



Sergio Alexander "Alex" Salas

October 21, 1986 - June 8, 2017

Sergio Alexander "Alex" Salas, age 30, passed away Thursday, June 8, 2017, in Roswell, NM. A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017, 6:00 PM, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. A tribute of Sergio's life may be found at www.andersonbethany.com where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

On October 21, 1986, Sergio was born to Sergio Martin Salas and Sheryl Lynn (Mince) Cooper. Sergio attended New Mexico Military Institute for 1 1/2 years on scholarships and grants. He was then recruited from the Youth Challenge Academy and graduated. Immediately following, Sergio enlisted in the United States Army. He served in the 3rd Infantry Division, and was an Army Ranger. Serving three tours overseas, Sergio was awarded the Ranger Tab, Army Commendation Medal two awards, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge and Parachutist Badge. After leaving the U.S. Army, Sergio then attended college. An active church member of Assumption Church, Sergio was a self-employed Welder and could fix anything he set his mind to.

Sergio is survived by his daughter, Avalynn Jo Salas; Parents: Sergio Salas, Sheryl Cooper; grandparents: Thomas Salas, Lucy Brady; brothers: Arthur Lacey, Thomas Salas; uncles: Monty Mince and wife, Sandra, Cesar Salas;

aunts: L.J. Dolin, Patricia Salas, Guadalupe (Salas) Romero, Norma (Salas) Gillette; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Sergio was preceded in death by his sister, Alencia "Lindsey" Trejo; grandparents: Micaela Salas and Jimmy Mince.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
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Tribute Wall

GL

“ Miss you so much cousin. I miss our random morning conversations. “HOT DOGGGG” (our one of many insiders) I love you so much. Forever in my soul forever and always love you more than all the stars in the sky

Gee Lara - July 27, 2025 at 03:50 PM

HW

“ Happy Birthday kiddo. Miss you.

Helen Wheeler - October 21, 2024 at 04:21 PM



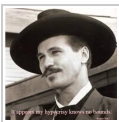
“ Sergio Alexander "Alex" Salas

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



Who posted this?

Suni Cooper - December 12, 2023 at 08:09 PM



Missing you all the time....

Suni Cooper - December 12, 2023 at 08:10 PM

HW

“ Happy Birthday Alex. Missing you very much. Rest in peace.

Helen Wheeler - October 21, 2022 at 12:53 PM

HW

“ *Missing you always. Thinking if you.*

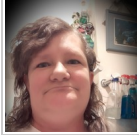


Helen Wheeler - October 21, 2022 at 12:52 PM

HW

“ *Thinking of you. Very painful for us. Happy Birthday kiddo. Love you very much.*

Helen Wheeler - October 21, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ I would have written a personal letter but I do not have your address.

I just want to say thank you for the sacrifices made by the loss of this man and you, his loved ones that is allowing me the gift of freedoms I have today.

I was looking for information on my own father when I stumbled upon your loved one. My own father (Army) served three tours in Vietnam...He won four Purple Hearts and yet is lying in a nursing home in Kansas somewhere alone and I am not allowed to communicate with him even though I am also dying from the same Agent Orange that was dumped on my father and his whole platoon. Simply because of my own mother and the piece of paper (Power of Attorney) my father signed but was unable to cancel before getting Dementia. My whole family fell apart after I left to get married myself. But mostly getting the help i needed to heal. It's tragic long story.

Anyway, I just wanted to send my respects and my heartfelt Thanks for Sergio's service.

Kind Regards,

Karen M. Roth

Daughter of Herman Elbert Jones III (E-5).

P.S. When in the service he went by Pete but known as SGT. Bulldog due to his tough demeanor and the tattoo on his forearm and He always blamed himself for some of the losses while over there and in coming from an abusive home himself always thought of himself as a "Born Loser" which he had tattooed while in Vietnam. I suffered many waves of abuse myself as a result of his Tours of Duty, but I have forgiven him and told him I loved him. But as a result, I still suffer from PTSD at the age of 46. But even so, it

has never dimmed my Love for him.

No person that goes off to war ever returns the same. Neither are their families. This is why I appreciate every person that does go because I have the first-hand experience. I have a nephew by marriage struggling with drug addiction after being injured in the Panama Canal.



Karen Roth - July 01, 2018 at 10:06 PM

SC

*Thank you Karen for such a kind letter. As Alex's mom I can surely tell from your writing that you know 1st hand the dilemma we all share. Hopefully there is a bigger purpose and reason for all the losses veterans and their families suffer from, this is one of those "Only God knows why" things. Bless you for reaching out and the compassion you write with.
Sheryl Cooper*

Sc - July 05, 2018 at 02:18 PM

 Rachel
Watson-
Holdaway

“ *Salas @->-- NMYCA Class of 2003 Cycle 5. Rest in Peace my Brother. We are Army Strong. I will always miss your smile. It made everyone else smile! My heart cries for you. Till we meet again.....
Xoxo- Rachel Watson-Holdaway U.S. Veteran*

Rachel Watson-Holdaway - July 23, 2017 at 01:25 AM

SO

“ *I did not know Sergio but Thank you so much for your service for our country. My thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Sophia - June 20, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sergio Alexander "Alex" Salas.



June 18, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ Dear Sergio and Family, it is so hard to loose a child. You have my deepest sympathy. MaryAnn Murphy

Thank you for asking the Patriot Guard Riders to stand a flag line to honor Alex. We stand for those who stood for us.

*MaryAnn aka THE Boss Lady
Assistant State Captain*

MaryAnn Murphy - June 17, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sergio Alexander "Alex" Salas.



June 16, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ Grace lit a candle in memory of Sergio Alexander "Alex" Salas



Grace - June 16, 2017 at 12:10 PM

ME

“ oh gosh where do I even begin? There's so many memories flooding my mind since you were a little boy and in every one of them your heart of gold and beautiful smile stand out the most. You accomplished so much doing what you loved in your short time on this earth and I have always been so proud of Your accomplishments! I wear my cross necklace you sent when you left for the Army, as a reminder of your love ❤️ You always put a smile on my face with your silly ways mijo. You were so smart and could do just about anything you put your mind to even though you tore things apart into a million pieces you knew exactly how to put it back together (My lawn mower) lol! You will be missed so much by us all. Always in my heart ❤️ Thank you for your service your Aunt Margie

Margie Esquibel - June 14, 2017 at 09:34 PM

KZ

“ Years ago...you took me on my very first date ..we went and had ice cream and you took me right back home, simple and sweet. I'll never forget the smile you had ear to ear ..then a few days later you were off to the army..you told me that was a new journey for you and you were in it to win it. Now I hear about all your medals and achievements. You did it. You accomplished even more then you could have imagined. More then anything I wanna say thank you for your service and being the gentlemen you were...its amazing to hear so many positive stories. May your heart and soul rest now. Gob bless your family and friends.



Kristianna zamora - June 14, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *Julia McGuire lit a candle in memory of Sergio Alexander "Alex" Salas*



Julia McGuire - June 14, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *Even though we have never met, I feel like I know you through the stories people have shared.. You fought hard soldier now it's time to rest in the arms of Jesus. May you now have peace in your heart. Watch over your family for they are going to miss you so much, But they know you're in a beautiful place where there is no more pain, heartache, tears. Just peace.. What you couldn't do here on earth you now can in heaven.. You can be a father to your sweet baby girl Avalynn. No one can ever take that away from you.. It's always hard to hear of a young person passing.. But I believe in my heart that he needed his Angel back. You were right with God for him to take you to the streets of gold to be with Our Father.. Rest In Peace soldier, son, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin, friend and most importantly daddy to Avalynn... 🍀💜🙏*

Julia McGuire - June 14, 2017 at 10:34 AM

M-

“ Alex my beautiful, handsome son, I know you now have true rest from the memories of the experiences and tremors of war that haunted you in this life. For all the unselfish acts of kindness in helping others without expecting anything in return, only God can give you a just reward and a real crown. There will remain many people who can not now, nor will ever understand how you gave your all, lived your life to the best of your ability, fought real wars alongside many of your comrades, not knowing that the ultimate war and struggles would be in the life you would endure, upon returning home. I am guilty myself about not realizing to the extent of what PTSD is, and the effects it could cause, but you were never alone in your sufferings, for WE ALL suffered right along with you in love for you. You will be honored my son. Rest in peace Alex, for surely we will all be together again "someday".

Mom -Sheryl. - June 14, 2017 at 08:35 AM

ME

Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Margie Esquibel - June 14, 2017 at 09:36 PM

 Norma
Gillette

“ I love you my baby nephew. You will always be I my heart. till we meet again honey.



Norma Gillette - June 14, 2017 at 01:05 AM

CS

My Dear Alex, I knew you were someone special from the minute your parents brought you home n Liz and I saw you for the first time. You will continue to be special in my heart n just knowing you are next to mom in Heaven gives me a sense of peace n comfort. Love you always....your favorite uncle Ceasar

Ceasar salas - June 14, 2017 at 01:45 PM

MP

May you rest in peace Sergio and know that you were appreciated for your service and your struggles!!! I send prayers for your family and much love to your father Sergio and your mother Sheryl

MARQUETTA D PERRY - June 14, 2017 at 05:21 PM

GR

I will always remember the few times being around you especially on New Years Eve. You always had a smile no matter what load you were carrying. You fought a hard fight! Rest in peace now and wear that crown proudly!

Grace - June 16, 2017 at 12:11 PM