



Allan Carl Stover

June 28, 1938 - September 18, 2019

Allan Carl Stover, age 81, died Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Mr. Stover was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He moved to The Villages from Ellicott City, Maryland, in 2005. He was a retired electronic engineer with Northrop Grumman and a Registered Professional Engineer (California). He spent twenty years of his career working overseas. He served as technical advisor to the Philippine Air force for eight years, the Venezuelan Air Force for three years, the Greek aerospace industries for two years, and the Saudi Arabian Air Force for six years. He has visited more than fifty countries. In the Philippines, he was appointed advisor to that nation's Metric Board during its conversion to the metric system. He was Secretary-General of the Asia Instrumentation and Measurements Federation, working to coordinate instrumentation and precision measurement activities in Asia. He survived a terrorist attack in Sri Lanka; dodged anti-American demonstrations in Beijing, China, when the U. S. bombed the Chinese embassy in Belgrade; witnessed the beheading of eight drug smugglers in Saudi Arabia, went behind the Iron Curtain into Communist East Germany years before the Berlin Wall fell; and lived in the Philippines while President Marcos seized power and became a dictator.

Allan falsified his birth certificate, forged permission papers, and enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard at age 14 for four years during the Korean War. He served on a ship in the Pacific, on isolated duty on an island in Palau, and on a gunboat in Florida. After his discharge at age 18, he served as an Able

Seaman (Unlimited, Any Waters) in the Merchant Marine for a season on a Great Lakes ore carrier.

Allan was founder and Past National Commander of Veterans of Underage Military Service, a 3000-member nonprofit national association of veterans who served underage. He sponsored a Villages chapter that met monthly. He and some of the members attended the Villages Honor Flight. His latest book, "Underage and Under Fire," (McFarland Publishing) covers his experiences and those of dozens of other men and women who served underage.

Allan was an accomplished writer. His articles have been published in numerous publications, and his columns have appeared on many political websites. Writer's Digest gave Mr. Stover six awards for his fiction and nonfiction works. He has written six books. His book on the metric system was published by Dodd, Mead, New York, and honored by the National Science Teachers Association as Outstanding Science Book. His textbook on automated testing was published by McGraw-Hill, New York, and republished in Mandarin for Mainland China. His controversial novel, *The Evil Ones*, was critically received. Wayne LaPierre, Executive Vice President, National Rifle Association of America, observed, "I read your book with great interest and have marked a few passages to use as both a professional and personal resource. You make so many great points and articulate your message so eloquently."

Despite never attending high school, Allan graduated summa cum laude from Pacific States University in California with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronic Engineering. He received his Master of Science degree from Vanderbilt University as Orrin Henry Ingram Scholar. He was an active member of Fairway Christian Church, where he taught classes, was church historian, and facilitated the GriefShare program with his wife for ten years. He enjoyed competing in the Hemingway Look-Alike contest in Key West for six years and was a finalist the last three. He was a life member of American Legion Post 347, life member of Disabled American Veterans Post 150, and a member of Korean War Veterans Post 169. He was a member of the Villages

Shamrock Irish-American and Coast Guard clubs.

He was predeceased by his wife of 36 years, Elizabeth Bagaporo, whom he met and married in the Philippines. He is survived by his beloved wife of thirteen and a half years, Jean Ann; daughters Grace Protzman (Kevin), Virginia Beach, VA, and Natalie Miele (Jason), Puerto Rico; stepson David Davis (Jessica), Chandler, AZ, stepdaughter Deborah Chopka, (John), Mechanicsburg, PA; sisters Irene Lafond, Willoughby, OH; and Nancy Stankiewicz (Ron), Diamond Bar, CA.; three beloved grandchildren and four step-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made to American Legion Post 347, Korean War Veterans Post 169, Disabled American Veterans Post 150, or Fairway Christian Church. Memorial will be at Fairway Christian Church at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 28, 2019. Allan will be laid to rest with a military funeral at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Allan, I remember you as a little kid and at Elizabeth service. Dad passed away 8/18/2017, so guessing you two are hanging out upstairs, I guess reliving your old stories from the Philippines. I was cleaning out some of dads stuff today and found an xmas letter from you and did a quick search of your name and saw the bad news. Told mom about it also. Great knowing you so sorry for your loss to the family. Attached a picture from c1967 in the Philippines of Allan and my mom Jacqueline.*

John - February 28, 2021 at 02:58 PM

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Hi John, If you happen to see this, please contact me. I am one of Allan's daughters. kgnprotzman@yahoo.com Thank you.

Grace Protzman - May 16, 2022 at 11:22 PM

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“ *To loose a friend is felt deeply. To loose such a respected friend becomes a great loss. As a member of the Veteran of Underage Military having. been one of the first to join with Allan as he formed this organization it was my honor to be joined with this great American. My thoughts are with you JEAN ANN. Pray that God reached for his hand. I salute you Allan Stover.*

Eugene Gordon LM-993

Eugene A Gordon - September 23, 2019 at 06:24 AM

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“ I knew Al as "Big Al". It will always be that way for me. He was a kind and gentle soul. His life is what I consider a life well lived. Prayers to all of his family .

Ann Lovett - September 19, 2019 at 09:31 PM