

# *Celebration of Life*

## **MEMORIAL FOR Dr. Richard D. Alexander**

*November 18, 1929 -- August 20, 2018*

**DATE: April 27, 2019**

**TIME: 1:00-4:00PM**

**PLACE: Freedom Twp Hall  
11508 E. Pleasant Lake Rd.  
Manchester, MI 48158**

*Join us for a luncheon to  
celebrate with family  
and friends our best memories  
and moments of a life lived  
to the fullest.*

**Please RSVP to [lkalex29@gmail.com](mailto:lkalex29@gmail.com) or 734-428-7806 (Lorrie)**

## Motivation

In the beginning it was, "Why?"  
curious, incredulous, or snickering.  
And the answer came, quick and confident,  
amid a swelling flood of pride.

And later there were no whys,  
but respect, envy, association coveted.  
Or perhaps the why was lost in a sea of shame  
and smug, knowing nods -  
no whys because they know now.

*They know now!*

And so it is I who wonders,  
and the question bores, insistent,  
and will not likely be answered.

Are the understanding and culture of all of ourselves  
no more than feeble, stumbling fingers that  
rip and tear in fruitless efforts to unravel  
the complex fabric of cause and effect,  
the too-intricately woven theads of truth?

## Epitaph

Who gains the privilege to pass,  
With mind still undiminished,  
Submits to this sad epitaph,  
Alas! I was not finished.