



## Alex Henry Ray Parker

August 18, 1988 - January 17, 2019

Alex Henry Ray Parker, 30, of Memphis Tennessee died unexpectedly on January 17, 2019. Alex leaves behind his mother and father, Susan and David Parker; his brother, Justin (Uduak) Welch; his sister Emma (David) Harrelson; his nephew, Henry Harrelson and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as many cherished friends.

One of Alex's main passions was music. He held a degree in ethnomusicology, although his understanding of music and musicians went way beyond anything learned at school. He was also an accomplished guitarist in his own right and enjoyed nothing more than jamming with his friends.

Alex also had a minor in archaeology and spent two summers working the Crow Reservation. He had a love for the outdoors and traveled the country camping and enjoying the land and was a master chef on the campfire, as well as at home on the stove.

Another great passion of Alex's was animals. Not only did he have a pack of six rescued dogs and cats of his own, but he spent eight years as a veterinary technician. Alex attended Ridgeway High School and graduated from the University of Memphis.

Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday January 26, 2019 at Centenary United  
Methodist Church, 584 E. Mclemore Ave. 38106

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
584 E Mclemore Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38106

# Tribute Wall



“ *The House of Mews in Memphis received an awesome donation from Dale Ashby, The Richmond Ashbys & Moot families IN MEMORY OF ALEX & his love of animals, which will save another kitty's life from death row at the Memphis Animal Shelter.*

Elain Harvey - January 27, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *We met Alex 30 years ago at our apartment complex pool. Jordan and Alex were only 6 months old. They were inseparable teenage mutant ninja turtle loving lil boys. Alex always loved the outdoors. He started collecting rocks from probably age 2. I love you Alex and will miss you terribly.*



Shawna Rhinehart - January 26, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alex Henry Ray Parker.*



January 26, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alex Henry Ray Parker.*



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January 26, 2019 at 07:08 AM



“ *I just learned this morning the sad news of Alex's passing. Alex was my archaeology student at the University of Memphis and came to Wyoming with me in 2010 and 2011. I know Alex as a lover of good music, meat roasted over an open fire, beverages of any kind, endless conversation, and dogs--all things I appreciate in a true friend. I saw Alex last on a random, cold, winter night in northeastern Utah at a hot spring where we shared a conversation and a beer. I will miss the bright light that Alex brought to this world, and to Memphis especially, but I am immediately reminded of many of the funny things he said and did during our times together. Run with your pack, my friend.*

*Judson Finley  
Providence, Utah*

*PS. I have attached two photos from his trip to Wyoming with Kirby in 2011. This are scenes from our field camp on Bear Creek, East Fork of the Wind River, near Dubois, Wyoming.*



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**Judson Finley** - January 25, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Alex Henry Ray Parker.*



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January 25, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ *Much love from the Benz & Bryan families purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Alex Henry Ray Parker.*



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**Much love from the Benz & Bryan families** - January 24, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *When I look into the night sky, I'll see you there like a shining star that lives on, sparkling your beautiful Light as you continue your journey to another place, another time, another realm but always in my heart. Love never dies.....it only expands. Much Love!*

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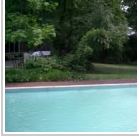
**Grace Benz** - January 24, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *I am so sorry I will not be there. My heart goes out to you as you know!*

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**Gail Millette** - January 24, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *My favorite memories of Alex were when he was a little boy. He was such a sweetheart, I couldn't get enough of him. He already had a great love of animals and the outdoors. I love you with all my heart an soul, my precious Alex.*

*Donna Skelton Hoff*



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**Donna Hoff** - January 24, 2019 at 10:10 AM

ME

“ *I saw Alex as a brilliant light that was kind, thoughtful and precious. Thank you Alex for your kindness to me and my family, it meant the world. You will be truly missed. My heart remembers you forever.*

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**Merlee** - January 24, 2019 at 09:21 AM

ME

“ *"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart and you shall see in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight"~Kahilil Gibran*

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**Merlee** - January 24, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Alex Henry Ray Parker.*



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January 24, 2019 at 09:11 AM

WB

“ Alex and I had a common love of animals. We would frequently discuss our dogs and how they were doing. He was a wonderful neighbor who always responded to a wave or hello. We will miss him.

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wendy bull - January 23, 2019 at 11:13 PM