



Alexander Dane Lawinger

December 15, 2000 - June 28, 2025

St. Elmo, Illinois - Alexander Dane Lawinger age 24 entered into eternal life on Saturday morning June 28, 2025 as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Alex was born on December 15, 2000 to Jane M. Lawinger. Alex's lifelong home was Vandalia, Illinois. Alex graduated from Vandalia high school in 2019.

At age 17 Alex joined and served in the reserves – US Army National Guard.

Alex's most cherished and rewarding work was the time he spent as a stay at home dad with his 16 month old son, Oliver Richard. Alex along with Oliver's mother Destanie, Oliver was being raised with all the love of a thousand universes. Oliver was the greatest gift God could have given Alex and Destanie and he was the greatest gift Alex could have left to us.

Alex loved spending time at the families cabin and wooded acreage with fishing ponds located north of Saint Elmo, Illinois. He was in charge of security at the property. Alex was always so willing to show the Airbnb guest where the fishing ponds were and the ATV trails. He would also help them get a good campfire going. He did many odd jobs for people who needed his help. He was a handyman and a tinker guy. Alex had a true passion for amateur mechanics. He loved working on and riding his motorcycles.

Alex was an avid fisherman, hunter and all around outdoorsman. He loved all of his dogs and was so happy when he was in the woods by the pond or hunting. He was a true country boy. A lot of this was instilled in him, and taught to him by his uncle Rich Lawinger and his Godfather Dave Busse.

Alex was so loved by his Godmother Tammi Busse and his Grandma Ena who spent countless hours and days with him, from the day he was born he was by Ena's side. They were best of friends. They played together, cooked together, laughed and cried together and especially napped good and snored loud together.

Alex will be missed so much by so many. Especially his older sister Miranda, his younger brother Gabe, his niece Selah, his mother Jane, his son Oliver and his true love Destanie.

Alex is survived by his son Oliver Richard Lawinger, his siblings Miranda (Zach) Lawinger, and Gabriel William (Victoria) Lawinger-Ryherd, his niece Selah Marie Skirvin, his mother Jane Marie Lawinger, and his loving partner Destanie Jayne Rush.

He was predeceased in death by his Grandparents, Bill and Helena (Ena) Lawinger, his uncle's Richard and Steven Lawinger, his twin aunts, Mary Beth and Mary Helena Lawinger.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 12:00 PM at St. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. A visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:00 until 11:40 AM at the church. Fr. David Flanagan will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at Cow Tippers in Mineral Point. There will be a celebration of life held in Vandalia Illinois, his lifetime home at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorials for Alex's son Oliver Richard would be appreciated and can be mailed to:

Gorgen Funeral Home

310 Ridge St.

Mineral Point, WI 53565

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 9:00 AM - 11:40 AM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
224 Davis Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TI

“ Jane, Gabe and Miranda. So sorry for your loss. Alex was a powerful source of joy. He embraced everyone who he encountered with warmth and humor. His brief time here was a blessing to all who knew him.
Please know that Cedric, Jay and I are praying incessantly for all of the Lawinger family.

Tisa - July 10, 2025 at 11:58 AM

JL

“ Alex was a delightful child & knew everybody at the Mineral Point art galleries. He toured me around while we were visiting Helena at the same time. Everybody we talked with loved him. It was a pleasure to have that short week with him. My sympathy to the family
Jane Lange



Jane L Lange - July 03, 2025 at 06:31 PM

RM

“ I did not know Alex but share your sorrow in your loss. I have all of you in my heart and prayers at this sad time. I know the loss of a son as I lost my son, Kerry, the same day Helena passed at age 46 to cancer. Keep the faith and your good memories of him. Rosalie May

Rosalie May - July 03, 2025 at 06:30 PM

WS

“ William, Kristie, David, Susan purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Alexander Dane Lawinger.



William, Kristie, David, Susan - July 03, 2025 at 01:42 PM

WS

“ William, Kristie, David, Susan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alexander Dane Lawinger.

William, Kristie, David, Susan - July 03, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alexander Dane Lawinger.



July 01, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alexander Dane Lawinger.



July 01, 2025 at 10:55 AM

SM

“ I remember taking Alex on his first fishing excursion. It was a local pond outside of Vandalia, where he caught bass and bluegill. The delight in his eyes and the excitement that he showed, I knew he was the one that was “hooked”. I thank you and your mother for that experience. You will be missed by many.

Steve McClintock - July 01, 2025 at 08:10 AM

BW

“ Jane, Miranda, and Gabe, I am so sorry for your loss. Alex and my Kaelyb were such good friends. Thank you for taking Kaelyb in, nurturing their friendship, and treating him like your own. I know Kaelyb is heartbroken and so are we. May God wrap you in His arms and bring you peace in your mourning. I am praying for all of you!
Billie Worker

Billie Worker - June 30, 2025 at 11:37 PM



“ The first picture I remember of him was when you showed me his picture in your locket. I cannot imagine your heartache, but sincerely hope that his memory becomes a sweet blessing.

Connie Menoni - June 30, 2025 at 11:02 PM

LR

“ Oh Jane, Gabe, and Miranda:
My heart is shattered along with yours... My
Dear, Sweet Boy!
I had the privilege of being Alex's
kindergarten teacher. It was my honor to have
the opportunity to love, teach, and watch him grow. It was a true
pleasure getting to know him and his humor. I enjoyed his warm
smile and generous hugs. He would call me just to “say hello”
during the summer months to stay in touch. He had such a kind and
gentle soul.
My students leave their footprints upon my soul. He will remain in
my heart forever!
I am wrapping you all in love, big hugs, and lots of prayers for God
to heal your broken hearts.
Mrs. Robbins



Lisa Robbins - June 30, 2025 at 01:35 PM

PP

“ Prayers Debbie Pryor purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alexander Dane Lawinger.



Prayers Debbie Pryor - June 30, 2025 at 01:09 PM

WG

“ Alex was my brother whenever I didn't have one. He will forever be remembered as that too. My brother. We would spend countless nights on his trampoline and in his mini cabin in his backyard just talking about life and everything in between. I along with so many others will forever miss him and his goofy but serious personality.

Wenoa Giles - June 30, 2025 at 12:40 PM

RE

“ Ryenne E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alexander Dane Lawinger.

Ryenne E. - June 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM

CZ

“ My sincere condolences to Jane and all of the family.

Candy Zeman - June 30, 2025 at 12:25 PM

AD

So sorry for your loss Jane

Aletha Duerst - July 01, 2025 at 11:16 AM