

## ALEXANDER RICHARD RING (Alex)



12<sup>th</sup> January 1979 to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Alex was supposed to be born at home in Salford, Manchester but the intervention of a snowstorm led to him being born in Hope Hospital, Salford.

When he was 4 the family moved to Elland in West Yorkshire where Alex started school. His learning difficulties had become apparent and it was also established that he likely suffered from deafness, having taught himself to lipread.

During his time at school he visited hospital a number of times for the treatment then believed to improve the deafness, having 'grommets' installed for 'glue ear' and removal of his adenoids. He received a lot of additional support at school, in particular at the secondary school, where an individual teacher supported him to pass some GCSE's. Throughout his life he was very enthusiastic about railways and sport especially football and cricket.

At age 18 the family relocated to Milton Keynes, with Alex finding work from time to time with Age Concern and Morrisons, and he then decided to relocate to Sheffield. After a few years there he then moved back to Milton Keynes for a short time before finally moving to Birmingham.

The family are grateful for all the messages of sympathy, especially from members of the Jehovah's Witnesses, to which Alex had devoted many of his later years, and apparently made many friendships.

Information about a Just Giving page and details of the webcast of the service, which will be available for 7 days afterwards, can be found at <https://ericring.com>