



## Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle

January 20, 1992 - May 10, 2014

Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle, 22 of Crystal Falls, passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2014. She was born on January 20, 1992 daughter of Nick and the late Janine (Bates) LaChapelle. She attended the Crystal Falls schools, graduating from Forest Park High School in 2010. She went on to attend Bay de Noc Community College and was in her fourth year. She was to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall, majoring in Criminal Justice. Alex worked as a Bartender at the Infield Bar, and as a Corrections Officer at the Iron County Sheriff's Office. She was a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls, and a member of the Guardian Angels Catholic Church. She was an extreme sports junky, especially extreme kayaking. Alex loved dirt biking and snowmobiling, and was the only girl allowed on a snowmobile ride with all guys including her Dad and Uncle Bryan, because she could not only keep up, but was faster than most. She enjoyed all the snow sports, especially snowboarding. At one time or another Alex tried and excelled at any and all sports out there. She was a wonderful Auntie to her 2 special nieces, and was always there for not only them, but for all of her family and friends.

Alex is survived by her parents, Nick and Jean LaChapelle of Crystal Falls; her brother, Colton LaChapelle of Crystal Falls; her sister, Meaghan (Chris Haker) LaChapelle of Florence; nieces, Alexis and Elizabeth Hamilton; her Paternal grandmother, Dorothy LaChapelle of Crystal Falls; Maternal grandparents, Vern and Wilma Bates of Crystal Falls; her Aunts and Uncles,

Paul (Connie) LaChapelle, Bryan (Diane) LaChapelle, Pamela (Fred) Coburn, Jeffrey (Rebecca) LaChapelle, Larry Bates, Tom Bates, Nancy Gaasbeck, Cindy Davis, Pete Gaasbeck, Bonnie Nakayama, Jane and Steve Ross; special friend, Travis Fittante; step-grandparents, Helen and Andrew Meyers; her dog, Klutch; she is further survived by many cousins and special friends. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Eugene N. "Gene" LaChapelle and her mother, Janine LaChapelle.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 14, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 11:00am at the Guardian Angels Catholic Church. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bryan LaChapelle, Jr., TJ Gaasbeck, Pete Gaasbeck, Mike Graff, Tyler Fittante, and Mark Hegstrom. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kevin Schiavo and Tony DeMuri.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 North Third St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Mass

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
412 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *May the God of all comfort, peace and tender mercies be with your family and friends during this sad time. (2 Cor. 1:3,4) Please accept my deepest and most heartfelt condolences.*

chris - March 30, 2015 at 11:37 AM

GO

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your beautiful daughter Alex. You are in our prayers.*

*George & Sandy Olson*

George/Sandy Olson-Norway - May 16, 2014 at 07:08 PM

JS

“ *Jayne Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle*



jayne schmidt - May 16, 2014 at 01:54 PM

JP

“ *Janice Pretto lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle*



Janice Pretto - May 15, 2014 at 11:24 PM

TW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I hope all your great memories of Alex are a source of comfort during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Tracie Westcott** - May 15, 2014 at 10:12 AM

TR

“ Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We take comfort in imagining Alex lovingly embraced in her Mother's arms.



*Trish and Taylor Rosenthal*

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**Trish and Taylor Rosenthal** - May 15, 2014 at 09:20 AM

JS

“ Nick, Jean and all of the LaChapelle/Bates family, there are no words to comfort, no hug tight enough to express our sadness from my family to yours. I'm blessed to have grown up with all of you. We will continue healing prayers for all of you!

*Jayne Baker (Danielson) Schmidt*

*Mark Lee Danielson*

*Steven Danielson*

*Derek Danielson*

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**jayne baker schmidt** - May 15, 2014 at 08:50 AM

KF

“ *Kathi Phillips And Family lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle*



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**Kathi Phillips and family** - May 14, 2014 at 08:22 PM

KP

*May God comfort you all through this very difficult time.  
Kathi Phillips*

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**Kathi Phillips** - May 14, 2014 at 08:24 PM

JS

*AMEN!*

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**jayne baker schmidt** - May 15, 2014 at 08:54 AM

MV

“ *Aside from the countless memories I have with Alex, one funny memory came to mind.. When we were probably in middle school and you guys lived at the Runkle House, Alex and I tried cooking what I believe was grilled cheese.. Needless to say we set the smoke alarm off. How hard can that be, right? Haha, we sure had some good laughs over the years. Truly going to miss her.*

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**Maria Valesano** - May 14, 2014 at 03:45 PM

BR

“ *Nick, I am truly sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Brenda Thoe (Klima)*

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**Brenda** - May 14, 2014 at 12:25 PM

AB

“ Arthur And Lisa Bloomberg lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle



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Arthur and Lisa Bloomberg - May 14, 2014 at 12:08 PM

CK

“ Unable to attend services for Alex, but will be in my thoughts and prayers..I had the pleasure of working with Alex at the jail..she certainly made an impression on me..god bless her, and her family...Collette ( coco) and Phil kumiega



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collette kumiega - May 14, 2014 at 10:25 AM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss--my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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Pat Westcott - May 14, 2014 at 09:37 AM

LR

“ Nick, Jean and family,  
Words cannot express how deeply saddened I am for your loss.  
I cannot imagine the pain you are all going through. My love,  
thoughts and prayers are with you.

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Lisa (Ball) Ross - May 14, 2014 at 09:32 AM

DR

“ Nick and Jean, I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words to ease the sadness. I hope you find comfort with her family and friends who loved her as much as you both did, you are all in my thoughts.

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**Dawn (Ball) Ross** - May 14, 2014 at 08:57 AM

CR

“ Alex was a student of mine for one semester in 2004 while I was student teaching at Forest Park. I was deeply saddened to hear of her passing. Even though it's been 10 years since I saw her last, I still remember her clearly. Her smile and cheerful personality are unforgettable. It is the rare student like her that inspires me to continue my career as a teacher, and I am thankful that I was fortunate enough to have her in my class, even for a small amount of time. I am very sorry for your loss.

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**Craig Recla** - May 14, 2014 at 08:24 AM




Cynthia  
Davis

“ My Girls Sierra Bates & Brianna Bates and I are sending our love and prayers across the miles to our family. We so wish we could attend the funeral of our beautiful Alex girl, but unfortunately that is not possible for us. We will be there in spirit for sure!!!  
God bless everyone and may we ALL cherish our memories and our pictures of our special times together. God Bless!!!!

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**Cynthia Davis** - May 14, 2014 at 01:14 AM

  
Cynthia  
Davis

“ Cynthia Davis lit a candle in memory of  
Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle



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Cynthia Davis - May 14, 2014 at 01:10 AM

SS

“ Our hearts are heavy for the entire LaChapelle family - you are all in  
our thoughts and prayers during this tragic and difficult time.  
Deepest sympathy

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Sherrie & Doug Selissen - May 13, 2014 at 10:26 PM

SV

“ Love and prayers to the LaChapelle and  
Bates families. Happily I followed Alex's  
recent adventure in Hawaii on Facebook with  
her Aunt Bonnie. Nick, I cannot imagine your  
grief in losing a child. My niece Alyssa shared  
her feelings best in saying that Alex is with her mom now. May they  
both rest in peace.



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Sandy (Ball) Kleckner, Virginia - May 13, 2014 at 09:21 PM

TM

“ May you rest in peace Alex, from the Minnicks



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the Minnicks - May 13, 2014 at 09:10 PM

LW

“ Today there isn't anything that can be said to ease the pain you feel or your grief. Please know Nick you and your entire family are in our prayers. We pray you will feel the Lord's presence as you walk through the days ahead.

*Jeff Weiss and Leslie Weiss  
Adrian, Michigan*

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**Leslie Weiss** - May 13, 2014 at 07:15 PM

RM

“ Nick, and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I met Alex a couple years ago when she came out to swim with Bob and Korie. She reminded me so much of her mother, so sweet and funny, and beautiful. My heart aches for all of you and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Robin Groop Maracini...

