



Al (Alvin) Stewart

February 26, 1927 - October 17, 2016

Al (Alvin) Stewart, 89, died peacefully on Mon. Oct. 17, 2016 at Tidewell Hospice in Sarasota.

Al is survived by his beloved wife Tandy, of 46 years, and his two beloved children, Leonard (Lydia) of Spain, and Amy of California, as well as his brother Bernie (Rosemary) and 2 nephews, John and David.

Born in Brooklyn on February 26, 1927, he was the son of the late Samuel and Anna Goldberg.

At 17, Al enlisted in the Navy where he remained until discharge in 1946.

Al's professional career spanned many avenues in the entertainment industry. He performed with Louis Prima, Benny Goodman, Dizzie Gillespie, Woody Herman and Charlie Barnet, amongst others, and also played in numerous Broadway Shows. Al worked numerous radio and TV shows, including Ed Sullivan, Johnny Carson, Jackie Gleason and the Jerry Lewis Telethons. His recently published book MY VIEW FROM THE BANDSTAND was welcomed by the musical community. In 1973 and 75, Al recorded two albums for RCA, which featured him on the piccolo trumpet. Al was a true renaissance man with additional talents in photography and stained glass. His art was sold by Neiman Marcus, Dunhills and Tiffanys, and displayed in the Sarasota area.

He was generous to the finish, and will be truly missed.

A celebration of life will be held Friday the 21st of October at 11:00am to 1:00pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, North Orange Avenue, followed by a ceremony at the Sarasota National Cemetery on SR72 at 2:00pm.

Donations may be made to the American Kidney Foundation (AKF) or Tidewell Hospice, Sarasota Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Amy - July 28, 2021 at 01:57 AM

GG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. In the bible we find hope and comfort. Is. 25:8 "God will swallow up death forever and will wipe tears from all faces."

Gina Gradkowski - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Unlike some musicians with Al's chops. he was always gracious and supportive. I wish I had known him better because he had a wealth of experience and knowledge to share. I hung near his conversations at rehearsal breaks and never heard him speak in a bragging manner and he certainly had lots to brag about. We will miss his playing and influence on the Jazz Ambassadors, one of the many groups that benefited from his musicianship. Condolences to his family and close friends. Bob

Bob Notari - October 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Tandy, I wish we were in town for Al's service but we won't be back until October 26. We will definitely be thinking of you and Al. Actually I've been thinking about you both every day. I suspect Al I'd already buddy modestly showing Gabriel how it's done.*

John and Carolyn Gunkler - October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *A great and giving man & musician who will truly be missed.*

Bryan Post - October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM