



Aleksandr Kulagin

March 17, 1969 - July 5, 2017

Aleksandr “The Russian” Kulagin, 48
Kearney resident

Aleksandr “The Russian” Kulagin, 48 of Kearney, died Wednesday, July 5th at his home. A memorial service will be held 10:30 am Saturday, July 15th at the O’Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Aleksandr was born March 17, 1969 in Dushanbe, USSR to Michael and Ludmila (Kovalenko) Kulagin. Following his graduation, Aleksandr enlisted into the USSR Military. During his two years in the military, he was stationed in Afghanistan. Aleksandr came to the United States in 1993. He was employed as a mechanic at Garrett Tire and Tread since the Spring of 2010.

He was hard working, friendly and loyal. Alex loved being around people and nature. He tried to make his surrounding more beautiful by planting trees and flowers. Alex had a huge heart and was always there to help others without asking anything in return. He always had a positive attitude and had the ability to fix everything with his “golden hands.” Aleksandr will be remembered for his sense of humor and his love for practical jokes.

Survivors include his significant other Yelena Smith of Kearney; daughters Valerie and Eva Kulagina of San Francisco, CA; brother Andrey Kulagin of

Russia and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Aleksandr Kulagin

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



Jennifer
Hollis
Behlmann

“ We will miss Alek "the crazy Russian" so much. Neighbor and friend. Always a smile, always a wave, always laughter.. Eager to share whatever information he had. Also was so proud to be with you Yelena and Anya. What a beautiful soul. This is not where it ends. Gary, Jennifer and Dustin

Jennifer Hollis Behlmann - July 15, 2017 at 10:15 AM



SR

“ I don't really know how to express how much I will miss your views/opinions on things, I will truly miss bouncing things off you! I will miss you more than anyone (including myself) could have ever imagined.
Peace be with you and your family.
Here's to you Alex!

Scott Ryan - July 14, 2017 at 06:38 PM



JO

“ We can't believe that Alex is gone....we knew him since he came to US. He always was a really special person, very kind, caring, loving, with big smile and positive personality..and it really hurts to know that Alex is gone. RIP

Jane Oster - July 14, 2017 at 01:11 PM

MR

“ I got to know Alek when he built his home. He would call, and it was always, this is Alek, "the Russian", and then he would proceed with a thousand questions, only wanting to do things the right way. He was proud of his house and his accomplishments, as he should have been. He had to show me every closet and cupboard of what he built. His work and his abilities were impressive. Alek was a humble man who had a love for life and a wonderful laugh and smile. He will be deeply missed.

Max Richardson - July 13, 2017 at 11:35 AM

SK

“ We still can not believe Alex is gone. It seems just like yesterday that he was picking in our window and greeting in our native language, catching us by surprise. We always enjoyed their visits and conversations, loved talking about our common culture and traditions. He was a very good friend, with very caring heart and always there when you needed him. Had so many plans and was looking forward to enjoying his newly built house, garden.....: wanted even to build tandir to enjoy home made bread that he grew up enjoying.....so many wonderful memories.....Our hearts hurt as we try to come to terms with this loss. Alex will be missed every day. Our thought and prayers are with you, Elena.
Sara and Ray Kadyrov's.

sara kadyrova - July 12, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ Alex was a friend that I knew would always be there for Katie and I. He lived next to us and whenever he drove by with his 4 wheeler would always stop by. Insisting that I take our kids on it, as he watched in enjoyment. He had a humble heart and was always willing to lend a hand whenever I needed it. He was one of the few people out there who would really listen to what you are saying and take interest in your life. Really miss that guy. -Chris and Katie McClemens

Chris McClemens - July 12, 2017 at 11:38 AM

KM

This is true. We will so miss Alex. We loved our conversations and considered him a good friend. His smile and humor made him easy to talk to. He was a likeable guy indeed. We talked often of how smart he was and how he could do anything he set his mind to. The last we saw him, he was trying to help us fix our mower. Our boys loved him. Our hearts are saddened and heavy for this great loss. Our prayers are with you, Yelena.

Katie McClemens - July 14, 2017 at 10:33 PM

TB

“ We are still having a hard time believing you are gone Alex. You were a very special friend to us and always will be. To all those evenings filled with laughter as you took time out of your days to help us build our home, all the visits talking about trees and flowers with you and Yelena. Always willing to lend a hand. Those are memories we will always cherish. We are going to miss you our dear friend and we will never forget you. Tracey and Bj Bell

Tracey Bell - July 12, 2017 at 11:37 AM

LM

“ Alek it was an honor being your friend, Martin and I will miss your sense of humor, and that great smile you always had. Never will we forget you,
YOU will be missed.

**** Martin & Lidia Marquez ****

Lidia Marquez

Lidia Marquez - July 12, 2017 at 11:03 AM

SA

“ It hurts our hearts to have Alex gone. He was a really special person. He was friendly, talented, funny, and kind. He will be missed. Sheila and Bill Abood

sheila abood - July 11, 2017 at 03:00 PM

 Mike
McCann

“ Sad to hear that Alek is gone. He always had a smile for me and a firm handshake. Not sure I was a fan of some of his canned Russian flavored foods...but he was dang proud of them. I had to keep reminding Alek that he had to use English around me and not that dang ruusky or I would use pig-latin. Alek had some of the most beautiful plants and flowers I have ever seen. He could build anything he wanted. Thoughts and prayers to Yelena and Alek's family from Mike and Robyn McCann.

Mike McCann - July 11, 2017 at 01:14 PM