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**robin maracini** - May 13, 2014 at 06:03 PM

SW

“ We realize few, if any; words can be of comfort to you in this time of great loss. Our family would like you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. -The Claus Family

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**Sally Wiencek** - May 13, 2014 at 05:47 PM

SC

“ *The pain of Alex's death really emphasizes what a small close knit community we are and how connected all our lives are. I did not know Alex directly. I am Gina Zanon's supervisor at Samaritan Counseling and I am Colton's friends Georgie Dohl's and Ally Polich's aunt. The pain these young women carry over this loss is so present in my life today. I overheard my good friend Verl Hudson sharing her sadness with Becky Waters and the pain and loss this is for Forest Park was well expressed by these two very caring women. The message from Alex is how we are community. Our sympathy from all the staff at Samaritan Counseling.*  
*Gi Gi Polich Van Doren.*

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**Samaritan Counseling Center** - May 13, 2014 at 04:56 PM



“ *Nick, Colton and family...there are no words to describe the pain you are feeling, just know that our tears are shed for you today and in the days to come. May God bless you and comfort you through these upcoming days. With love, Morris, Connie, Noah and Nick Yates*

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**Connie Yates** - May 13, 2014 at 04:11 PM

LM

“ *Lyle Merrill lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle*



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**Lyle Merrill** - May 13, 2014 at 02:17 PM

KH

“ Kevin And Mary Hanttula lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle



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Kevin and Mary Hanttula - May 13, 2014 at 02:01 PM

KH

So saddened by this, our thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends. Kevin and Mary Hanttula

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Kevin and Mary Hanttula - May 13, 2014 at 02:03 PM

BB

“ Your many memories of happy times shared with Alex will keep her spirit alive within you and all who shared in the joy she brought to them. In time you will be better able to celebrate her life instead of her loss.  
We both send our deepest sympathy at a time no parent needs to experience.  
Ron and Barbara Ball

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Barbara Ball - May 13, 2014 at 01:28 PM

SG

“ My condolences to all. I'm sure this is a very difficult time for everyone involved & when someone passes so young it's even more of a tragedy. May you find peace in your fond memories of her.

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Sheree Graham - May 13, 2014 at 12:55 PM

SF

“ *Skrzyniarz Family lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle*

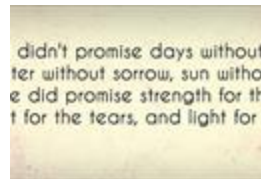


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**Skrzyniarz Family** - May 13, 2014 at 11:16 AM

SS

“ *Many prayers and so much love from Woody, Sara, Olivia, Kailee, Casey & Craig Skibo*



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**Sara Skibo** - May 13, 2014 at 10:09 AM

TM

“ *So very sorry and sad to hear about your loss Nick. Sending prayers for you and the rest of the family.*



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**Tom and Carol Martwick** - May 13, 2014 at 09:33 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Nick, Dorothy, and the entire LaChapelle family on the tragic loss of your beautiful Alex. You are all in my thoughts often, and especially so during this difficult time. My love to you, Tracy*

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**Tracy Crowe** - May 13, 2014 at 09:24 AM

LT

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Lea Tramontine - May 13, 2014 at 09:08 AM

MM

“ so very sorry to hear this sad news. I have been a friend of the Lachapelle's for many years and my heart is heavy for them at this time. I am thinking of you and praying for your family.

Mary Morkin Mathis

mary lynne mathis - May 13, 2014 at 08:46 AM

PD

“ Pamela Davis lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle



Pamela Davis - May 13, 2014 at 06:33 AM

PA

I love you sweetie!! <3

Pamela - May 13, 2014 at 06:57 AM

AA

“ Axel And Cindy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Alexandra "Alex" LaChapelle



Axel and Cindy Anderson - May 13, 2014 at 02:53 AM

AA

*Our prayers and condolences for you Nick, Jean and Colton as well as the Lachapelle/Bates families! May you find peace in all your memories and knowing Janine welcomed her with open arms!*

