



Alexander Lukash

November 29, 1941 - April 15, 2026

Alexander Lukash, born November 29, 1941, in San Francisco, California, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2026, after a brief illness.

A gifted musician from an early age, Alexander was a classically trained pianist and widely recognized as a prodigy in his youth. While his talents at the piano were remarkable, he chose a path of service to others, dedicating over 30 years as a respected dentist in the Bay Area, where he cared deeply for his patients and community.

Alexander shared a remarkable love story with his beloved wife, Linda, to whom he was married for 58 years. The two met on a blind date at a San Francisco Giants game-an encounter that would become family legend. In true Alex fashion, he didn't ask Linda out again for over a month because, as he later admitted, he had forgotten her name. Their second date proved equally memorable: after a night at a nightclub, Alex generously tipped the coat check attendant-commenting she had "great legs"-and found himself without enough money to retrieve his car. Despite these less-than-smooth beginnings, their bond grew into a deep and enduring partnership filled with humor, resilience, and love.

Outside of his profession, Alexander lived a full and colorful life shaped by his many passions and hobbies. He was an enthusiastic golfer, known not only for his persistence but for his uncanny ability to hit unexpected targets-including, on two separate occasions, his own car, and once even another car on a highway leading into the Tahoe Basin. He loved boating with friends in the

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, especially treasured overnight trips to "The Meadows," where laughter and companionship were always in abundance. Alexander also took great pride in his grilling, perfecting the art of cooking a truly exceptional steak. He passed this passion along to his daughter, teaching her everything he knew about cooking on the grill. A devoted reader, he would spend a minimum of 10 to 20 hours per week immersed in books, with favorite authors including Tony Hillerman and T.S. Eliot. His curiosity extended into art as well, and he built a meaningful collection over the years, acquiring pieces from the many places he traveled.

An avid traveler, Alexander explored the world with a sense of curiosity and appreciation, visiting Russia, Japan, Mexico, and Alaska. His favorite destination, however, was the Kohala Coast on the Big Island of Hawaii, where he found a special kind of peace and beauty that stayed with him always.

He also found joy in simple pleasures, like day trips around the Bay Area in his treasured 1966 Mustang. A passionate sports fan, he rarely missed a chance to cheer on his beloved San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, and the Cal Bears. At home, he enjoyed tending to his yard in Etna and caring for the fishpond at his Bay Area residence, finding quiet satisfaction in these daily rituals.

Alexander was preceded in death by Linda, whose passing left a profound void in his life. After her death, he moved full-time to Scott Valley, where he found comfort in the natural beauty and slower pace of life.

He is survived by his daughter, Michelle; his son-in-law, Reg; his grandchildren, Lindsey and Kyle; his great-grandchildren, Emily and Kyson; his sister-in-law, Myrna Hughes; his nephews, Ron and Ray Hughes; his beloved cousin, Tanya Peterson; and his cherished cats, Toez and Ally.

He will be remembered for his wit, his warmth, his dedication to his profession, and the stories that brought laughter to those around him. Among family and friends, he will also be fondly remembered for what came to be known as "The Lukash School of Economics"-his humorous, impractical, and

often unforgettable lessons on life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any animal rescue organization in his memory-a fitting tribute to his love for animals.

Tribute Wall

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“ I so enjoyed meeting with Alex after Lynda passed, sharing our past both together and trying to make sense of our losses! He will truly be missed, especially eating with him at Denny Bar in Etna!!!

Jan Ball - April 24 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Alexander Lukash - April 24 at 12:00 AM