

THAD NAT ALDER, JR.

October 16, 1936 - May 18, 2022



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Thad Nat Alder, Jr. was born October 16, 1936, in San Antonio, Texas, the second child of Thad Nat Alder, Sr. and Lottie Steiner Alder. His parents preceded him in death. Nat was often called “Bubba” by his older brother, Kenneth M. Alder, and younger sister, Janice Bartosh Scott, as well as by his many cousins and friends.

Nat attended San Antonio Public Schools and graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1955, serving on the Cheerleading Squad at the school. He attended college at Palo Alto Jr College in California where he pursued his love of art and architecture. Nat served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1956 to 1962. Very quickly, Nat found his dream job in the Insurance Industry and rose to Assistant Vice President for Claims at USAA in San Antonio, retiring around 1996. He often said his success in business was his ability and good luck in surrounding himself with good people. He was highly regarded by all the people he worked with and indeed with his fellow man.

Nat met and married the love of his life, Carol Ann Comeaux, on September 17, 1960 and they celebrated 61 years together. Nat and Carol Ann were married at Baptist Temple Church in San Antonio and they were lifelong Christians following the Baptist tradition. The Alders welcomed a son, Christopher Scott Alder and daughter, Kirsten Ann Alder Daggett. Chris is married to Leesa Dawn Alder and they have one son, Trey Anthony Alder; the Daggetts have three sons: Christian Daggett, Carlton Daggett and Matthew Daggett.

Nat loved to design, build and renovate things and he had quite a workshop at each house wherever they lived. Nat’s talent for building and repairing seems to be inherited by Chris while Kirsten has his talents for artistic design. Bubba has many cousins scattered amongst the Rogers, Billingsley and Jennings families as well as nephews and nieces and their growing families.

During his early life and youth, Nat spent many summers on family land with cousins on the Frio River in West Texas, surviving many childhood “adventures”! This enjoyment of river life continued on into his adult years and he and Carol Ann enjoyed leisure living in a house Nat designed on the banks of the Guadalupe River. Family and friends loved to visit the Alders in the multilevel house Nat designed like a “bird house”, quite remarkable! Nat was much loved by his family and was known as a quiet but fun person to be around and always ready to plan the next Family Reunion. He was always helping; while others enjoyed a family gathering, he would be “doing the dishes in the kitchen”, a loving, giving soul. Somehow he almost never became angry but was always supportive

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and helpful to family and friends. Nat and Carol traveled a good amount in retirement but always enjoyed the pleasures of home and family.

Nat died peacefully on the evening of May 18, 2022 following a time of injury and “fell gently into the arms of Jesus”, surrounded by loving family.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Porter Loring North Chapel.

FUNERAL SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022
10:00 AM
PORTER LORING NORTH CHAPEL

Interment will follow in Coker Cemetery.

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