



Alexander "Alex" Pych

May 27, 2016 - October 22, 2016

Alexander ("Alex") Pych was called home to Our Lord on Saturday evening October, 22, 2016. A devoted and joyful husband and father, Alex is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Marie Pych, his son Rick Pych, grandson Zack Pych, and sister Genevieve ("Ginger") Pych Pazda. He is preceded in death by his remaining siblings, sister Helen (Pych) Serignese, and brothers Joseph, Frank, John, Steve and Stanley Pych.

Alex Pych was blessed with a full life of 94 years, born May 27, 1922 to the late Adam and Mary (Pruchnick) Pych. The Pych family worked a tenant farm in South Windsor, CT, later moving to Hartford CT, where Alex grew up. Alex enjoyed local fame as an athlete in his youth playing in semi-professional football and baseball leagues. He also was a sparring partner for Willie Pep, who went on to hold the World Featherweight boxing championship twice between the years of 1947 and 1950.

As a young teen during the Great Depression, Alex signed on with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), part of President Roosevelt's New Deal. Alex always felt that his work with the CCC Camp in Montana and Wyoming was a tremendous life experience for a young man. It served as the foundation for his work ethic and manual skills, evident in the fact that over his lifetime he pretty much single handedly built three homes for his family. Throughout his life he was always busy with various projects, which lead to his favorite saying "Grass doesn't grow on Main Street."

Alex Pych is a WWII veteran, and was particularly proud of his service as a

U.S. Navy Seaman aboard the TADCEN Shoemaker California, SS Richard Olney, USAT Explorer, and the USS Rigel destroyer in the American, Asiatic Pacific, and European Theatres from 1942 - 1946. After the war, he lived in Hartford, CT, working 38 years for the Taylor & Fenn Company foundry in Windsor, CT where he was the foundry superintendent in his later career there. Alex and Marie spent 26 years in retirement in Hobe Sound, FL, where Alex continued to work at Jupiter Hills Country Club, enjoying the opportunities it gave him to meet many celebrities and persons of notoriety over the years. In 2010, Alex and Marie moved to San Antonio to be near their son Rick.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 20523 Huebner Road, San Antonio, Texas 78258 at 9:00 A.M. immediately followed by a Requiem Mass at 10:00 A.M. A Graveside Service with Military Honors will follow at 11:30 A.M. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages contributions in Alex's memory to Catholic Charities, 202 W. French Place. San Antonio, Texas 78212.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Aunt Marie, Cousin Rick and family-
I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember my father telling me wonderful stories of his growing up with your Dad, and of all his brothers, in Hartford.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Stanley's Daughter-
Michelle L Pych

Michelle L Pych - November 21, 2016 at 05:47 PM

PM

“ Aunt Marie, Cousin Rick and family... as you know, my thoughts and prayers were with you across the miles during the loss of this very special man. I have fond memories from my younger years of visits to your Rocky Hill and Giant's Neck homes in Connecticut with my parents. Through my father's collection of pictures, I have kept alive Uncle Alex's warm smile and kind words. He and my father and all of the Pych brothers were brave men who served their country with loyalty. He will always be in my prayers. - Love, cousin Patty

Patricia McGuinness - November 05, 2016 at 09:52 AM

MV

“ Alex was a great man with a rare spirit, he was always positive in his words. He liked working with his hands, and he enjoyed people. He loved his wife very much and adored his son Rick. He loved his grandson Zack. He will be missed, but he is in the best place of all.

Mari Vickery - October 28, 2016 at 02:50 PM

SC

“ *Very sorry for your loss, Rick. I will send a donation in your Dads honor. See you soon*
Steve and Cynthia

Steve and Cynthia - October 27, 2016 at 10:27 AM

MD

“ *Rick, our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father. He was clearly a very special and remarkable man.*
Marion & David DeWall

Marion DeWall - October 26, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alexander "Alex" Pych.*



October 26, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ *Our heart-felt condolences. Achim and Silke Barrow.*

Silke Barrow - October 26, 2016 at 03:11 PM

SD

“ *Dear Marie, Rick, and family. Sorry for your loss. Alec was a fine gentleman, husband, and father. Never forget the Yankee's game we went to. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Steven and Dru Divinetz*

Steven Divinetz - October 25, 2016 at 05:30 PM

AN

“ Auntie Marie & Rick, I am sending my sympathy and love from afar, but it is no less heartfelt than it would be in person. Uncle Alex was a wonderful person and I am so happy for all of you that you had shared so many fulfilling, happy years with him.

I will always smile when I think of Uncle, and I hope your happy memories can, in some measure, sustain you in the days and weeks ahead.

*Sending love to the family.
Anita*

Anita - October 25, 2016 at 10:30 AM

RC

“ Rick, my condolences to you and your Mom on your loss. I'm not sure you will remember my brother and I. We lived on Norwich St in Hartford in the apartment building next door to you. If memory serves, my mother Lucille, would babysit you now and then. We also went to St Peters School when you were there.

Bob Chance

Robert Chance - October 25, 2016 at 09:40 AM