

# **The family of Alex Salmond issue a statement following his death**

**Alex Salmond, the former First Minister of Scotland who died yesterday at the age of 69 is survived by his wife Moira, and his brother, Bob, and sister, Margaret.**

His family have now issued a statement:

“In our darkest of family moments, he was always the one who got us through, making this time even more difficult, as he is not here for us to turn to.

“Alex was a formidable politician, an amazing orator, an outstanding intellect, and admired throughout the world.

“He loved meeting people and hearing their stories, and showed incredible kindness to those who needed it. He dedicated his adult life to the cause he believed in – independence for Scotland. His vision and enthusiasm for Scotland and the Yes movement were both inspirational and contagious.

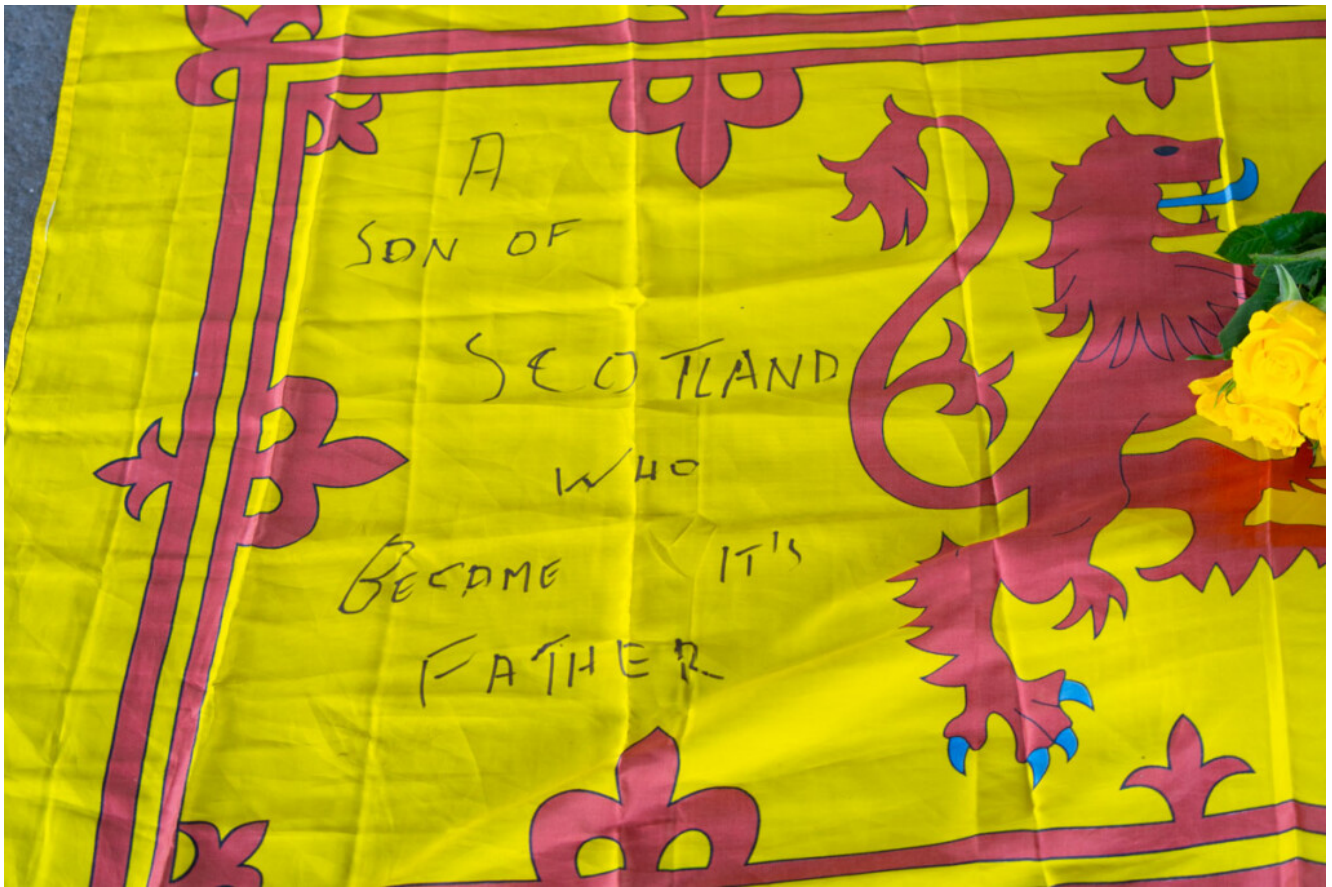
“But to us, first and foremost, he was a devoted and loving husband, a fiercely loyal brother, a proud and thoughtful uncle and a faithful and trusted friend.

“His resilience and optimism knew no bounds.

“He led us to believe in better. Without Alex, life will never be the same again. But he would want us to continue with his

life's work for independence, and for justice, and that is what we shall do.

"The dream shall never die."



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Alex Salmond talked to the press as he left Edinburgh High Court Court a free man cleared of all allegations of sexual assault.

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Then First Minister Alex Salmond and Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon will join with figures from across the Yes movement.

They said they would “campaign for the full powers that only a Yes vote can guarantee”. Amongst other members of the grassroots campaign they joined with Jim Sillars and the Margo mobile, which had been touring communities of Scotland. Piershill Square East PHOTO Alan Simpson



Alex Salmond in 2011 arriving at Prestonfield House after the election victory when SNP secured 69 seats Photo The Edinburgh Reporter