



Michael N. Alekshun

November 6, 1969 - October 26, 2019

Michael N. Alekshun, PhD, 49, passed away unexpectedly on October 26, 2019 in Marlboro, NJ. Dr. Alekshun was born in Springfield, MA.

He graduated from Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, CT as a scholar athlete. He earned his undergraduate degree in biochemistry from Pace University in Pleasantville, NY. He received his PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology from New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY and continued his post doctoral studies at Tufts University School of Medicine under the tutelage of Dr. Stuart Levy. Thereafter, he served as Director, Anti-infective Drug Discovery for Paratek Pharmaceuticals in Boston, MA.

An accomplished scientist, Dr. Alekshun contributed to understanding antibiotic resistance. He has published numerous scientific articles and has co-authored textbooks. He holds numerous scientific patents. He served on the editorial board for Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, as well as the study sections for Bacterial Biodefense Agents and Project Bioshield: Therapeutics for CDC Category A Agents at the National Institutes of Health.

From Massachusetts, he relocated to NJ, where he held jobs within the pharmaceutical industry and held numerous executive jobs within business development for Merck, Shering-Plough, Novartis and GlaxoSmithKline. More recently, he was Vice President of Business Development Americas for L'Oréal.

He was a devoted father, husband, son and brother. For those who knew him, Dr. Alekshun was kind, generous, charming, and well respected. His work ethic was unparalleled. He was a role model for his brother. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, and hosting holidays.

A selfless person, he always put others before himself. He spent countless hours volunteering his time. He served as chairman of the board of assessors in Wakefield, MA. He was a soccer and basketball coach for his two children including program director and coach for S.C.O.P.E. (special needs sports programs) within his community.

Dr. Alekshun is predeceased by his father, James B. Alekshun. He is survived by his loving wife Anabela Alekshun and his two children Sofia Alekshun (17) and Nicolas Alekshun (14) of Marlboro, NJ; his mother, Maria Alekshun of Waterbury, CT; his brother, Dr. Todd Alekshun of West Hartford, CT; his nephew, Brendan Alekshun and nieces,

Gabrielle and Caitlyn Alekshun of West Hartford, CT; his brother-in-law, Armando Botelho and his sister-in-law, Dawn DiFruscio, and a niece Gianna Botelho of Seekonk, MA.

A memorial gathering will be held at Waitt Funeral Home (www.waittfh.com) in Morganville, NJ on Saturday, November, 2, 2019 starting at 1 pm and will be concluded by a blessing at 3 pm with repast to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Dr. Michael Alekshun to Special Olympics.

Events

NOV **Memorial Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Waitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service
501 Highway 79, Morganville, NJ, US, 07751

NOV **Memorial Service** 03:00PM - 03:15PM

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Comments



“ Matt Sconziano lit a candle in memory of Michael N. Alekshun



Matt Sconziano - November 05, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ A lot of sadness when I had this bad news from a colleague of mine this morning. Condoleances to Michael's family.

Stéphanie Clerc - November 04, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Maryann Roco lit a candle in memory of Michael N. Alekshun



maryann roco - November 02, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ Bela

Our deepest condolences and prayers are with you and your family. Michael was a wonderful person, awesome dad , loving husband and a great neighbor. May he Rest In Peace.

Sidharth, Rashmi and Esha Mishra

Rashmi Mishra - November 02, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ Michael was always humble, kind , cheerful and friendly despite his superiority in his job and intellect. He will be remembered fondly for his goodness and his great interactive skills. L'Oreal lost a great asset.
My deepest sympathies to his family. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless Michael's soul and give him rest
S.R

S.R - November 02, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ Our family met Michael 4 years ago when we moved into the neighborhood. He and his family were the best neighbors anyone could ask for and over the years we became fast friends. What an honor to have known him. Michael we will miss you dearly. Love Forever, The Borges Family

Jamile Borges - November 02, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ On behalf of the Holy Cross community, I would like to extend our sincere condolences. I first met Mike in my junior year at Holy Cross and we had some of the same friends throughout high school. I enjoyed seeing him through the years at his 1987 Class Reunions. This class is such a tight knit group and I know they will feel this loss deeply and forever. My heart breaks for all of you...his family, friends and classmates. RIP Mike.

Cary Razza Fappiano '85
Holy Cross High School Alumni Director

Cary Fappiano - November 01, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ Maria
My deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Cathy Awwad

Cathy Awwad - November 01, 2019 at 05:55 AM



“ On behalf of the Shaker Family we send our deepest sympathies and condolences!

Steven Shaker class of 1987
Holy Cross High School



“ My sincere and heartfelt sympathy to all who love Michael. I knew him from childhood in all positive memories. Sending prayers for peace, Sandy Coakley, LPC

Sandy Coakley - October 30, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Michael N. Alekshun Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

James R. Donnelly Sr - October 30, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences to all the family. know that you are all in my prayers. So very very sorry. , love, from all my family, Diane Lavoie

Diane Lavoie - October 30, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ CBA Crew Family purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Michael N. Alekshun.



