



Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex

December 30, 1953 - January 22, 2026

Joseph Thomas Alex III was born on December 30, 1953, in Nashville, Tennessee, and passed away on January 22, 2026, in Wesley Chapel, Florida.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Alex II and Virginia Alex.

Joseph graduated from Brandon High School in 1972 and began working at IMC in 1976, where he built a career defined by dedication and hard work. Later in life, driven by a growing interest in earth sciences and a deep desire to learn, he made the decision to return to college. In 1995, he proudly earned a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of South Florida—an achievement that reflected his strong work ethic, perseverance, and lifelong curiosity. Joseph continued his career with Mosaic, from which he retired in 2017.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Valerie Sewell Alex, with whom he shared a lifetime of love, partnership, and devotion. He was a loving and devoted father to his

daughters, Ashley McCullough (Bear) and Jennifer Butler, and a proud grandfather to Morgan, Molly, Barrett, Mallory, and Maggie. His grandchildren were his world, and he loved each of them deeply.

Joe loved sports, especially the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He also enjoyed traveling with family, hiking the Appalachian Trail, reading books on history, and riding his bike around Lake Thonotosassa—finding joy in both learning and the simple pleasures of life.

Music mattered deeply to Joe. It was a constant companion—something that brought him comfort and joy and accompanied him through every stage of his life. Music was something he carried with him always, a true reflection of his heart and soul. Many will remember the songs he played, the way he listened, and how music brought him closer to the people he loved, even in the end.

Joseph is also survived by his brothers, Philip Alex and Benjamin Alex; his nephews, Sam, Kevin, and Andrew; and his niece, Meghan.

Joseph will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a hard worker whose steady presence, integrity, and commitment to doing things right left a lasting mark on all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and forever loved.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 22, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at the fellowship hall at New Hope Methodist Church in Brandon, Florida. Family and friends are invited to gather and honor Joe's life, sharing memories, music, and the love he gave so freely. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Methodist Church
213 N. Knights Ave
Brandon, FL 33510

Tribute Wall

CD

“ Thoughts, Love & Prayers from your Alabama family. Many years since we've last met, but great memories of a your sweet family and always kind, Joe. ❤️

Cindy & Don - February 21 at 12:38 PM

PH

“ Pati & Ernest Houston purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex.



Pati & Ernest Houston - February 20 at 06:24 PM

TH

“ Toni H. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex.



Toni H. - February 20 at 09:14 AM

KH

“ Kim & Chris Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex.



Kim & Chris Harris - February 20 at 06:34 AM

BK

“ Becky, Dona and Keith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex.

Becky, Dona and Keith - February 20 at 04:43 AM

BK

“ Becky, Dona and Keith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex.



Becky, Dona and Keith - February 20 at 04:43 AM

PL

“ Philip L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex.

Philip L. - February 19 at 09:04 AM

BH

“ Ben, Sam, Meghan, and Harrison purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex.



Ben, Sam, Meghan, and Harrison - February 18 at 03:08 PM

RM

“ I met Joe at the Noralyn A-Lab in 1995. We worked closely for six months before I was transferred back to New Wales. I enjoyed his wicked sense of humor; there was never a dull moment working with him. He was smart, experienced, and you could also always count on him. He would stick to his guns with passion when he thought he was right about something; but in the end, he would crack you up and you just couldn't get mad at him.

After Noralyn, we would run into each other once in a while. I was very proud of Joe when he got his Geology degree, because this was not an easy accomplishment at our age, having a family. It takes a lot of individual commitment and hard work.

Joe and I would always had something to talk about, whether it was work-related, or interests we shared. I remember how excited he was when his wife gifted him with an M1 Garand. He was floored, and he said that he had the best wife in the world. I want her to know that.

Joe, you will always be thought of fondly by your friends at work.

Rey Marsella

Rey Marsella - February 09 at 04:09 PM

MW

“ Mark and Cindy Whittleton purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Joseph Thomas Alex.



Mark and Cindy Whittleton - January 27 at 07:00 PM

DR

“ I first met Joe in Drivers Ed. at Brandon High. He was class of 72, I think, and I was class of 71. I liked him from then on. Later, with mutual friends we had our own tribe. We explored and experimented with life like so many of our generation. He was very funny even when wasn't trying to be. As a friend, he was steadfast and loyal. I have nothing but good and great memories of him. We shared many musical loves, we were listening to music all the time. There were many years where we did not communicate, life gets in the way but I often thought of him. Recently he and I and some of our running mates got in touch with each other and it was just like it was before, all over again. I will meditate on his passing but most especially I will think back on all the great times we had together. My heart goes out to Valerie and his daughters. Please know that my life has been enriched by knowing him and I'm sure others feel the same way. Donnie Robinson.

Donnie Robinson - January 27 at 03:33 PM