

## Alex Lewis Richardson

February 7, 1997 - February 9, 2022

Alexander “Alex” Lewis Richardson, 25, resident of Pocahontas, Arkansas, passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Born to Richard Gay and Michele Gordon on February 7, 1997, in Fort Worth, Texas, Alex lived a full life, traveling to many different places and adding to the lives of those around him. He spent his formative years in Folsom, California where he was an active part of the Folsom High School music program and Boy Scout Troop 1855. Following graduation in 2015 from Folsom High School, Alex traveled to New Zealand and worked several jobs while seeing the country. Alex moved to Arkansas in the Fall of 2020 to be close to family.

In life, Alex held an immense love for nature. From an early age and inspired by his parents and grandparents, Alex would spend countless hours enjoying the great outdoors. He had his first backpacking trip with his father at age seven, hiking a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail. Throughout his adolescence he developed a love for hiking, camping, backpacking, mountain climbing, and snowboarding with his family, friends, and Boy Scout troop, including several hikes to the top of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park. Inspired by the beauty of the Caribbean, Alex obtained a scuba diving certification to see the wonders of the ocean.

Alex had a gifted passion for music at an early age. His musical interests started when he began learning violin in 4th grade, and later he convinced his parents to let him take guitar lessons at age 10. An accomplished jazz guitarist, Alex won several awards for his guitar skills playing with the award-

winning Folsom High School Jazz Band.

Additionally, Alex cared about others. Growing up, he used his innate cooking skills to make delicious family meals — especially his seafood gumbo. In high school, he served with his church food bank in the Mission District in San Francisco. In Portland and in Arkansas, he involved himself with his community to support those in need.

Alex worked several jobs which focused on hospitality and serving others. Most recently, while looking for a more impactful opportunity, Alex joined the front lines of our world's battle with COVID-19 by working at the St. Bernard's Medical Center in Jonesboro. For many months, he devoted himself to caring for patients in the COVID ward.

Alex is survived by his partner Brittany Wilkerson, his parents Richard Gay Michele Gordon, stepmother Brenda Gay, and stepfather Jeff Thielmann, his grandmother Mary Ann Gordon, his sister Lindsay Chambers and her husband Jeremy Chambers, his step siblings Kylie and Mackenzie Thielmann, Danny Chavez, and Andrea and Amy Saldana, his nieces Shiloh and Harlow Chambers, and his cousins Jonathan Martin, Lauren McNair, and Megan Ogden.

Alex was a loving, caring soul. He did not care about material things; rather, he wanted everyone to love, laugh, and be happy. He was genuinely interested in other's lives, and listened, and was selfless. He lived his life seeking enlightenment and adventure, and he was joyful and loving. His family is heartbroken that he is gone, and we miss him dearly.

A visitation will be held at 10 AM followed by a Celebration of Life at 11 AM on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Kernodle Funeral Home at 315 Union Ave E, Wynne, Arkansas.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life

FEB **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

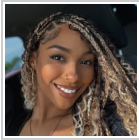
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“ Brannon, Aunt Mary & family purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.kernodlefh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Alex Lewis Richardson.

Brannon, Aunt Mary & family - February 21, 2022 at 12:16 AM



“ Alex was always so creative, intelligent, & critical. High school was not fun for either of us, but we enjoyed hating it together. Alex was a nerd at heart and never cared about what anybody thought of him. He cared about all types of people so intensely. I will be reading lots of Peter F. Hamilton in honor of you, my friend

Gabby Hill - February 14, 2022 at 05:29 PM



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