



## Gary J. Alex

October 11, 1940 - August 7, 2025

Gary J. Alex, age 84, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2025, at his resident home in West Chester, Ohio. Born on October 11, 1940, in Toledo, Ohio, he was the beloved son of the late Stephen and Jane Alex.

A proud graduate of Central Catholic High School, Gary excelled in athletics, especially football, and went on to attend the University of Miami. He was an Air National Guard Staff Sergeant from 1962-1968. His passion for service led him to a distinguished career as a firefighter, dedicating over 30 years to protecting and serving his community. In 1979, Gary was honored as Fireman of the Year, a testament to his courage, dedication, and leadership. He deeply cherished the camaraderie of his fellow firefighters and embraced the Brotherhood with unwavering pride.

Outside of his career, Gary was an avid golfer who celebrated two holes-in-one. He was a devoted fan of Notre Dame Football and the New York Yankees. Above all, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather whose warmth and humor touched everyone around him.

Gary is survived by his wife, Diana (Thielman); his daughters, Leslie Alex and Nikki (Jim) Salmon; grandchildren, Ricky (Catherine), Kaylee (Cody "The Marine"), and Cody (Lulu); and great-granddaughters, Remington, Layna, Rori, and Nora.

A visitation will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, followed by a funeral service 12:30pm and Last Alarm at 1:00pm. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the caregivers and Hospice of Cincinnati for their compassionate support during Gary's illness. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Alzheimer's Association, or the Toledo Firefighters Museum.

# Cemetery Details

## Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street  
Sylvania, OH 43560

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Memorial Service

AUG 15. 12:30 PM (ET)

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## Last Alarm

AUG 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Gary was always kind to me and enjoyable to be around. Besides having lunches with him, my Dad (Larry), uncle (Ken), and brother (Bob), I used to see him at the Francis YMCA working out. Certainly miss the good ole' days...RIP and love to the family.

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**John Oehlers** - August 12, 2025 at 02:09 PM