



# Alexander Wells Nixon

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**A**lexander W. Nixon, an entrepreneur and philanthropist, passed away on November 23, 2024 in Tavares, Florida. His death at age 73 was due to complications of diabetes and cancer. Born in Hot Springs, VA, February 8, 1951, and raised in Westfield, NY, he was the eldest of the six children of the late Alastair and Joanne Nixon.

Following his graduation from the Choate School, with excellence in Latin, he received a degree from Cornell University in Labor Economics and Hotel Administration. He rowed and he studied organ at both schools.

For the following seven years he worked as a communications analyst and investment banker at Solomon Brothers in Manhattan, NY. He continued to pursue additional education at the School of American Ballet, the Institute of Theology at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine and at Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

He served as a Trustee of the Choate Rosemary Hall School, the New York Oration Society, Chairman of Special projects for the New York City Ballet, and a Trustee of the Patterson Library, Vestryman and Head of Rebuilding for St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Carroll Gardens) in Brooklyn among others. His contributions to medical research and other causes were anonymous.

During the mid 1970's he was companion to Lincoln Kirstein, the cofounder, with George Balanchine, of the New York City ballet and School of American Ballet.

His varied interests included Pipe organ rebuilding (He installed a pipe organ in his NYC brownstone apartment) and extensive building renovations for 15 buildings. He declined a Ford Foundation grant to study organ building in Holland in order to work with L. Kirstein on studies of the work of the Sufi Philosopher George Gurdjieff.



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Many of his projects have appeared in the NY Times, the International Herald Tribune, and other major magazines, both in the US and abroad.

In 1980, he acquired the JCH Company which to this day still makes Theatrical Stage Curtains and other TV and print work. Parallel Mfg., maker of mirror balls, was his next acquisition.

A later move to Florida to expand his business led him to become the City Administrator of Umatilla, FL. This allowed him to pursue a lifelong interest in infrastructure and planned growth. He initiated the Florida Black Bear Festival and led extensive infrastructure renovation and expansion projects.

For nearly fifty years he has been a mentor and life coach for nearly 100 young men and women. This parallels the Apostolic and Ballet traditions of passing knowledge on to the next generation.

He is survived by his son, Joselito (Darlean) Ruiz, grandsons, Jay, Alexander, and Josie,; his brother Peter (Janet) Nixon; his sisters Anne Nixon, Catherine (John) Godlove, Barbara (Kevin) Policay and Nancy (Jake) Ensign.

He will be interred in the columbarium he had built at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Carroll Gardens) in Brooklyn.

A memorial service will be held at Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors in Eustis, Florida on Thursday December 19, 2024 from 7 PM - 8 PM.

Parking for Hamlin & Hilbish will be in the parking lot next to Lake Eustis Christian Church. There will be cones, a sign, and possible police assistance with crossing. For those who are unable to make the walk we do have limited parking in the back with ramp access to the building.

For those unable to attend click the link below at the time of service. The service will be recorded as well as streamed live. Simply click the link to join during or after the services.

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/northstar/107547/hash:D3B19FF776646B32>

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity, or a glass of wine to toast him with. He was overjoyed to live the life he lived.



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Me Olim Meminisse Juvabit: Perhaps one day it will help to remember me.



# Events


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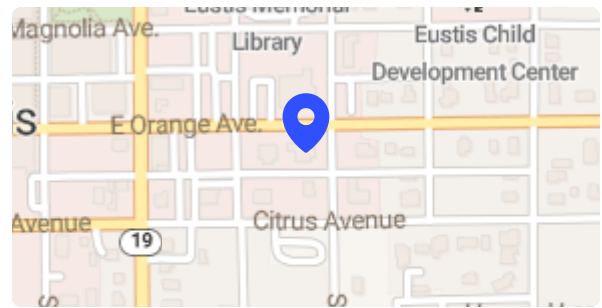
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## Celebration of Life

 **Thursday**, December 19, 2024

 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel**  
326 E. Orange Avenue, Eustis FL 32726





# Tribute Wall

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**Lester Farley** posted:

Will sadly miss this gem! I had cut Alex's hair for 12 years, the stories we shared were priceless. I saw a quote about belly laughs and boy could I get give them. Rip my dear friend dean and I will miss you.

December 19 at 1:23 PM



**Rufus Hallmark** posted:

Anyone who ever visited Alex's apartment in Manhattan will have been charmed by the electric train that ran on a ledge about two feet above your head all around the perimeter of the adjoining rooms, "tunneling" through the wall on either side of the arch. This was one of the endearing, childlike creations acts that characterized Alex. Rufus Hallmark, parishioner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, 1979-2022.

December 16 at 7:18 AM



**Rachel Hp** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rest in paradise, Uncle Alex. Will miss belly laughs and cookie dough runs with you. Love your goddaughter, Rachel (Policay) ❤️

December 12 at 10:19 AM



**Ana Ortiz** December 19 at 3:00 PM

I remember that train. It was awesome



# Media

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December 12 at 10:19 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Alexander by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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