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CWO5 Alfred "Owl" Milton Rome Jr., 82, of Memphis, TN, passed Wednesday February 13, 2019. Al was born to Alfred Milton Rome Sr. and Mary Louise Rome on April 23, 1936 in Memphis, TN. He graduated from Central High School in 1954, attended Memphis State University, the University of Tennessee Memphis, and the Memphis Academy of Art. He married Betty Lou Ross in 1988 and they lived in Memphis, TN. He is survived by one daughter, Tia Renee Rome. He also has a sister, Aleeta Wingo, two brothers Richard Rome (Alisa), Kenneth Rome (Diane), a brother-in-law, Tommy Ross (Thelma) and nieces and nephews, Melanie Jones (Jerry), Holly Perritt (Ronnie), Stacey Young (Amy), Shawn Rome, Heather Neushwanter (John), Bradley Wingo (Jessica), Linda Szopinski (Jim), Patricia Jones (Barry), Sandra Stinson (Jeff), and John Ross (Missy) and numerous grand nieces and nephews. Al is also survived by a special family to his heart, Angela Riddick and his Grandchildren of Heart: Nicholas, P.J., Zach, Rachel, Bubba, Renezmee, Ryan, Abigail and Chloe. Al served for forty years in the Marine Corps Reserves, retiring in 1994. As a Chief Warrant Officer 5, Al was called to active duty during Operation Desert Storm where he served as Logistics Officer for Southwest Asia and Interim Chaplain. For his actions during Desert Storm he received the Navy Commendation Medal. Al was an Electrical Distribution Engineer for Memphis Light, Gas, & Water retiring in January 1994. He was a member and Chaplain of the Sgt. Walter K. Singleton Marine Corps League Detachment 476 and was active in the Marine Toys for Tots for 55 years. As a true Memphian Al was engaged in the Memphis social scene serving as a Vice President of the Cotton Carnival Association, King of Sphinx, Chairman of Sphinx, and Crew of Boll Weevils. As a member of Central Church in Collierville, TN, Al worked with Path Ministry, served for 12 years on the board of the Harbor House Substance Abuse Center and was a former board member for One By One Ministries. The family will receive friends at Central Church 2005 E Winchester Blvd,



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Collierville, TN 38017 on Monday, February 18 from 10:30-12:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow immediately at 12:00. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 with Full Military Honors to be rendered. The family requests memorials be made to one of the following of your choice: Central Church Senior Adult Ministries, 2005 East Winchester Blvd., Collierville, TN 38017, Sgt. Walter K. Singleton Marine Corps League Detachment 476 c/o Nate Hunter, 8396 Wild Dune Lane, Arlington, TN 38802, Mid-South Toys for Tots c/o Carol Howard, P.O. Box 1215, Olive Branch, MS 38654 or West Tennessee Veteran's Home c/o Holly Swagger, P.O. Box 655, Cordova, TN 38088



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PS

Peter Sellars posted:

One of the most gentle men I had ever met in the Marine Corps. Just thought of him and looked Alfred up and saw he passed away 5 years ago. We met and served in Desert Storm together. We worked for the same boss, then-Major (Lt.Col.) Robert Benbow. As a Staff NCO, it was a privilege pleasure and an honor to work with Alfred. After Desert Storm, he took the time to write a letter for me and help me with a problem. That's honor. I won't forget him.

June 25 at 9:18 PM

DP

Dustin Pearce posted:

I was reading a news article on Toys for Tots today and decided to look up Al to see if he was still active in it. I was saddened to learn of his passing a few months back. He was a great man, much like his best friend, Charles "Pope" Taliaferro was. I have many fond memories of the times we all got together and celebrated as a family. Betty, if you get this, know that my thoughts are with you today. I hope you are doing well. God Bless!

June 26 at 9:00 AM

PC

Peter & Debby Torresan Waldheim Sk. Canada posted:

I just got the news today .Sigh a mighty one has fallen.I will never forget your acts of kindness and big smile.I did not know you as long or as well as some here have .In our times together you shared laughter some of your concerns and your love for family and friends. Mr Al you may be gone but you will never be forgotten.Rest and know that you are in the hand of God Almighty he knows his favored ones and I am convinced you are among them. Miss Betty we love you dearly take care of yourself and know anytime you need a ear to listen to you concerns we are here for you .

March 29 at 12:31 PM

OA

Olen Akers posted:

Betty, You have been in my thoughts and prayers today as you grieve the passing of Al. He was "one of a kind", a great man, a patriot and an outstanding Marine. I know he will be missed in the lives of all those that were fortunate enough to be called a friend. God bless you and family. Olen Akers Dunwoody, GA

February 18 at 12:30 PM



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PT

Phil Tucker posted:

Betty – my heart and prayers go out to you and the entire family. Gunner Rome was one of a kind and it was always a treat to get to get to sit and listen to the many stories he would share. What a wealth of information and knowledge! I first met him in 1982 at VMA-124 drills, back in 1992 at more drills and then again when I came for some of the VMA-124 reunions. He'll always be remembered fondly by me.

February 18 at 9:25 AM

PT

Patra Temple posted:

Betty, I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was such a vibrant man with a wonderful fun personality—one of the truly good guys. To me, Al was defined by his love for you, his family, God, his country and the Marine Corps. We are truly blessed that individuals, such as Al, put their lives in harms way so that we may enjoy the freedoms of this great nation. All the best to you.

February 17 at 2:05 PM

MA

Melany Auricchio posted:

From the Auricchio family, we are so sorry for your loss. We loved Al he was always so cordial and always smiling when we'd run into him in town. We last saw him at Bonefish, he & daddy were reminiscing about their younger days at Pickwick and Cotton Carnival. I always enjoyed listening to the stories. Al was respected, loved and will be sadly missed.

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MM

Mary Martens posted:

Betty I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your precious husband. I will remember with pride when I would see him in his full uniform at RWOP functions. I pray that God will grant you peace as only He can. One day when we get to heaven 'What A day that will be'.

February 15 at 2:48 PM

DB

Dawn & David Baker posted:

Lots of great and fun memories of Uncle Alfred from Knoxville and our TN Vols tailgating group. We were so blessed to join this group in 2005/2006 and have been enjoying the company of Alfred and Betty for the past 14 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I'm sure the angels were singing Rocky Top to welcome Uncle Alfred! Semper Fi!

February 15 at 10:32 AM

KA

Kay posted:

I am truly sorry for your loss. May God be a source of comfort for you during this time (Psalm 147:3).

February 15 at 7:50 AM

SJ

Suzie Jacob posted:

Tia Your Dad spoke of you often and I know you meant so much to him! He was very special to me and many others. May God comfort you with many happy memories and the knowledge that he is pain free and enjoying eternal life.

February 15 at 7:36 AM

GC

Gregg Coats posted:

All our prayers and thoughts of faith and strength. Our love to Betty and all the family. Gregg and Mark

February 14 at 3:48 PM



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Dick And Suzie Jacob posted:

Dear Betty May God comfort you with a peace that passes all understanding and remind you of all "the good times" you had over the years with Al. Al was truly "one of a kind" ! He will be missed greatly by many many people. He loved life and everyone he met! We are all richer for having known him. He was such an encourager.

February 14 at 3:09 PM



Laverne D Jones posted:

My condolences. We can look forward to the time when all sickness, suffering and death will be gone forever. Revelation 21:4 Please accept my condolences at this time.

February 14 at 5:33 AM



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