



## Alan Edward Gerhardt

June 8, 1950 - April 20, 2020

Alan Edward Gerhardt 1950 - 2020

An Austin native, Alan was fortunate to live most his life here. He was the oldest son of Louis and Freida Gerhardt and was a great older brother to David and Joe.

Alan graduated from Austin High in 1968 where he was on the baseball team and sang in the choir. Alan was very involved in the Austin and Southwest Region USY groups. After High School he spent a year in Israel, living on a kibbutz and traveling. Alan worked for many years in his family's clothing business. He was an avid sports fan and loved the Horns as well as the other major Texas sports teams.

Alan volunteered for many community organizations and programs and loved participating in a multitude of activities at the JCC. He was a lifelong member of Agudas Achim and he had strong Jewish values – he regularly attended services, kept kosher and honored the Shabbat and Holidays. He was a kind person and would offer his help to friends, family and even strangers. He was a great son and was very involved in caring for his parents as they got older. Alan was blessed with a positive outlook on life and even when facing difficulties, he was an optimist at heart.

For those wishing to honor Alan's memory, donations can be made to Congregation Agudas Achim in Austin, The Jewish Federation of Greater Austin, Chabad Austin or charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Computer Accessible Graveside Service

APR 23. 12:00 PM (CT)

Austin Natural Funerals Facebook Page  
<http://facebook.com/austinnaturalfunerals>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alan Edward Gerhardt*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *He was always there to help welcome people into the community. I was lucky to have Freda and him welcome me into his family.*

**Edward Gordon** - April 23, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *You will be very missed kind soul.*

**Claudia Balderas-Rodman** - April 23, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Alan Gerhardt's Funeral Recording*



**Austin Natural Funerals** - April 23, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ *Alan was always a welcoming fixture at Agudas. His smile and conversation will be missed. May his memory be a blessing.*

**stuart vexler/ cari kahn** - April 23, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ Alan was always very friendly (as were his parents) when we first moved to the Austin area. He contributed to many classes that we attended and was a regular at the benching table. He was interested in his family history - and was happy to have copies of the documents that we found on his family. He will be missed. May his memory be for a blessing.

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**Sarah Christiansen** - April 23, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Alan and I were both often early for Kabbalat Shabbat (though, no matter how early I came, Alan seemed to always be there to open the door for me). He was always kind, with a story to tell from his week, and no one walking in to shul was ever left ungreeted so long as he was there. He liked reminding me that we had both served, years apart, as AAUSY's presidents, and I can't really describe how that felt other than l'dor v'dor. A reliable constant and continuity, now passed. I miss him.



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**Alex Friedman** - April 23, 2020 at 12:48 PM

SS

“ When we first arrived at Agudas Achim, Alan was one of the first people to welcome us. He was always very kind and talkative and funny. Over the two years we lived in Austin, we always saw him at minyan and Shabbat services. It breaks our heart to hear that he has passed. Alan really went out of his way to be a welcoming spirit at Agudas Achim, treated everyone kindly and was an avid volunteer in the community. I remember conversations we had about him growing up here and a trip he took to Europe with his parents when he was very young. I am very happy and grateful we had the chance to get to know him. May his memory always serve as a blessing.



*Sumor Ziva Sheppard & family*

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**Sumor Ziva Sheppard** - April 23, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ Alan was the first person to reach out to me and make friendly conversation when I didn't know a soul at Agudas Achim. I'll always be grateful to him for making me feel welcome in the community even though I was shy, and will always miss seeing him at Friday night services. Sending love to his family.

*-Kat Combs*

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**Kat Combs** - April 22, 2020 at 07:37 PM

MC

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Mitzi Chafetz - April 22, 2020 at 06:05 PM

CZ

Alan was such a sweet soul. He had that rare ability to make you feel like you belonged and would be missed had you not come. ❤️

Cindy Zieve - April 25, 2020 at 02:43 PM

CA

“ So often, Alan's was the first face I saw when I walked into Agudas Achim for services. Alan was a mensch who welcomed the stranger and an old friend with equal haimishness. May his memory be a blessing.

Carolyn Austin - April 22, 2020 at 03:08 PM

DW

“ Debbie Westphal  
a few seconds ago  
Alan was a wonderful dear man. He always make me smile. He had a kind gentle way about him that I enjoyed. Godspeed dear cousin  
😊

Debbie Westphal - April 22, 2020 at 02:56 PM

SD

“ Alan was my dearest first cousin. He was kindhearted and we love to play together from childhood, through our teen years in USY and into adulthood. He remembered so many wonderful details about everything. He could daven beautiful and loved Judaism so very much. He was very close to his parents, my Uncle Louis and Tanta Freida and they enjoyed life fully together. Alan always loved to introduce me to all of his friends. We had so much fun setting up his first apartment and I know thanks to my Cousin Ruthie, he had a wonderful place across from the synagogue and near the kosher butcher and he was so happy there. Alan had his best friend, Ginny, there to help him out and take him places. Alan we will miss you so. Love,  
Sharon

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**Sharon Doner-Feldman** - April 22, 2020 at 02:18 PM

DW

Alan was a wonderful dear man. He always make me smile. He had a kind gentle way about him that I enjoyed. Godspeed 🤝💕

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**Debbie Westphal** - April 22, 2020 at 02:52 PM

JG

Sweet Alan was in my Hebrew school class, Kita Aleph, all those years ago. Through the years we would bump into each other and he always introduced me as his "teacher". Alan, you are missed. Your love of Torah and your dedication to Agudat Achim is an example for all to follow. Rest in Peace, your memory is for a blessing.

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**Judith Gedalia** - April 23, 2020 at 12:48 PM

VD

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Valerie Doner - April 22, 2020 at 12:50 PM

VD

*Alan was always so sweet and loving. A very kind and gentle soul- always smiling and laughing.*

Valerie Doner - April 22, 2020 at 12:53 PM

RB

*I was fortunate to be friends with Alan for 57 years. Alan was always a friendly, good natured, talented, kind, warm, gentle, caring, outgoing, humble soul. He loved and treasured his family, appreciated and valued his friends, was dedicated to CAA and Judaism, and contributed immensely and cheerfully to his community. I never heard him say an unkind word to anyone. Instead, he was a mensch who went out of his way to brighten the lives of others. He was a blessing to those who knew him and his memory will continue to be a blessing. Our condolences to his wonderful family whom he loved. He will be much missed.*

Rama

Rama Bar-adon - April 23, 2020 at 12:21 AM

LK

*What a sweet, welcoming man. Alan and I knew each other for over 30 years. Like others, I never heard an unkind word out of his lips. He was constantly seeking connection with others and always demonstrated deep love for Judaism and his community. I am saddened by his loss and will miss his presence.*

Lori Kline - April 23, 2020 at 09:06 AM

SK

*On Alan's Father's side, the family is not large. Alan's paternal grandparents and his Uncle Joe's family lived in Austin while Alan was growing up. I am Joe's daughter, Sandra, Alan's cousin. We would spend every Sunday morning together at our Grandparent's large house on Rio Grande Ave near the University.*

*The family had a number of "characters" and a book could have been written about our family. Alan and I always went with Grandpa Morris to the deli to get bagels, pickles, and tongue, which we snacked on while waiting for Grandma to cook lunch. Grandpa would always have us take a bite to make sure everything was fresh. Being the oldest cousin, I always told Alan that he had to taste the tongue, while I checked out the bagels.*

*We moved to California when Alan was in 8th grade and we didn't see each other often after that, but I tried to stay in touch. Everytime I would visit with Alan, he would remind me that I always made him taste the tongue!*

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**Sandra C Kindred** - April 23, 2020 at 12:03 PM

CP

*I will always cherish Alan in so many ways. The many years that MiMi and I volunteered our love for the community seder, Alan was always right there with us every step of the way. His love for every aspect of Agudas was and will continue to be an inspiration for me.*

*Connie Poarch*

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**Connie Poarch** - April 23, 2020 at 01:50 PM

SF

*I will miss Alan as the greeter on Shabbat morning at the synagogue entrance. Everyone he knew he claimed as a friend. It was difficult to turn him down when he asked for a ride home. He enjoyed davening and led the prayers on many a Shabbat morning. Alan enjoyed talking about his niece in Baltimore with whom he stayed in touch. May his memory be a blessing. My heartfelt condolence to all of his family.*

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**Sarah B Fleischman** - April 24, 2020 at 12:31 AM

PC

*When CAA had the programs of Agudas Arts, Alan was always there. I could always count on him to help sell the artist's CDs or to be an Usher.*

*We often would sit out in the hall together at the CD table while a concert or such was going on (I had to check on the running of things) and early on, Frieda would be at the greeting table.*

*We all had good times visiting.*

*Alan will be missed by many.*

*May his memory be a blessing.*

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**Pixie Cohn** - May 05, 2020 at 11:44 AM

AA

*Alan was one of the kindest, gentlest humans I have ever come across. When I played in B'samim with his brothers, he was always one of our biggest fans. I was not in his orbit most of the time, but i will miss him never the less.*

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**alan alhades** - July 12, 2020 at 07:35 AM