



Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio

August 17, 1992 - October 7, 2022

Alexandra Marie (Alex) Patafio, third-year law student and life-long resident of metro-Atlanta, Georgia, died tragically on Friday, October 7, 2022. She was 30 years old.

Alex graduated from Lassiter High School in Marietta, Georgia as a member of the Class of 2010. She attended Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Georgia, where she was involved in student leadership organizations and Zeta Tau Alpha, and she worked proudly for The Colonade, her college newspaper. Alex graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications in 2014, ready to set the world on fire. After working tirelessly in corporate events for a number of years, Alex decided to pursue her true passion and attend law school. She enrolled in Georgia State University's College of Law in August of 2020 to pursue a Juris Doctor and a Public Interest Law & Policy Certificate. It was there that Alex really came alive in her work. In her second year of school, she was accepted into the prestigious Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Clinic, an opportunity that allowed her to support and advocate for children and families who were receiving care at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Hospital. She also served as the student trip leader for 34 students who participated in an alternative spring break program where they worked on pro bono projects. As she approached her third and final year of law school, she was offered a legal internship at Arora Law in Atlanta, Georgia, a criminal defense firm that welcomed her into their

family with open arms. While assisting Manny Arora and his team, she was given the chance to argue in court for the first time and showcase her extraordinary skills in public speaking and persuasion. She was recognized by WSB-TV news in Atlanta for her work in getting the charges dropped for a man who spent 6 months in prison for a crime he did not commit. She also worked with the Truancy Intervention Project in Atlanta to assist with eviction prevention efforts, a project that was recognized by The White House and the Department of Justice.

Alex leaves behind her loving parents, Christopher and Michele Patafio; her sister, Michaela Patafio; her beloved life partner, Mac Grant; two grandmothers, Marie Boyer and Barbara Renda; her rescue chihuahua, Chanchito Burrito; and numerous other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of Alex's life will be held on Saturday, October 15th, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Northside Chapel & Funeral Home, located at 12050 Crabapple Road Roswell, GA 30075. All are welcome to join us as we say goodbye to Alex for now, until we meet her again.

In lieu of flowers, our family encourages you to make a donation in Alex's honor to one of the following charities. Our hope is that Alex's passion and legacy will continue to change the world through your generosity.

The Sentencing Project

The Georgia Innocence Project

Pro-Choice America

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

Atlanta Legal Aid

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Rest in peace Alex.* ”



ashley h - January 21, 2024 at 06:29 PM

MT

“ *My deepest condolences to the Patafio family on the loss of Alex. I am so saddened by her loss. I was her fifth grade teacher at QA and she was always such a bright light. She blossomed into such a beautiful young woman. Continued prayers for your family.* ”



Maureen Doyle, Alex's 5th grade teacher - December 20, 2022 at 12:12 PM

ME

“ *Michele Elwell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio* ”



Michele Elwell - December 15, 2022 at 09:33 PM

AW

“ *My condolences to the family of Ms. Alex Patafio. She will be missed.*

Sincerest Sympathy,

Antwan & Terrilyn Wiggins

Antwan Wiggins - November 04, 2022 at 07:35 PM

KR

“ *I worked with Alex a few years back. She was assertive and always spoke her mind. She was a lovely girl and she will be missed. Prayers for her and her family.*

Kalen Redmon - November 02, 2022 at 09:16 PM

MM

“ *Maria Di Minno sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio*



Maria Di Minno - October 16, 2022 at 09:52 AM

MM

May she Rip and Lord cover my family Maria Di Minno

Maria Di Minno - October 16, 2022 at 09:54 AM

SS

“ There are no words to console you, but know that you are surrounded by so many that will pray for your family to help you thru this tragedy and loss.



Sandy Spaeth - October 16, 2022 at 07:33 AM

BK

“ Biji K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio.



Biji K. - October 15, 2022 at 11:36 AM

EE

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family in this difficult time, Chris, hoping you can find the comfort and support to go through this tragical loss.



Eleonora Echevarria - October 15, 2022 at 11:21 AM

ET

Dear Michele, Chris, and Michaela, I was Alex's kindergarten teacher at St Joseph School. Diane Dougherty told me this tragic news and I'm heartbroken for your family. I remember Alex as a sweet, inquisitive, bright, beautiful little girl. She clearly grew up to be a an exceptional young woman any parent and sibling would be so proud of. My deepest sympathies are with you. I'll continue to pray that you'll find comfort in God's love and peace in knowing that Alex is safe and happy in His loving arms. God bless you.

Ellen Simoson - Alex's Kdg Teacher - October 22, 2022 at 04:56 PM

RW

“ Rob And Amy Womelsdorf lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio



Rob and Amy Womelsdorf - October 15, 2022 at 11:13 AM

MM

“ Alex has left an indelible mark at GSU Law and on this world. She will be dearly missed.



Monique McCarthy - October 15, 2022 at 11:08 AM

ML

“ Max Liu lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio



Max Liu - October 15, 2022 at 03:42 AM

KL

“ Kevin Liu lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio



Kevin Liu - October 15, 2022 at 03:42 AM

SL

“ *Su Liu lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio*



Su Liu - October 15, 2022 at 03:40 AM

JL

“ *Jimmy Liu lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio*



Jimmy Liu - October 15, 2022 at 03:38 AM

JL

“ *JIMMY L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio.*



JIMMY L. - October 15, 2022 at 03:34 AM

Teddy
Nenova

“ *Teddy Nenova lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio*



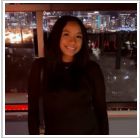
Teddy Nenova - October 14, 2022 at 04:13 PM

JH

“ Janet Hipp lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio



Janet Hipp - October 14, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ Alex was a frequent client at reformation. She was so bright, gorgeous, and all around fabulous person. I got to share my love of law with her and she gave me such great advice on the profession and law school. I'm so sorry for this unthinkable loss and it's clear that amazing impact that she left behind

Liyaaah Rocha - October 14, 2022 at 10:52 AM

MW

“ Alex recently had been attending my 6am Pure Barre classes. Though it was a short time we interacted, she had such a strong and vibrant presence in class. Alex is beautiful inside and out, strong physically and intellectually. She has such a wonderful presence about her that welcomes and draws others in. I set up a spot for her at her typical barre spot on Tuesday and she has taught me to not take life for granted. It is too short. My heart is breaking for your family and please know she has impacted more people than you could ever imagine.

Megan Weaver - October 13, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio.



October 13, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ Dear Michele, Chris and Michaela,
We know there are no words that can bring comfort at a time of such tragic loss of your precious girl. We are praying for your whole family and will continue to ask God to comfort you.

Dina, Vince, Andrew, Ryan and Julia

Dina Vassil - October 13, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ Sadie Sunshine lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio



Sadie Sunshine - October 13, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio.



October 12, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ Jess Manning lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio



Jess Manning - October 12, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ Michele, Chris and Michaela, so many are standing with you as you go this unimaginable loss- sending you comfort and love. May you feel the support of the entire community of people who knew and loved Alex.



Tracy Hargen - October 12, 2022 at 02:05 PM

KB

“ Doug and I are still in shock and disbelief that Alex is gone. I have known Alex since she was about 13 years old and watched her blossom into an amazing young woman. She was always passionate about whatever she was pursuing. Full of energy and drive. She definitely found her purpose in her legal work giving a voice to those the system had forgotten. Stunningly beautiful on the inside and outside. We can never understand why she was taken from this world so young. We can only be inspired by what she accomplished in such a short time with us and surround her family with love and support. Our prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Lifting you up every day. Katie and Doug

Katie Belew - October 12, 2022 at 01:32 PM

RT

“ My sincerest condolences to the family.
Renee' Taunton, Hilton Worldwide



Renee Taunton - October 12, 2022 at 12:48 PM

PA

“ Paige Abell lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Alexandra Marie Patafio



Paige Abell - October 12, 2022 at 10:10 AM

NW

“ Fly with the angels sweet girl.



Nancy Williams - October 12, 2022 at 08:48 AM

SF

“ Alex helped me coach 7th and 8th grade middle schoolers cheerleading. That is not an endeavor for the faint of heart. I will never forget her zest for life and the desire to demand the most of it. My heart is shattered knowing she will not effect the change she so wanted to. However, I am glad she’s doing her thing in Heaven. Cant wait to see it.

suzanne fink - October 11, 2022 at 11:05 AM

EW

“ I met Alex sophomore year of college, and I had no idea at the time she would become one of my best friends. From watching AHS at her and Ally’s apartment (usually crashing there because at that point riding my bike home in the dark was terrifying), snow kayaking down the pit hill, our ‘mscm’ group dates with our little crew, to meeting up at bonnaroo for popsicles, I have too many incredible memories to share. She loved deeply, and welcomed my weirdness (and used to call me her hippy friend, ha). Her passion for everything she did continues to be so inspiring to me. As time went by and I moved away from GA, she continued to be in my corner for anything I was doing from new jobs in new places, to welcoming my husband to our group with open arms, to supporting my little sister when she came out, to so much more. I’ll miss her so much.



Ellen Osment Wright - October 11, 2022 at 10:39 AM

ED

“ *Spirited from the very beginning and probably raising a raucous with the angels now. Her heart was pure gold and she had a sweet compassion for me always. She is so loved.*



Eva Deneski - October 11, 2022 at 10:37 AM

EE

“ *Elyse Erwin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio*



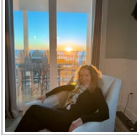
elyse erwin - October 11, 2022 at 09:43 AM

AM

“ *Alex Moreno lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio*



Alex Moreno - October 11, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ Alex was an amazing, incredible young woman. Many may have seen us holding online debates about political, social, and community issues. What you may not have known, is that we held many offline discussions over several years. While we didn't always agree, we respected each other's viewpoints. I have no doubt after these many conversations that she would have made a brilliant attorney because she was not only steadfast in her beliefs, she was able to back up every viewpoint. It's no wonder she helped set a man free of his wrongful convictions. She taught me as an elderly individual to view the 'opposite' side with an open mind, no matter the issue. No one will ever measure up to her in my mind. She made an impressionable mark on me and I know on every person she met. Alex, you will be forever missed and I'm so thankful you crossed my life. Until we meet again...may God bless and keep you.

Lynne Bauman - October 10, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ We only had the pleasure of meeting Alex once--at her first ever Hurricanes hockey play off game against the Boston Bruins. But you only had to meet Alex once to know she was a force--fun and loud and all in! She cheered louder and jumped higher and gave high fives at every goal. And she took no grief from any Boston fans! She was there with her sister Michaela and her boyfriend Mack and we had the pleasure of seeing them all together enjoying themselves and each other. Such a huge loss to her family, her profession, and to those of us who looked forward to getting to know her.

Tanya Zinner - October 10, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ *Rich Deneski lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandra Marie Patafio*



Rich Deneski - October 10, 2022 at 08:19 PM