



Rex Alan Rekstis

March 1, 1954 - February 13, 2025

Rex Alan Rekstis, Aka: Cat Daddy, Big Dawg, Sexy Rexy, passed away on the morning of Feb. 13, 2025 in Tallahassee, Fl. He was born In Panama City at the Tyndall AF base hospital to Theodore (Rex) and Florence (Sue) Rekstis. He is survived by his one sibling, sister Linda (Jim Jr and nephews James III and Mathew), son Cooper (Mellie), and grandson, Declan, daughter, Molly (Mitchell, and grandsons Lucas and Lance), wife (2nd) Marianne.

All who knew Rex will tell you, here's a man who never met a stranger. He had a way of striking up a conversation with anyone everywhere he went. He had an easiness that he conveyed in his jokes and chats that made all feel comfortable. He was a good man with a huge heart and cared about everybody. Even though he was an avid hunter and fisherman, he had love and respect for nature, which branched out to his love for the neighborhood cats that adopted him.

A gathering for friends will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 1, 2025 in Panama City at The Captain's Table 1110 Beck Ave. Rex's Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 2, 2025 at Faith Lutheran Church in Tallahassee. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193 www.bevisfh.com).

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

The Captain's Table
1110 Beck Ave
Panama City, FL 32401

Celebration of Life

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

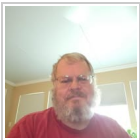
Faith Lutheran Church
2901 Kerry Forest Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Rex was my brother's best friend forever, and I thought of him as a bonus big brother. He cared deeply about other people, he was very funny, and he loved his family. He also loved animals. I didn't see Rex very much after he moved to Tally, but whenever I think of him, it makes me smile. He will be missed!

Sheila Bambacus - February 26, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ I have known Rex for about 55 years. Back in the mid 1970s I was in the hospital recovering from an injury and rex was a regular visitor. When I was attending FSU and making frequent trips back to PC I would stop by the forestry fire tower and climb to the top to visit Rex on the job. He brightened up a room just by coming in. We both ended up in Tallahassee and would see each other at the local supermaket...always a treat.

Chuck Corley - February 22, 2025 at 07:17 AM



“ I met Rex in Jinks Junior High School became friends that lasted for 50 years. He was a special person to many people, big hearted and a big smile always. Prayers going out to Marianne and his children and friends. Heaven has gained a special angel



Judy Moore - February 17, 2025 at 06:21 PM

RT

“Rex was a fun loving guy. We started dating the end of our junior yr on into our 1st yr at Gulf Coast. We would touch base periodically over the year's. Talked about the good times, our children and our accomplishments. Comforted me when my parents passed, truly a good friend.

Rhonda Trimble - February 15, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“Rex and I graduated from Bay High the same year, but our paths didn't cross back then. We met while serving on our 40th class reunion committee, and in no time at all, he felt like a brother—one who shared my off-the-wall sense of humor and my love for swapping stories. Over the years, we shared with each other our opinions, our triumphs, our heartaches and our faith. Through it all, Rex was always genuine, always real and always a true friend. He was devoted to those he loved. Marianne, he referred to you as his beautiful “child bride” and the love of his life. Molly and Cooper, you and your children were the center of his big old heart. One of the things I'll always cherish about Rex was our shared faith which was a common thread in our chats. In one of our last conversations, just hours before he passed, he assured me that he was spiritually ready when his “shelf life had expired”. He knew how imperfect he was, but more importantly, he knew the immeasurable mercy and grace of God. He knew Jesus loved him, and that was the foundation of his faith, and it gave him peace. To Marianne, to Rex's children, and to all who knew and loved him, I offer my prayers and deepest condolences. May you find comfort in the memories of his smile, his laughter, and those unforgettable hugs. And may you find hope in knowing that one day, you will see him again, in the presence of the Lord he loved. Rest well, my Brother in Christ. Until we meet again.
Sheila Carnley Surber

Sheila Surber - February 15, 2025 at 04:41 PM

RW

Wonderful tribute to our classmate, Sheila. Thank you for sharing this

Roberta Woodward - February 15, 2025 at 05:57 PM

DK

You couldn't have said it better Sheila. RIP Rex my dear friend!

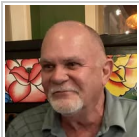
Denise knoppel - February 21, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CK

*“ My memories of Rex go back to Jinks Jr. High School. Although we never saw each other again except at Bay High 1972 Class Reunions it was always fun to catch up and laugh about events in our lives. At our last reunion "70th Birthday Party" we talked about his having run for public office and my recent cancer diagnosis. He had such a strong and calming persona it was always a pleasure to be in his presence. I want to offer my sincere condolences to his wife and family. I know the pain is unbearable right now and you will miss him forever.
Carol Newhook Kelley*



Carol Newhook Kelley - February 15, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Rex was the most entertaining fun to hang with friend you could ever ask for, he was definitely one of my best. I'm sure there was one but cant think of a single argument or bad time ever with him. I've known Rex for over 50 years and our friendship grew stronger every day, if not on the phone twice a week we would be on the golf course. He loved to hunt, play golf and talk, and boy could he talk. I will miss him dearly and he will never be forgotten. RSP my friend.



Tony Sauls - February 14, 2025 at 03:12 PM