



Mr. Alex A. DiSanto

December 28, 1931 - February 24, 2020

Alessandro "Alex" Antonio il Grande DiSanto

Alex DiSanto, 88, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Monday, February 24, 2020. Born in 1931 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Alex was the youngest of nine children born to Giovanni DiSanto and Rosina (Sciullo) DiSanto. In 1956, he married Dona Lester of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

Alex was a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the 2nd Army Group – 931st EAG. He conceived, patented and manufactured the four sided locking aluminum shingle. Alcoa Aluminum eventually bought the patent and this product is used worldwide to this day in various forms. He is well-known throughout Central Pennsylvania for founding Triple Crown Corporation and leading many real estate development and construction projects over his long career. He formed the local Harrisburg Habitat for Humanity Chapter, developing over 20 homes for charity. He was declared one of President George Bush's Thousand Points of Light in 1998 for his work with Habitat for Humanity.

Alex was quietly philanthropic with numerous people, charities and institutions. Although he preferred to remain anonymous, he offered notable support in endowing a business chair at Harrisburg University; contributing to

the construction of the monastery of Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; and building and donating 5 homes known as "Holy Houses" to Holy Name of Jesus School.

In his spare time, he owned, bred and raced thoroughbred race horses. He enjoyed trips to Atlantic City, Saratoga Springs, Europe and spent much time at family events.

Alex was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Diana, Angie, Ida, Isabella, Sister Claire of The Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, Washington DC; brothers, Tony and Jack; and two brothers who died in infancy. He is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Dona DiSanto; his sister, Christiana; his children, Alex Jr. "Primo" (Mary Ellen), Julie (Ted Amberman) DiSanto, Senator John (Maria) DiSanto, Mark (Dr. Susan) DiSanto; his grandchildren, Nicolas (Vanessa), Christopher, Hannah, Natalie, Alessandro and Bianca DiSanto, Kellie (Kurt Hahner) Szabo, Laura (Trevor Brown) Szabo, Alexandra (Travis) Kreiger, Alex Szabo; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Elizabeth, Tybor, Caroline, Everett, Gabriella, Lorelai, John; and many nieces and nephews.

Alex was a devout Roman Catholic, a former parishioner of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Francis Assisi Church and Holy Name of Jesus.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Harrisburg Habitat for Humanity, 900 S. Arlington Ave, #105B, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

The DiSanto family would like to give sincere thanks to Arden Courts of Susquehanna, Homeland Center, Bessie Wallace, Grace Katayi, and all the people who visited and helped take care of Alex during these last few months.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Green Cemetery

1811 Carlisle Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

FEB 27. 9:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
106 Agnes St
Harrisburg, PA 17104
(717) 939-9950
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com
<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

Visitation

FEB 27. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 27. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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Rosary

FEB 27. 8:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Name of Jesus Church
6150 Allentown Blvd.
Harrisburg, PA

Repast

FEB 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
1401 Linglestown Road
Harrisburg, , PA 17109

Tribute Wall

GH

“ *Primo,
I was very saddened to hear of your Father’s passing today.
Alex and Jack were like Grandfather figures to me.
I learned much from them both and have too many fond memories
to mention.
I will keep them in my heart and memories forever.*

Grant J. Hisky

Grant Hisky - April 07, 2022 at 08:05 PM

SR

“ *With sympathy to the DiSanto family. Alex was one of the best. He
had a huge heart. You never went hungry around Alex. He was
always into multiple projects. You never knew who or what was
coming thru the office door. He will be greatly missed*

Sheena Russell - March 13, 2020 at 01:43 PM

DK

“ *To all family, my deepest condolences.. I t was a honor and privilege
to care for Alex. I loved him! Your family were so wonderful to him.
He is sadly missed..*

Debby Kownacki, Arden Courts. Caregiver 🌹❤️

Debby Kownacki - March 02, 2020 at 09:50 PM

PB

“ *My condolences to Alex's family. I will remember him as a man with great charisma and a huge heart. He was a breath of fresh air every time he walked into the office because of the energy he brought with him. It always made my day when I would see him! It makes me proud to continue his legacy as an employee at Triple Crown Corporation.*
Pam Brogan-Spacht

Pamela J Brogan-Spacht - February 27, 2020 at 01:54 PM

HF

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Henry Frenzel - February 27, 2020 at 01:09 PM

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Henry Frenzel - February 27, 2020 at 12:18 PM

SP

“ *Scott Campbell & Staff at Central Penn Plumbing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Alex A. DiSanto.*



Scott Campbell & Staff at Central Penn Plumbing - February 26, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Alex A. DiSanto.*



February 26, 2020 at 01:06 PM

BD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Alex DiSantos.*



brenda dye-coney - February 26, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Alex A. DiSanto.*



February 25, 2020 at 02:11 PM