



Alexander McAulay

August 12, 1913 - August 7, 2012

Murrells Inlet

Alexander McAulay age 98, of Sweetwater, died Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at his residence.

Born on August 12, 1913 in Glasgow, Scotland, he was the son of the late William and Violet Douglas McAulay. Mr. McAulay's entire career was in the rubber and plastic industry, working in England, Australia, Canada and the United States. He was past president of the CT. Rubber Group and longtime member of the Society of Plastics Engineers. Mr. McAulay was a member of the Surfside Rotary Club and past president of the Seymour/Oxford Rotary Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra Burgess and husband George of Jackson Heights, NY and Frances Will of Alamosa, CO; his grandchildren, Jennifer and husband Bill, Courtney and husband Gary, Christopher, Matthew and wife Georgia; his great grandchildren, Adam Schertz, Ariana and Thomas Michak; a sister, Wilma Young of Vancouver, BC, Canada; a dear friend and companion, Alice Rogers of Oxford, CT and dear friends, Mary Ann Burt, Shirley Hurd and the Labacz family all of CT also his dear friends and golf buddies in Murrells Inlet Joe and Cookie Belarge, Pete and Mary Lou Leotino, Joni and Myron Harvist, Dee and Steve Kampman and his special friend

Nancy Parker.

A gathering of friends will be held from 2:00-3:00 PM with a celebration of life at 2:30 PM Saturday, August 11, 2012 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
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Service

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ Dear Frankie and Sandra,
From the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado we send our deepest sympathies for the loss of your dear father. We know he will be deeply missed by those who knew and spent time with him. From knowing you, Frankie, we can only imagine what a "live wire" he was, filled with energy and determination (and a sense of humor)!
Our thoughts are with you.
Love,
Tawney and Mike, Alamosa, Colorado

Tawney Becker - August 12, 2012 at 04:13 PM

J(

“ Dear Sandra and Fran , We are so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing.He was a wonderful person and will be missed by everyone that knew him,especially my sister Alice who deeply cared so much about him. I am so glad that my husband Tony and I got to know him. Our prayers go with you and the family In Loving Memory
Janet and Tony Porter of Connecticut

Janet & Tony Porter (Labacz) - August 10, 2012 at 08:55 PM

GR

“ I remember meeting Alex in 1986 in Durango, Co. He was a man so full of life and giving of his love and wisdom at he services for his son-in-law Peter Will .He was very supportive of his daughter Frances Will at that time and traveled a long distance to be by her side.



I have enjoyed, through the years, the many stories of Alex's many adventures.

God Bless you Alex and thanks for the memories.

*Gwynne Mainland, Ridout
Kerrville, Texas*

Gwynne Mainland, Ridout - August 10, 2012 at 06:47 PM

CC

“ As a Sweetwater neighbor of Alex's, we enjoyed talking with him on numerous occasions. Always interesting, he shared with us stories of his life both personal and work related especially after he found that we both spent our careers in the Chemicals and Plastics World. His presence pool side will be missed!



Craig and Nancy Casto

Craig and Nancy Casto - August 10, 2012 at 01:32 PM

JD

“ Joe and Nancy Duffy purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Alexander McAulay.



Joe and Nancy Duffy - August 10, 2012 at 11:45 AM

AR

“ Alice Rogers purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Alexander McAulay.



Alice Rogers - August 10, 2012 at 11:34 AM

NP

“ I have had the pleasure of having Alex in my life for about four years which I have enjoyed very much. I enjoyed taking him to movies and out to eat. He would always tell the waitress about their earrings - he loved all women and enjoyed telling them how pretty they were, especially their earrings. I loved just taking him for a drive. He will be greatly missed.

Nancy Parker

Nancy Parker - August 09, 2012 at 03:49 PM

SK

“ It was our privilege and honor to call Alex our friend. What a character he was and always made the celebrations at our home truly memorable. A true gentleman, full of life and laughter, one whom could laugh at himself and spread joy to all around with his mischievous grin and twinkle in his eye. We will always remember him with his cigar and cold beer (of course in a cold mug) as he enjoyed sitting at the pool watching the ladies and entertaining all of us with his anecdotes and life experiences. We truly loved Alex and will miss him greatly. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.
Steve and Dee Kampman

Steve and Dee Kampman - August 09, 2012 at 12:32 PM

MB

“ My grandfather was a man who took great pleasure in small comforts: stiff toast, sharp pleats, a warm plate at a restaurant, the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle. When a nurse said she'd be giving him oxygen he asked her to hold the oxy and just give him the gin. At a mall, if you asked him where the bathroom was, he'd give you directions and tell you, "If the door says Gentlemen, ignore it and go in anyway." He never laughed at his own jokes because we all did that for him. The two of us both attended the University of Glasgow, centuries apart, and while I was there I thought of him often, and I will continue to hear his voice reminding me to keep my elbows off the table, look people in the eye, and live life aggressively, but always with grace.

