



## Fr. Alex Vukovich

March 10, 1947 - January 3, 2025

On Friday, January 3rd, we sadly lost Fr. Alex Vukovich after a short battle with his health. Alex was born on March 10th, 1947 in Butte Montana to Alex and Cokey Vukovich. Even as a young boy he was always playing priest, once he even gave John and I tickets to heaven.

Al attended Whittier school, East Jr High and graduated from Butte High in 1965. Al attend the School of Mines in Butte and the University of Montana in Missoula where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. He then enrolled at St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary in Tuckahoe, NY. He attended St. Vladimir for 3 years to obtain a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in Theology from the Serbian Eastern Orthodox church. In 1972, Al was ordained a Serbian Orthodox Priest at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Alhambra, CA. After a short stay at the cathedral, he transferred to Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox church in Pittsburgh. Following his many years there, Al took on the challenge to build a church and successfully grow the congregation in West Virginia.

Al choose to make a career change and entered the United States Navy and was stationed at San Diego Naval base and was assigned to the USS aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk as Chaplin LT Commander. During his time in the Navy, Al had the privilege to see over 47 countries while traveling around the world 3 times. At the end of his tour, he relocated to Bahrain Saudi Arabia where he

taught English to high school students. After several years, he went on to become Principle at a high school in Egypt.

In 1992, Al moved back to Butte to help take care of our mother. In 1999, he started a 22 year career with CCCS corporation as Program Administrator at the Watch program. He loved working there as it was some of the happiest times of his life. Helping others was a gift Al received from God as he truly touched and changed the lives of many.

In retirement he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, especially his great-grandson Mason.

Al was heavily involved in all the activities of Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Butte and loved spending time with his church family. He was the choir director and had a wonderful baritone voice.

Al is preceded in death by his Mother and Father, sadly his daughter Anna, brother John, special cousin Bibber, his best friend Buff and all the Vukovich and Murja grandparents, aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his daughter Marisa (John) Camp and their children Ethan and Emily (Jonathan), brother Joe (Jan) and children, Joey (Jade), Jaelyn and grandchildren Jersey Jo and Ryson, granddaughters Bailey Vukovich (Kayte), Macy, Alexandria, grandson Milo and great-grandson Mason, and too many cousins to name. His church family, special cousin Mona (Ron) Kriskovich and their family, cousin Vonnie (Mickey) Bolton and their family, his CCCS corporation family and dear friends, Rich Skuletich, Mike Thatcher, Nicole Bugni, Donna and Gary Jenks and Ed Foley. Special shoutout to Donna who took such good care of my brother for the later part of his life. Thank you also to his neighbors Rob and Tom for helping around his home.

Visitation will begin Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock in Holy Trinity Orthodox Church with a memorial service to follow. Funeral services will be conducted in church Wednesday at 12 noon and interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

Memorials to Serbian Orthodox Church or Pintler Pets in Anaconda.

RIP till we meet again Bro.

VJECNA JA PAMJAT  
MEMORY ETERNAL

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM (MT)

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church  
2100 Continental Dr  
Butte, MT 59701

## Funeral Service

JAN 15. 12:00 PM.

Church Wednesday

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Chaplain Alex was our battalion chaplain when I served with 3d Combat Engineer Bn at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan. Alex was a great motivator for our Marines, insisting on doing all of the things our Marines did. He never shied away from getting dirty (or soaked, as it rained often). He was an inspirational chaplain, and always quick to engage me, having been raised Jewish, and to offer his thoughts on the similarities between Orthodoxy and Judaism. I'm so sorry that I only now tried to reach out and learned that he had passed. He will be missed by all of us who knew him.

