



## **Alexander Janke, Lt. Col (Ret.)**

Born: Riverside, California January 22, 1948

Died: Clayton, California May 10, 2019

Alex grew up in Riverside, California. He attended the University of California at Davis for his undergraduate studies in archeology. He also earned a Masters degree from the same university in Education.

He served 22 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. During that time he was a commander of a tank platoon in Germany and a tank company in South Korea. He served in many different posts over the years, including a tour at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Alex married Ruth Frank of Clayton and they were together 48 years. In the past six years, Alex and Ruth had purchased ownership of a ranch on Mt. Diablo that had been in Ruth's pioneer Clayton family since the 1800's. He enjoyed working on the ranch with his family.

For 20 year,s Alex was a dedicated member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and the Diablo A's in Concord, California. He had leadership roles in both organizations, serving as national president three times, national treasurer and national publication/PR director. Alex wrote or contributed to many books on Model A Ford restoration and judging standards. He is recognized internationally as one of the key members of the club because of his presentations in many of Diablo A's technical seminar videos.

Alex is survived by his wife, Ruth, their sons Art (Aimee) and Matt. He was the proud grandfather of Emma, Clayton, and Zoey.

The family suggests those who wish to do so can make donations in Alex's name to the Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) <http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Memorials.html> or Live Oak Cemetery, 1134 Pine Hollow Road, Concord, California.

The memorial service will be held on Sunday June 9 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm PDT at Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521. If you have any questions, please call Bill Truesdell, 925-383-1912.