



Alexander Carlisle

November 27, 1950 - December 20, 2018

Alexander "Al" Carlisle, age 68 made the journey to his final assignment on Wednesday, December 20, 2018 surrounded by family and friends. He was the third child born unto the union of TJ and Amy Carlisle on November 27, 1950 in Riderwood, Alabama (Choctaw County).

He accepted Christ at a young age and was united with Wahalak Baptist Church, Riderwood, Alabama. As Al traveled the many continents, he always joined in union and fellowship with other Christians and Christ centered bodies. He was currently a member of the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Gospel Service, serving as the bass guitarist for the Renown Gospel Choir. Al also used his talent to play the Bass guitar in several music ministries throughout his career, and was a member of the "Endangered Species" band. Al attended Choctaw County Training School in Lisman, Alabama graduating in 1967. He attended and graduated from Tuskegee Institute (Now Tuskegee University). While attending the University, he was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) where he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant into the Air Force upon graduation. After 30 Years of Air Force service, he retired as Colonel (06) after serving at numerous assignments to include: 11th Wing Inspector, General, Washington, DC; Deputy Inspector General, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Director of Safety, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, California and Commander, 30th Range Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, California. After retiring from the Military, Al continued serving his country as a Federal Employee in the

following positions: Deputy Director, Administrative Investigations, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Inspector General and Administrator Investigator, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Washington D.C.

Al met Gail Tucker of Miami, Florida at Vandenburg AFB, California. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on May 15, 1981 and recently celebrated thirty-seven years of cherished memories together, a union ordained by God.

Alexander tells the story of how he met his beloved wife (Gail) one fine January day in 1980, He saw this beautiful young woman walking across a field. The spirit of the Lord spoke to him and told him this woman would be his wife. Later he met her at an in-processing briefing and his heart melted because when he was close enough to speak, he observed that she was wearing a wedding set. He said as the day progressed, he kept watching her and believed even more that God had spoken to his heart about her being his wife. He gathered the courage to introduce himself to her and asked if her husband would mind if he took her to lunch. Her response was "what husband, I'm not married" and he knew she was the one. He confessed his love within a month and proposed marriage in six months. They were married a year and a half later. After 10 years they renewed their vows and they continued to celebrate two wedding anniversaries every year.

Colonel Carlisle is preceded in death by his father, TJ Carlisle in 2002; his mother, Amy Carlisle in 2009. He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife Gail of Alexandria, VA; two sons, Alexander Carlisle, Jr (Angela), Tampa Florida, Derek C. Carlisle (Cynthia), Alexandria Virginia; one daughter, Stephanie Carlisle, Tampa, Florida; two brothers, Andrew Carlisle, Willie Carlisle (Shirley), both of Montgomery, Alabama; two sisters, Betty C. Washington (Frank) Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Melissa Carlisle, San Antonio, Texas; nine grandchildren and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and comrades in arms.

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Alexander Carlisle



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Alexander Carlisle

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Arlington National Cemetery



Linda - May 21, 2019 at 10:17 PM

RU

“ So sorry to hear of Al’s passing. We served together at 4 ACCS and bumped into each other again at the Air Force IG School. A professional leader and gentleman. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. RIP Al. We have the watch. 🇺🇸

Richard M. Hutchins, Col, USAF/Retired - May 06, 2019 at 09:34 PM

LI

“ Linda lit a candle in memory of Alexander Carlisle



Linda - March 28, 2019 at 09:33 PM

SA

“ Sandra Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Alexander Carlisle



Sandra Armstrong - February 23, 2019 at 05:55 PM

GC

“ Gail Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Alexander Carlisle



gail carlisle - February 15, 2019 at 11:15 PM

GC

I remember my first Valentine's day in 1980, we had barely known each other but you sent me this very large floral arrangements with red roses, carnations and lilies. We were both new at Vandenberg AFB. A few months later you declared your undying love to me but told me to take my time .

gail carlisle - February 15, 2019 at 11:18 PM

GC

I really miss you my best friend. Even when I was mad at you and was anxious about our relationship, I still shared 'friendship stuff' with you. I loved and trusted you to never judge me and to always to listen or give advise which led me to BE BEST. I love you the Whole World Worth.

gail carlisle - February 15, 2019 at 11:21 PM

SA

Gail and family: I remember Al as a calm, gentle, and even-tempered soul. He beamed when he played the guitar. I recall dancing with him at the Air Force Balls. I can hear his laughter in my head. Richard and I shared very happy moments with Al, Gail and with Derek when he was born and at Disneyland.

