



## Alfred Jennings Walke

August 7, 1942 - June 3, 2017

Colonel Alfred Jennings Walke (ret.), Mostly known as Al Walke - August 7, 1942 – June 3, 2017. Son to Jennings Byon Walke originally of Richmond, VA and Cordelia Marsh French (Walke) originally of Draper, N.C.

A loving grandfather, father, father in law, brother and caring friend passed away June 3, 2017. Al led a life centered around serving the greater good through his 27-year career in the Marine Corps, police officer work while in college, working as an elder in his church, Boy Scout troop leader and volunteering his time in a variety of ways.

Not being someone to boast of his accomplishments, it was not until near his death that his children learned of his military accomplishments. He was awarded the Purple Heart (Vietnam), Bronze Star, Legion of Merit twice, Commendation Medal, Bronze Star with Combat distinction, Presidential Service Award, Meritorious Service Medal and many others.

Dad (Al) was a longtime resident of Northern Virginia, living primarily in Burke and Alexandria. Born in Greensboro North Carolina on August 7, 1942, Al attended and graduated from Greensboro High School in 1960. Al attended Wake Forest and graduated in 1964 with a degree in Business Administration. He enlisted in the Marine Corps out of college.

Al sang in the choir at his church, performed in the San Diego Opera Company's Fiddler on the Roof, but most notably sang in his children's weddings.

The Colonel's career after the military was as successful as his career while

serving. Holding titles of Program Manager with Ogden Logistics, Emcor, Consolidated Engineering and retiring at his own consulting firm focused on the same line of work.

Al served at Bethany Lutheran Church as an elder, choir singer, mentor and steward of faith for over 20 years. His compassionate big hearted nature was able to shine in the church environment. Not only volunteering his time, Al donated significant money to ensure the church would prosper and grow to be the home it has now become to so many parishioners.

Al (Dad) will be missed by his brother Edwin C Walke, son's Zach and Fred, and children by marriage: Gene, David and Bob Brown, and Michelle.

A note about my father that summarizes his spirit and character can be put like this. In the 47 years I knew him, I NEVER heard him judge another person's decisions or chosen path but I did hear him repeatedly ask how he can help and if there was anything "you" needed from him. He always wanted to serve and help and usually put that in front of himself. I learned from him in his last few years that the biggest fault in life is the failure to be forgiving of faults.

He will be missed in ways he never knew – mainly because he was never focused on himself.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA 22315, on Friday, June 16, 2017 from 6-8PM. A funeral service will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2501 Beacon Hill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22306 on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 11AM. Interment will be held on a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alfred Jennings Walke*

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“ *What a beautiful obituary and impressive life Al Led. You are so right he never bragged about his attributes and awards, truly adore that. I had the pleasure to work with Al at both Consolidated and EMCOR and learned what a big heart Al has. Never complained, always cared and listened. I remember when one our employees in the Accounting department passed away at a young age, Al was right there to comfort all of us and her family. He was like our papa at work. Such a wonderful man. We will miss Al, and so blessed to have been graced with his presence. A beautiful soul.*

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