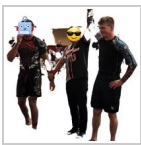
Steven Berkowitz - September 04, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JR

“ 🕯️🙏🏻✝️🕯️ *Requiescat In The Loving Arms Of The Father, Son And Holy Ghost With The Blessed Virgin Mother Mary, St. Joseph And All The Saints And Angels* 🕯️✝️🏛️🕯️



Juraj Mijo Rozman - August 14, 2025 at 06:59 AM



“ *Fr. Alex went into the prisons and led sinners to Christ. Memory eternal*

Cameron McBryde - April 14, 2025 at 01:43 PM

FT

“ *May God give rest to the soul of beloved +Father Al. I was blessed to know him when he was serving in Pittsburgh.*

*Father Rodney*

Father Rodney Torbic - February 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM

LW

“ *Our prayers and thoughts to Alex and all his family.*

Lorelei Williams - January 29, 2025 at 10:02 AM

BV

“ *Missing my grandfather.*



Bailey Vukovich - January 25, 2025 at 11:57 PM

HD

“ *This is a photo of Al and me at my first baptism while still in seminary. Al and the rest of us came to st Vladimir's Seminary in the suburbs of NYC from many different backgrounds. We were penniless but determined that the Church needed more caring and normal humans as priests.*

*Al was certainly this and a breath of fresh air wherever he served. Of course, breaths of fresh air were not greeted by the “ we don't smile in church “crowd and the life of new era pastors was not always welcome.*

*After seminary, we exchanged cassette tapes back and forth wherever we went for years and shared our joy and tears.*

*I know we will meet again, but, for now, I miss him not being on the same earth!*

*Memory Eternal! May the Kingdim be yours!*

hal dudash - January 15, 2025 at 08:05 PM

GP

“ Al, you will be missed, I was hoping to see you again at the class reunion. We enjoyed our visit last summer. I planted a cedar tree in the park as an honor to you.



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**Gary Pyfer** - January 13, 2025 at 09:51 PM

RJ

“ "EMPEROR" you were simply the BEST at everything!!! You will be greatly missed, and I Love You! Rest in PEACE my BROTHER, Rest in PEACE.

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**RayJay Johnson** - January 11, 2025 at 08:13 PM

DF

“ Father Al will be missed so much 💕 He always had a kind word for everyone. We looked forward to seeing him after Sunday Liturgy. God Bless and may your Memory Be Eternal 🙏

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**Duane & Michaelanne Fagnan** - January 11, 2025 at 03:38 PM

JX

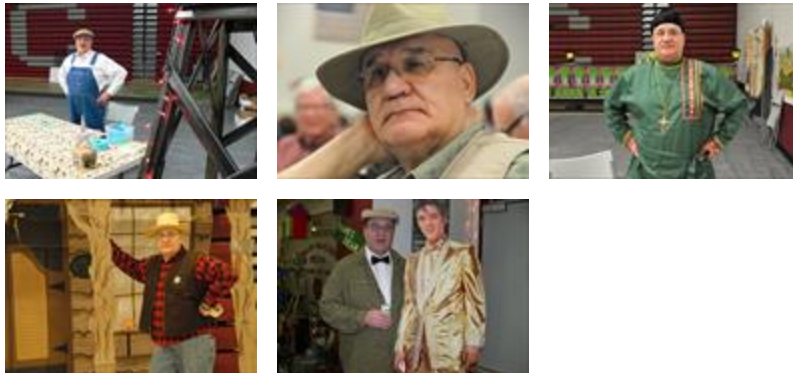
“ My heartfelt and deepest condolences to Father Al's family. Father Al, I have known you for 15 years as a member of Holy Trinity's church family. Although you are no longer physically with us, your unforgettable full of joy and happiness spirit and countless of memories continue to warm my heart. Your presence brought light and joy into my and other peoples lives, and your absence is deeply felt. Your kindness, laughter and beautiful voice with the church choir will forever be cherished and remembered. May your memory be eternal, knowing that you are dearly missed and will always hold a special place in my heart. As you always told me every time you saw me "Poly Kala". Indeed, everything is well. With love and fond memories, John Xanthopoulos

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**John Xanthopoulos** - January 11, 2025 at 09:54 AM

MH

“ Alex: You were always one of my favorites to work on CCCS Events with. You made giving to others so much fun!!! I will cherish all the light-hearted and humorous bantering that we engaged in over the years. May you be party-planning up above. Molina Hamblin



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**MOLINA D HAMBLIN** - January 10, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Fr. Alex Vukovich.* ”



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January 10, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home** - January 10, 2025 at 10:27 AM