*Life changes rapidly but if we are lucky our memories and friendships sustain us. As long as we remember our loved ones who have passed, they are always with us in spirit. From experience, I know this to be true. My love and condolences to my friend, Gail, and to her family.
Sandra Armstrong*

Sandra Armstrong - February 23, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ Alexander Carlisle

January 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Gail and family - it was such a pleasure to work for Col Carlisle. He was truly a great leader and had a big positive impact on my career and life. He will be missed. Ron and Kathleen Cortopassi

January 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Forever in our hearts. Love, Louise and Lottie*

January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Alexander Carlisle*

America the Beautiful - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Alexander Carlisle*

Soft Glow - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Al, You have been a staple in our lives and will be forever in our hearts. We will cherish the time spent with you and remember the Lord has a greater plan. Rest easy, Uncle. Alex and LaSonia Green*

Daisies - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to the family of Al Carlisle. May your memories of him be a source of comfort
I grew up with Al in Alabama and enjoyed visiting him and his parents there, and he and his family visiting me and my husband Willard in San Diego years later. AL was a dear cousin whose wisdom and kindness meant so much to us. We will miss him.
Louise Rodgers Pruitt*

January 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Alexander Carlisle

America the Beautiful - January 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Alexander Carlisle

Medium Dish Garden - January 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Alexander Carlisle

America the Beautiful - January 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Alexander Carlisle

America the Beautiful - January 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *I am sorry for your loss and my condolences is with the family. May God continue to bless you and strength you in the absence of your love one. God bless.*

Candle of Peace - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ This is truly a loss. I will miss him dearly. Al was generous in so many ways, not just in spirit. He was smart, wise, kind, patient. These are just the few qualities I got to enjoy the short time I have known him. This world was a better place with him in it. I will miss talking to him about BMW's and him teaching me about plumbing, electrical, real estate. I would see Al walking the dog down the street when he was in town as I drove by. I would slow down, roll down my window and yell, "HEY CARLISLE". Al is exemplary of what every man, neighbor, husband, should be. I am saddened deeply. I'm going to miss him.

January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Alexander Carlisle

America the Beautiful - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I was fortunate to work with Al at the VA OIG until my retirement in 2015. He was always the consummate gentleman whose steady, thoughtful demeanor was highly valued by his staff, peers, and supervisors. He always insisted that subjects of investigation be treated fairly and presumed to be innocent of allegations leveled against them until evidence proved otherwise. Most importantly, Al insisted that evidence that cast doubt on guilt not be ignored and that everyone should be treated respectfully. Al was a fine man who will be missed by all who knew him. Jim O'Neill

January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Alexander Carlisle

America the Beautiful - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Farewell my dearly loved Brother-in-law. You were a great husband to my Sister Gail and for that I am thankful. Yet You were so much more; Kind, Generous, Steady, Dedicated, Talented and such an Inspiration. I was eighteen when I met You and You were attaching special parts to Your sports car. It has been exciting to watch that develop into a life long hobby. I'm really going to miss You. Zoom! Zoom!

Cars & Motors - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ My sincere condolences to the Carlisle Family. I had the pleasure of working with Al at the VA Office of Inspector General for several years before my retirement. He was a lovely person with a bright spirit. May his spirit live on in glory. Christina Lavine

Steps of Light - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Alexander known as Al, and his family became our family friends for many years when we first met at Christian Center Ministries. Al quickly and humbly became part of our worship team definitely leaving an impression after every worship service by his "dancing feet" and was quickly labeled as our "moving bass player". I often joked around saying we needed to give him a bigger space so he can dance like Ron Kenoly's bass player, Abraham. He was the humorous guy who was well loved by everyone who became his friend. Al always said "yes" to anyone who needed help and served with a warm and joyful heart. I will miss Al and I know he has left a legacy that will never be forgotten. Earth lost a great man but Heaven gained a great angel who knows to play bass who will certainly rock the worship band there. Prayers and hugs to his family during this time.

Love,

Sherryanne, Peter, Josh, Kristi and Brian

Music Note - January 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

UF

“ Alexander Carlisle

US Air Force - January 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Alexander Carlisle

America the Beautiful - December 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Alexander Carlisle

Beautiful Dreams - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Alexander Carlisle*

Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Alexander Carlisle*

Sacred Duty Spray - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM