



## Alex David Schlief

March 18, 1977 - November 28, 2009

Age 32 of Wayzata. Beloved Father and Son. After a long struggle, succumbed to alcoholism on November 28, 2009. He had 2 years of sobriety. Alex put much effort into many interests. He was a church acolyte, a member of the National Honor Society, a 1995 graduate of Roseville HS, an Eagle Scout. Alex was a member of the Pipefitter's Union, Local 455. He is survived and much loved by his daughter, Sierra Catherine (10); partner, Melissa Jean Goracke; parents, David and Judy Schlief; many relatives and friends. Preceded in death by grandparents, Harry and Dorothy Schlief and Frank and Helen Wojcik; aunt, Catherine Fraser. Gathering 2-6PM Sunday, Dec 6 (prayers at 5:30PM) at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 at Mackubin, Shoreview (651-482-7606). Mass of Christian Burial 11AM Monday (gathering begins at 10AM) at ST ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to the family.

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Alex. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Karen and Mike Childers** - December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Judy, David, Melissa, & Sierra,  
The last time we saw Alex was on Halloween night two years ago. He, Melissa, and Sierra came to our house for a visit. We didn't recognize them at first as they were all dressed up as pirates. Alex always enjoyed a good tease and catching us off guard was good for a laugh.

*May your faith in God grant you peace, the love of friends and family bring you comfort, and the wonderful memories you have of Alex live forever in your heart.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
**Terri & Rich Crofford**

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**Terri & Rich Crofford** - December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I would have liked to have been at his service tomorrow. Please accept my prayers and condolences for Alex. Vicki

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**Victoria McDonald** - December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *My deepest sympathathy to the family and parents of Alex Schlief  
Many years of struggle make life a tough proposition. He leaves  
some good memories in his accomplishments, Wishing the best of  
good luck to the family.*

**WARREN & DOROTHY BECKER MGFA**

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**Warren Becker** - December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Lynn and I are very sad for your lost. We know what it is to loose a  
child.*

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**Kenneth Schlief** - December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *To the entire Schlief Family  
From all the Students and Staff of the St.Paul Pipefitters JATC.  
Our deepest sympathy goes out.  
Alex will be missed more than words can express.*

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**St.Paul Pipefitters Apprenticeship program** - December 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *I have never met Alex but I know Judy for many years through North  
Suburban New Neighbors. From the picture, Alex was a handsome  
young man. It brings to mind the book, Why Do Bad Things Happen  
to Good People? Children should not go before the parents. And  
certainly not so young. I will pray for Judy and her family to  
remember the good times they have had with Alex.*

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**Marianne Goren** - December 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Our deepest and most sincere condolences on the loss of Alex.*

*Instructors, Staff, and Students of the St. Paul Pipefitters JAC.*

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**St. Paul Pipefitters JAC** - December 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Alex*

*You Where Like a brother to us \**

*All The lauphter that filled the air when you where around will echo in ower harts forever..*

*I Keep Seeing.. in my mind you on your wedding day ..You Where the happies't man so full of pride ..*

*You Are Not Lost But Found And we will meet again lil brother*

*Love allways Angel, gordy, Muria\**

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**Angel & Gordon Marth** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Our deepest and sincere condolences in your loss of Alex.*

*Members, Staff, Instructors, and Students of the St. Paul Pipefitters Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee*

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**St. Paul Pipefitters JAC** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *"Many memories along our path of friendship. We were more than friends as you called us Mom & Dad. You will be missed deeply my son. Love John, Fran and Tawni*

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**John & Frances Kirk** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Dave & Judy,  
We are so sorry to learn of this.  
You are, and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.  
May God bless you and Sierra, and all who are close to you.

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**Dick & Cheryl Purdue** - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ So sorry to hear about Alex. My prayers for your family as you go through this time of loss.

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**Rev John Eggen** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dear Judy and Family,

Your friends in the garden club are all saddened to hear you lost your son. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, as you deal with your loss. We wish you better days ahead. We will send a memorial instead of flowers.

Suzanne Luke  
Garden Club President

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**The Shoreview Community Garden Club** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ We are sick at heart hearing your devastating news. While we have first-hand experience with our son's alcoholism and recovery, we cannot fathom the pain of losing a child. Our family has many fond memories of special times with you and Alex. We pray the Lord in his infinite mercy will grant you peace in this tragedy.