Matt Burgess (Alex's grandson)

Matt Burgess - August 09, 2012 at 11:46 AM

KL

“ Sandra and Francis

I have no words to express my sadness. Alex has been a part of my family for so many years. The memories of the times we all had together can go on and on. He shared so many happy celebrations with my family. The holidays were especially the best...I can still picture him scouting for a place in the house to smoke his cigar. My Mom and Alex shared so many happy times. From the trips they took together or just sitting at my Grandmothers kitchen table with all my aunts, uncles around laughing. The stories he shared about his life were unforgettable. He was a true Gentleman through and through. Always pulling the chair out for the ladies and the warm handshake for the men. I am so so grateful to Alex for sharing his life with my mother Alice and my family. She loved him and he loved her. He will be missed immensely. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kim Lavorgna (Alice's Daughter)

Kim Lavorgna - August 08, 2012 at 08:58 PM

ND

“ Dear Frances and Sandra and family,

My husband and I send our sincerest condolences on the passing of your father. I cannot convey how much he meant to my mother Alice and our family. He was such a huge part of her life and she speaks about him daily with such love. He loved her like no other friend did and she loved him as well. They spent many years travelling the globe and sharing each other's lives. Even though the miles separated them during these later years, they always remain connected. Alex was always a part of our lives and he will never be forgotten. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Nancy and Joe Duffy (Alice's Daughter and Son in law)

Nancy Duffy - August 08, 2012 at 08:19 PM

ML

“ *My sincerest condolences to your family! I have very fond memories of Alex over the last 25 years. He was one of the most honest, sincere, and interesting people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. I have many fond memories of him at all of our family gatherings throughout the years. I'll always envision Alex and my grandmother walking to our front door during the holidays. I enjoyed listening to the numerous stories he loved to share. He always treated us like family and we always treated him like family. He will be sorely missed by his extended Connecticut family. Alex...it's been an honor to share part of my life with you and I'm thankful you shared part of your life with me. You will be missed sir! May we meet again on the other side!*

Michael Lavorgna (grandson of Alice Rogers)

Michael Lavorgna - August 08, 2012 at 07:35 PM

KB

“ As neighbors to Mr. McAulay's daughter Frankie, we have been regaled for years with happy tales about his lively activities. He was obviously a man who lived life fully. Would that we all remembered to live life in such a manner. Our hearts go out to the entire family and close friends.

Ken Burt, Alamosa, CO

Ken Burt - August 08, 2012 at 06:57 PM

SS

“ I never got to meet Mr. McAulay in person, but enjoyed hearing what an interesting, wonderful man he was through his daughter Frankie (Frances). His was a well lived life and I know he was deeply loved. My thoughts and condolences go out to his daughters and all who were touched by his life.

Sheri Shortridge

Sharon Shortridge - August 08, 2012 at 06:50 PM

CM

“ As I reflected on my grandfather's life I was reminded of a beautiful song by Lee Ann Womack, "I hope you dance." My grandfather was a great role model for how to enjoy life and he always took time to dance.

My fondest memory was watching him dance at my sister's wedding with my daughter, his great-granddaughter, Ariana. As they danced, I remember witnessing the thrill in my daughter's eyes as her great-grandfather twirled her around the dance floor in her pink dress. I also remember the twinkle in my grandfather's eyes and his wide grin. I am so grateful to have this beautiful memory which highlights a life lesson that when we step outside our comfort zone and make the choice to dance we can experience pure joy and have memories that last a life time.

So thank you to all the people who shared special moments with my grandfather enriching his life. May you all be comforted by the beautiful memories.

Courtney Burgess Michak - August 08, 2012 at 07:19 AM

JM

having worked with Alex for 32 yrs I WILL MISS HIM OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY JACK & ALICE MALINOSKY

JOHN MALINOSKY & ALICE MALINOSKY - August 09, 2012 at 08:30 AM

CB

A complex man who was always quick with a quip. He would always say "Woe is me", but it was with a wink and a smile as he certainly enjoyed his life to its fullest and helped to enrich the lives of those close to him.

What may be lesser-known to some of his friends (and what I will carry in my heart) is the enormous sacrifice he made in taking care of his true love, my grandmother, for decades. That takes a true man, a special man. And he was.

And now I'm sure he's trying to avoid the bunkers on the golf course up there. No doubt he'll navigate his way through.

Chris Burgess

Christopher Michael Burgess - August 10, 2012 at 11:32 AM