**Axel and Cindy Anderson** - May 13, 2014 at 02:59 AM

SH

*“ I grew up in Crystal, but have been gone for 22yrs!! My older brother William "Bill" Schook and I send our condolences to you and the rest of the family!! May each and every one find piece in their hearts knowing that she is walking hand in hand with our Lord "Jesus Christ" May she R.I.P*



**Steve Hill** - May 12, 2014 at 11:01 PM

JE

*“ My deepest condolences to the family at this time. I never knew Alex very well, but she seemed to have been a very bright and kind young woman. I know nothing can take away the pain of losing a person you love, but I hope you find peace in the days to come.*

**Jessica** - May 12, 2014 at 09:55 PM

KA

“ I haven't been able to stop thinking about Alex since I heard the news. It's suprising to me how hard it has hit me. The first time we talked I wanted to meet, with the intention of her joining the Air Force (I was a recruiter). We met at Subway and she told me she wasn't interested but I was so nice she wanted to make the appointment anyway. Although things did not work out Alex and I remained close and talked often. Everyone from Crystal will always be special to me but Alex reminded me of myself and I shared a different connection with her than all the Crystal guys I helped join. I can't help but shake my head and wish she was in Hawaii or in the Air Force so this wouldn't have happen. However, I know that everything happens for a reason whatever that might be. I have continued to talk about her since we first met in 2011 and will always remember her and how spunky she was. I am not the least bit suprised at the support I have seen and the impression she left behind. I am so grateful to have known her even if only a little while. I pray for her family and friends to remember all the good and celebrate her life the way she would want. I never gets easier but knowing she is with her mom can maybe give a slight relief from the heartbreak.



SSgt Kasee Robbins, USAF

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kasee - May 12, 2014 at 09:52 PM

 Billy  
Paige

“ from the firs summer when I moved there to the many winters of going to Peavy to ice fish you were always fun to be around! you were the first I walked into at the infield when I came home after basic in my uniform even bought my first beer lol you will be deeply missed and ice fishing wont be the same when I come home!

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Billy Paige - May 12, 2014 at 09:45 PM



“ *I'm so sorry about your loss. Sending prayers to everyone.*

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**Carol Winger** - May 12, 2014 at 09:31 PM



“ *Alex was the friendliest person and she always had a smile on her face. It didn't matter how long you would go without talking, you could pick right up as if you'd never stopped. She was beautiful, inside and out. She may be gone physically, but she will always be here with us spiritually. May her love and kindness live on through all of us.*

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**Samantha Mattson** - May 12, 2014 at 09:22 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the LaChapelle family. I am so sorry for your loss and I hope you can find comfort knowing that she is now an angel along with her mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers!! Alex was an amazing girl and will be greatly missed!!!*

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**Kelle (Anderson) Clements** - May 12, 2014 at 09:19 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Nick and family. We have fond memories of Alex. Played ball with the boys and Steve coached her. She truly was a sweet girl.*

*Julie and Steve Sawyer*

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**Julie and Steve Sawyer** - May 12, 2014 at 08:38 PM

DW

“ So sorry for the tragic loss of Alex - not only to her family but to all of the people she touched in her short life. I know she loved adventure and anything extreme and was welcome by "the guys" every time they were shooting the Hemlock when the ice was still on the river. She truly lived her life on her terms. God Bless all of her family and friends who will struggle with her passing so young and vibrant.



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**Debbie West** - May 12, 2014 at 08:37 PM

BS

“ all our love and prayers to your family. Alex was a special woman who touched the lives of all the people she met. I got to see her a week ago. She gave me a big hug and told me how happy she was to be home. I will cherish that conversation and remember the twinkle in here eyes when she talked about HOME!

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**Bobbi Jo Stockero** - May 12, 2014 at 08:22 PM

BS

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**Bobbi Jo Stockero** - May 12, 2014 at 08:22 PM



“ I asked you out when I first moved up here, you sweetly kissed my cheek and said... "oh hunny no offense, but your just to city for me" haha typical Alex such a backwoods girl you will be greatly missed. (BTW i gave back your zippo you have been asking for two months for ;) even though I know you really didnt care)

*James R.*

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**James Renner** - May 12, 2014 at 07:29 PM