



Alex James Vallas

July 14, 1932 - August 7, 2016

Alex James Vallas "Papou"

Of Plum Borough, died at the age of 84 on August 7, 2016 after a prolonged, courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on July 14, 1932 in Norfolk, VA to the late James and Elpiniki (Kallitsakis) Vallas, immigrants from Greece.

Alex is survived by his loving children, Catherine (Dave) McKinzie and Niki (Frank) Senchak; his grandchildren, Alex, Christina, and Sean; and his nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his older sister, Pearl, who adored and cherished her baby brother from the moment he was born.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his beloved sister, Mary; and brother, Earnest.

Alex was blessed with fulfilling experiences throughout his life. At the age of 17, he left home to join the Army, where he proudly served during the Korean War. He then joined the Foreign Service, accompanied by Jeanne Vallas, traveling the world and meeting numerous U.S. and foreign dignitaries. After leaving the Foreign Service, Alex established a successful career in the health care industry. He received numerous commendations for his innovative

purchasing management methods. One of Alex's proudest moments was obtaining a Master's Degree from Carnegie Mellon at the age of 55. After retirement, he devoted his time to cooking for and spending time with his family.

To honor his wishes, friends are invited to join his family in a celebration of his life that will be held in Norfolk, VA on Sunday, September 4, 2016. His daughters may be contacted for specific information relating to time and location.

Alex specifically requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Hillman Cancer Center, www.upmccancercenter.com/giving/.

He also requested a special thanks be extended to his friends and to Dr. Leonard Appleman and staff at Hillman Cancer Center for their kindness and support during his difficult journey.

Tribute Wall



“ *Alex James Vallas*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Alex James Vallas*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Working with Alex at Magee was full of good memories and fun. I'll never forget our business trip to El Paso but found time to do the Texas two step. I'll miss be in touch with him via email.*

Jean Petruska

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