CBA Crew Family - October 30, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ The news of Micheal's passing was very saddening. I only knew Michael for a short time through collaborating with him on several projects at L'Oreal and came to admire and appreciate his professionalism, integrity and intellect. My sincere condolences to the entire Alekshun family and may Michael rest in peace.

John Tomaszewski

John Tomaszewski - October 30, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Dear Maria and Family, I was so sad to read in today's paper that your son had passed. Please accept my sincere condolences to you and your family. My heart aches for you and yours.



Rosalie Freeman - October 30, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ Dear Maria and family,

We are so very sad to hear of Michael's passing. He and David were such good friends as children and it carried over to adulthood even though they didn't see each other very often. I cannot imagine how deep your grief is right now. You must be so proud of the success he achieved and how admired and loved he was by so many. Our sincerest condolences and thoughts are with you.

John and Maureen Bisailon

Maureen Bisailon - October 29, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael N. Alekshun.



October 29, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Dear Alekshun Family

Words cannot express my deepest condolences. My heart aches with much pain and sorrow. Mike was one of my closest friends throughout high school. We continued that special friendship by choosing the same college our freshman year at Pace university and were college roommates and that friendship continued long thereafter. So many special memories with Mike. Our solo trip to wildwood NJ after graduating high school, trips to Vermont and tufts university during his schooling. My 2nd college roommate and dearest friend to pass. David Yurgaitis and now you Mike. I'm in tears

as I write and remember all the wonderful memories we shared. Love you Brother. Rest, rest, rest, be at peace and know you are much loved by so many. My heart is heavy, my tears are plenty but my memory of the special times we have shared brings happiness to my soul. I love you, I miss you and will always remember how good you were to me. Love u my brother. Kevin Lacilla

Kevin Lacilla - October 28, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ Dear Alekshun Family,

I was in the dorm room next to Michael and Kevin, meeting them on our very first day of college. We became instant friends. Shared the next four years with Mike, including living with him our senior year, and spending so many great times together. I vividly remember celebrating his 21st birthday with him in Pleasantville. Even after we graduated and Mike stayed in Westchester to pursue his dream of becoming “Dr. Michael Alekshun”, we would see him regularly, and it was always special, He was always so fun, interesting, and unique. The other thing that you always knew about Mike was that family was everything to him, I am personally gutted that he was taken too soon, but can hardly fathom the grief felt by his beloved family. I am deeply sorry for your loss, and offer my prayers and condolences. Will always remember you Michael, dear friend and brother. Chris Castello

Chris Castello - November 01, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ I learned of Michael’s passing with great sadness. He was my immediate supervisor at Novartis and we spent many early mornings discussing the vicissitudes of science and life. He spoke often of his family and held you very dearly. He was very generous and always supportive - it was a privilege to have made his acquaintance. Joe Kiely.

Joe Kiely - October 28, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ Anabela, Sofia, Nicolas, Maria, and Todd.

At this difficult time I am remembering with you the life of someone so dear. I have been blessed over the years to have shared many family memories watching Michael grow becoming such a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, father and family friend.

Sending you my sympathy, love, and prayers.

Wendy

Wendy Long - October 28, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ Bela,

Words can't even express how sorry we are for your loss. Michael was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father and friend. I remember the first day we met him when he arrived at your new home on Mitchell Court. He was so excited and couldn't wait for you to join him. You, Maria, Todd, Sofia and Nic need to take comfort in knowing that you are all adored by so many friends who will help you get through this difficult time. We love you and are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian, Traci, Kyle & Hayley Moore

Traci Moore - October 28, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Maria, we are so sorry for your loss. My heart hurts for you and your family. Many memories from Oakville Ave. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
from, Paul, Eileen and Kevin Grant

Eileen Grant - October 31, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. I got to know Mike over the last 3 years through the SCOPE program. Mike was terrific with the kids and the parents. He had such a kind way about him. He was loved by everyone in the program. My heart goes out to Anabella, Sophia and Nicholas. What a beautiful family. He will be greatly missed.

Ray Steele

Raymond Steele - November 01, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ I am saddened by the passing of Coach Mike. I only knew Mike from the basketball and soccer SCOPE programs. Was always great with kids. Even when his daughter was no longer attending SCOPE soccer he still came down every Saturday. My condolences to family.

Anthony - November 02, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ Dr. T. Alekshun and family,
I am so saddened to read of the passing of your dear brother, son, husband and father. I did not know him but I know Todd who, most likely due to his brother's influence, is a wonderful oncologist.
God Bless you Michael, rest in His peace.

Debra Burdicko - November 05, 2019 at 11:16 AM