to engineering and his unbound energy to positive solutions. We worked hard during the days and enjoyed each other's company at dinner during our trips . We travelled the country together at all hours of the day without hesitation . Alex will most surly be missed and I wish the family the very best in this trying time.*

*Tony DiMartino*

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**Tony DiMartino** - April 28, 2015 at 03:10 PM

DH

“ Alex will be truly missed. I enjoy working and traveling with Alex. It was a total surprise to heard that he pass away. He was always a friend and coworker. He was always helping people. My condolences to his love ones. Sincerely, Dennis Huth

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**Dennis Huth** - April 28, 2015 at 06:48 AM

TS

“ Our condolences to your family. Losing a loved one is never easy. May the words of Job at Job 14:14,15 bring comfort where Job asked, "If a man dies, can he live again?" God assured him that the answer was yes. This promise of God can bring each of us comfort and strength when losing a loved one, with the hope of seeing them Again, please accept our sympathy.

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**The Smiths** - April 27, 2015 at 10:39 AM