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**Fred and Faye Kjos** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We can't imagine what it is like losing a child. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

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**Audrey & Larry Wells** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ "There is a quiet and peaceful place somewhere beyond tomorrow. May memories comfort, may time heal."-Judy Melvin

Sorry to hear of the loss of your son. With deepest sympathy- Terry  
(from BeFriendsers)

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**Terry DeGroot** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We are saddened by the news that Alex has passed on. We so enjoyed seeing Alex at the bi-annual cousin reunions. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Barbara and Bob Reimer** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dave & Judy. We are shocked! Our deepest regards.

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**jb & Mary** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Be comforted with memories of happier times.

Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Dave Lewis** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dave & Judy. We are shocked! Our deepest regards.

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**jb & Mary** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ David and Judy.....  
How sad to hear of your son's death. You have my thoughts and caring feelings in these days of grief. Know you are in our prayers.

Duane

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**Duane Googins** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. How sad and tragic it is. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Nancy Cyr** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Schlieff Family. We are sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you, and we will put Alex on our Parish prayer list. God Bless and Keep you near at this difficult time.

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**Bill & Judy McAlpin** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are for your family.

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**Sue Kowalski** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Words cannot express how bad we feel about your loss. Roy and I would like to express our sympathy to both of you, Judy and David. Our prayers are with you now and always. God be with you!

*Shirley & Roy*

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**Shirley McNally** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Judy & David,*

*We are so sorry for your loss, what a shock for us, as we did not know of his struggle. We will keep you and the family in our prayers. A big hug from both of us.*

*Love Ginger & Tim McAlpin*

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**Tim & Ginger McAlpin** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Dear Dave and Judy,*  
*We are so very sorry for your loss.*  
*Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Love,*  
*Denny and Marianne*

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**Denny and Marianne Wendland** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *I was saddened to hear of your son's death and will certainly keep you-all in my prayers as well as his peaceful repose. I will offer Mass in his remembrance here at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace.*

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**Fr. John Berger** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Dave and Judy,  
Wow, I am soooo sorry to hear about your son.  
I pray God gives you peace and ability to get through these days of  
grief.  
We are not responsible for nor can we take credit for our children's  
success or choices of any kind. Just like our parents can not for us.  
You two are wonderful and will always be so.  
Sending a hug,  
Caroll*

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**Caroll Roberts** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear David, Judy, Melissa, and Sierra,*

*We are so very, very sorry to hear of your loss and send you our  
love and condolences.*

*We are so thankful we had such a nice visit with Alex and the rest of  
the family those two days this past July. We pulled out the pictures  
we took in July to look at them again and find it hard to believe we  
won't be seeing Alex again on this earth.*

*We pray that God will enfold you within His loving arms and comfort  
you in your grief.*

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**Jim & Rosalie Schlieff** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Our Deepest Sympathies to Dave and Judy.*

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**Marvin/Gail Richer** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ Dear David & Judy,

*We are so deeply saddened to learn of Alex's passing. I have been thinking about all of you and keeping you in my prayers all day. I can't imagine the pain and sadness you are experiencing.*

*I will continue to keep you in my prayers during this time of great sorrow for you all.*

*In sympathy and love,  
Kathy & Frank O'Neill*

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**Frank & Kathy O'Neill** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *It is with great sadness that I received the news and learned of Alex's passing. I have such fond memories of our time together this summer with Alex and family. I know that he was greatly loved and will be missed by many including myself and those distant family members here in Tennessee. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and that we are hurting and grieving with you. May God give us His grace and mercy as we entrust his soul to Him. With Love, Jonathan*

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**Jonathan Royce** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *I am so very sorry.....what a terrible surprise. A very difficult burden to bear. I will add Alex to my prayers.....may God love him and hold him close.*

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**Val Warkel** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *what a shock to us our thoughts and prayers go out to you. we cant believe such a sad time this must be for you.*

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**Pat and Bob Shoop** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Sorry to hear the death of your son. Prayers are all we can give you till we see you, Love to all the Schliefs*

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**Pat & Iris McAlpin** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM