



Alan Saiz

February 2, 1963 - August 9, 2017

Alan Saiz, loving son, devoted husband, doting father, brother, and friend passed away on August 9, 2017 surrounded by the love of his family. Alan was born and raised in White Plains, NY and graduated from WPHS in 1981. He received his degree from Boston University and went on to work for the Geology Department at Northeastern University where he became a mentor and friend to many students.

After decades in Boston, Alan returned to New York in 2004. That same year he married his wife Marieta - their story is one of true love that should be told on its own. In 2009, Marieta came to the United States and in 2010 their son Adriano was born. That next summer they made their way down to Florida. Alan loved the outdoors and loved the beach.

In July 2016, he was diagnosed with an aggressive Glioblastoma Astrocytoma (brain tumor). Just one short year later we were again at the hospital. Alan was tremendously strong, tolerating chemo w/o missing a beat. He was able to recover from each seizure, each stroke. His last hospitalization would be his last and we spent the final days with him at hospice close to home. We are thankful to all who sent prayers and offer support during this very difficult time. In lue of flowers we welcome donations in Alan's memory to the following charities:

American Brain Tumor Association

https://secure2.convio.net/abta/site/Donation2;jsessionid=6D8918BE233239E1A63A7751CEDC8ED5.app273b?df_id=5660&5660.donation=form1

Foundation at Hospice of Palm Beach County

<https://www.hpbcf.org/donation#.WYzagYqQx0s>

St. Jude's Children's Hospital

<https://shop.stjude.org/GiftCatalog/donation.do?pid=24671>

Smile Train

<https://my.smiletrain.org/donation/donate/givenow>

World Wildlife Fund

https://support.worldwildlife.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=main_onetime

Tribute Wall



“ *Alan Saiz*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM

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“ I keep thinking of little Alan stories. He accompanied me on all my Structural Geology field trips to western Connecticut and NY. Every year on our way back on the turnpike we would turn on the radio so we could listen to Johnny Most and the Celtics in a playoff game, usually with the Lakers. It was a tradition and sort of magical with tired students snoozing in back as we were cruising home on I-90. On one trip, Maggie came along and the year before Alan had convinced me to not camp in tents at the KOA but to move into their cabins. Alan, Maggie, and I shared a cabin and Alan spent a half hour trying rig an antenna out of a coat hanger for his little TV so we could watch whatever, maybe the Celtics. Mag and I got big laughs at his expense and I don't recall if the antenna ever worked. On the 1992 Black Hills mega trip, one night we were camping 15 or so miles south of Deadwood, Colorado. Early on Alan and I decided we were going to drive to Deadwood and gamble. We didn't let anyone know and as soon as dinner was over we slipped out of camp and were off. We got busted when several students showed up at the casino. It was my first ever casino experience and I won \$12 in nickles while Alan lost ten bucks or so. He grew weary of my gloating on the drive back to camp. Alan was not just a great guy to have in the department, he was intelligent and talented and willing to do any task from unraveling a computer problem or driving vans, to developing and teaching Mal's GIS lab. Alan was so good with students who all loved him, as you well know. He was often the geofaculty's point man on conveying information to students and I know he offered a shoulder to many as they fretted about some problem in a class or their personal lives. Alan was genuine, nothing phony or pretentious about him, a trait I appreciated greatly. He didn't sugar coat his opinions in general or his advice to students whom he was perfectly willing to scold when they were being unreasonabl

Marty Ross - Rockport, MA - Friend - August 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May the the memories lived and shared provide some comfort. May you see glimmers of his life go on through his child. We extend our sympathy. Qué momentos vividos y compartidos con él les traigo un poco de consuelo. Qué sonrían al ver rasgos de su vida en su hijo. Tristemente, les deseamos consuelo.*

Carlos & Melanie Alvarez - White Plains, NY - August 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Alan is simply the finest friend and colleague a person could have. I was lucky enough to work together with Alan at Northeastern University for over a decade, and I enjoyed and benefited from it every day. I also remember that for me, his friends and family he was always ready to provide help and support whenever needed and without asking. One of my fondest memories will always be his wonderful laugh. Alan will be sorely missed but not forgotten*

Glenn Pierce - Boston, MA - August 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM