

## ALEX BOTKIN



Was born on October 16, 1948, in a refugee camp in Hohenfels, Germany, the only child of Nada and George Botkin. He and his parents came to the United States in 1949 and first settled in North Carolina, later moving to New York, and then finally moved to Pittsburgh when he was 13, where he lived the rest of his life. Alex is survived by his high school sweetheart, Mimi Botkin; his two daughters, Ellen Botkin (Ben Chloros) and

Kira Harris (Todd Harris); and his grandchildren, Elijah, Nicholas, and Aurelia. Alex was incredible at building, fixing, and creating and later in life became a skilled woodworker and built an entire studio in his garage that he shared with friends old and new. Alex peacefully passed away at home with his family around him on March 24, 2025. He is dearly loved and is deeply missed by all who knew him. Services at Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 1 PM. Visitation one and one half hour prior to service at Temple (11:30 AM - 1 PM). Interment Temple Sinai Memorial Park. Shiva services will be held at Schenley Gardens on Thursday, March 27, 2025, and Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you kindly contribute to Hello Neighbor, a Pittsburgh-based organization dedicated to supporting refugee and immigrant family resettlement. Donate at [www.helloneighbor.io/donate](http://www.helloneighbor.io/donate). Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.** [www.schugar.com](http://www.schugar.com).

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