



Rev. Alex Erby Jr.

November 16, 1950 - December 10, 2025

Reverend Alex Erby Jr., son of the late Alex Erby Sr. and Johnie Mae (Edwards) Erby, was born on Thursday, November 16, 1950, in Steelton, Pennsylvania.

Alex was a proud graduate of Steelton Highspire High School. He later furthered his studies by attending Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida. He then began a long and dedicated career with PP&L in Harrisburg, PA, from which he retired after many years of faithful service.

Affectionately called “Pop Pop,” Reverend Erby lived a life of faith, family, fellowship, and community. A respected Reverend, he touched countless lives through his guidance, encouragement, and the genuine care he showed to everyone he encountered. He was known for his warm spirit and outgoing nature, never passing by without a greeting, and for the sense of belonging he brought wherever he went.

Alex was a lifelong pillar of the Steelton community and a devoted supporter of the Steelton Highspire School District. For more than 50 years, he could be found on the sidelines or in the stands, proudly cheering on the Rollers at athletic events. His passion for sports, especially Roller athletics, was unmatched, and his presence was a constant source of encouragement for student-athletes. His signature smile and unwavering support became a

familiar and cherished part of the community.

Above all else, Alex was a devoted father and a fiercely proud grandfather. He rarely missed a game or event, ensuring his children and grandchildren always felt his unwavering support. His love for family, sports, and community defined his life and legacy.

On Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the age of seventy-five, Reverend Alex Erby Jr. peacefully transitioned into eternal rest at UPMC Harrisburg Hospital. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Brown.

He leaves to honor and cherish his life, his sons, Brian Erby and Andrew Erby (Tara); his daughter, Leigh Ann Erby; his grandchildren, Courtney Erby, Alex Erby III, Andrew Erby Jr., Kennedy Erby, Alexa Erby, Bryat Erby, and Mia Erby; three great-grandchildren; his niece, Elizabeth "Buffy" Pettis; his nephews, Jeremy Ross and Chris Brown; and a host of extended family members, friends, athletes, and community members who loved and respected him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, and to honor Reverend Erby's lifelong passion for the Steelton-Highspire community, the family requests that contributions be made to support the rebuilding of Cottage Hill through the Roller Nation Foundation.

Donations may be made by check payable to Roller Nation Foundation, mailed to Steelton-Highspire School District, 250 Reynders Avenue, Steelton, PA 17113.

For additional information, please contact Willie Slade, Superintendent, at (717) 704-3803 or wslade@shsd.k12.pa.us, or Coach Andrew Erby Sr., Athletic Director & Head Football Coach, at (717) 343-1692 or

aerby@shsd.k12.pa.us.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Monday, December 22, at WFD.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
106 Agnes St
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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Alex Erby Jr.



Wallace Funeral Directors - December 22, 2025 at 09:30 AM

CW

“ With deepest sympathy I hope you feel surrounded by much love sharing in your sadness.
Chichi (Westsider)

ChiChi Wiley - January 01 at 12:53 PM

SP

“ Rest in peace. Blessings to the family.



Sadie Peck - December 22, 2025 at 10:59 AM

RH

“ I’m gonna miss seeing Pop at all the games and having our pregame talks. He was a good man and showed me nothing but love. My sincere condolences to the Erby family and extended family. Pop was a man of honor, respect, and love. He showed everyone he encountered love and rest. To the family, remember To be absent from the body is to be present with the lord. We know Pop is resting and is at peace!!!

Ryan House - December 17, 2025 at 10:28 PM

RH

Typo**** He showed everyone he encountered love and respect

Ryan House - December 17, 2025 at 10:30 PM

KM

“ I met Rev. Alex Erby, back in the days when I had hair, and was a regular at Wallace's Barber Shop on Market Street. It was necessary to arrive early on Saturday morning to be out before 10AM. It was a treat to join Rev Erby's sessions, which were part COURT and Sermon. There lots of laughs, truth, and wisdom. If you listened well, you would learn something new whenever Rev Erby was holding court or preaching. He will certainly be missed by the community. God bless you sir. Well done thy good and faithful servant.

Rev. Keith D Mitchell, Tabernacle Baptist Church

Keith D Mitchell - December 17, 2025 at 08:59 PM

LC

Yes, I met Erby at the same place you did at mister Wallace's. I never forget the fun days over there. Sorry to see this man go. He's the one that told me all about shady Maple his story and Mr. Wallace, together was something else, never forget those days.

Lionel T Crawford - December 31, 2025 at 12:28 PM

FC

“ Prayers for the Erby Family. My sincere condolences to the Family. Steelton lost a true Roller legend. May you be at peace and cheer from the high heavens for our beloved ROLLERS.

Farrah Conjar

Farrah Conjar - December 17, 2025 at 07:23 PM

CH

“ Grew up on the Westside with Erby. Always a great guy. Peace n Blessings to his family



Christine Headen - December 17, 2025 at 04:13 PM

BT

Sincere condolences from ALL of the Bowman Family 🙏

Beverly Biwman Thomas - December 17, 2025 at 09:29 PM

BT

So many Steelton memories ❤️

Beverly Biwman Thomas - December 17, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to the ERBY family and the community of SHHS! I still recall hearing his voice on our tapes when I first came to play football as he would say, there he goes! RIP Mr. ERBY

Derek Bowman - December 17, 2025 at 04:04 PM

JR

“ I personally knew this Man, since my birth, And he only showed me Love ❤️... He Only wished the best of Me. I'm gonna Miss your Laugh, Your Smile and your Love for ROLLER FOOTBALL SALUTE
☐ UNCLE ERB ❤️... REST IN PARADISE

Jeremy Ross - December 17, 2025 at 12:13 PM

DS

“ David Seay lit a candle in memory of Rev. Alex Erby Jr.



David Seay - December 17, 2025 at 10:16 AM

CL

“ A man of Faith, and 100% Roller. Always at every game near and far cheering on his Rollers. May God continue to bless you in his presence. God Bless the family, friends and Roller community with healing and strength.

Chris Lamon - December 17, 2025 at 09:57 AM

CL

“ May he Rest In Eternal Peace. Sending prayers and condolences to all of the family.

Cheryl and Richard Lehigh

Cheryl Lehigh - December 17, 2025 at 08:03 AM

RB

“ *Rest In Heavenly Peace My Dear Friend! Blessings to the Erby Family!*

Renee Drayton-Bowers

Renee Drayton Bowers - December 17, 2025 at 07:31 AM

LL

My deepest condolences goes to the Erby family. RIP 🙏❤️👊🏻

Lee Lathan - December 17, 2025 at 11:02 AM

PJ

*So sorry for your loss of Rev.Erby.
I got to know him when he Pastor and
Turner Memorial Church.always a kind to everyone.Prayers to the
family 🌸🌹🌸*

Priscilla Jackson - December 17, 2025 at 01:00 PM

LG

*Always remembered, with Respect. Prayers for a much deserved,
Heavenly rest..*

Lise Garnett - December 17, 2025 at 03:56 PM

DS

My sincere condolences. Praying for peace for the family.

Danielle Sims - December 17, 2025 at 03:59 PM

NG

*Please accept our deepest and most sincere condolences and deepest
sympathy for the Erby family. May his Memory be Eternal 🙏. Nick and
Terry Govelovich*

Nick Govelovich - December 17, 2025 at 06:59 PM