



Alan Jay Andreasen died unexpectedly Jan. 18 at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, in the arms of his beloved partner Nathan Liu. He was 73.

Born on Feb 21 1944 in Chicago, Andreasen was the son of Carl and Mabel Andreasen. He graduated from Carl Schurz High School in 1962, where he was honored by the National Honor Society and recognized as Laurels.

He attended Illinois State University, where he received his B.S. in music education, and then attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, receiving his M.M. in musicology. There he was a member of the award-winning University of Illinois jazz band, which included a 6-week tour of the Soviet Union in 1969.

After moving to the Bay Area in 1981, he worked in the Safeway Stores corporate office managing their transportation database, and then moved to C and H Sugar in Crockett working in a similar area. He retired in 2003.

After retirement, he was heavily involved in music activities in the San Francisco Bay Area. He was an accomplished trombone player with a more than 60-year career. He played in three Big Bands, including Lady K and The Kings of Swing, the Bay Area Big band and 3 O'Clock Jump big band, which played jazz, swing and Latin music for listening and dancing. He also played in the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra and the Oakland Community Orchestra, a senior group. He was greatly respected, loved and admired by those who played with him..

Besides his passion for music, Alan was a world traveler who left his footprints in 11 countries. He was fascinated by trains, which enabled him to be very knowledgeable of history and geography of different parts of the United States, as well as different countries.

His humbleness, generosity and kindness are remembered by his friends, and a deep romantic love by his partner Nathan.

In addition to his partner of 8 years, Nathan, Alan is survived by a cousin, Bruce Trumbo of Hayward, Calif. and a nephew, Paul Connelly of Arlington Heights, IL.