



## Allen "Al" L. Girard

July 9, 1939 - November 29, 2019

Allen "Al" L. Girard age 80 of Summerfield, FL formerly of St. Augustine, FL and Wildwood FL., passed away on Friday November 29th, 2019. Preceded in death by his daughter Deborah J. Pence, mother Sylvia Anderson Noonan, and father Louis Girard. He left behind his wife Jeanne (Ducharme) Girard, his oldest son, Steven Girard, two daughters, Donna wife of Dale Nichols, Suzanne wife of Bobby Holmes, and his youngest son Michael Girard married to Joy. Also leaving behind thirteen grandchildren, Heather (Cedric), James (Tori), Casey, Shannon (Phillip), Joshua, Greg, Morgan, Nicholas, Alex, Austin, Robert, Grant and Trey. Allen also had five great grandchildren, Dalton, Collin, Bryanna, Aydan Phillip Jr. Allen had too many nieces and nephews to mention but had a unique bond with each and every one of them. Al had one brother Don Girard, who is married to Alice, three sisters Carol, wife of William Zuidema, Jane, wife of Jerry Baker, Janet wife of Tippy Bates. He also left behind his favorite Aunt Noella Dion who is 100 years old who adored him, formerly of Worcester, MA, Allen moved to FL 52 years ago. He was a construction supervisor and was project manager at Harbor Hills. He loved to make jewelry and loved the beach where he lived for 10 years. He had many friends and was loved so much. He never met a stranger that did not become his friend. He entered the Marine Corps at the age of 17. His Grandson Nicholas Holmes went into the Marine Corps to be, "just like Papa." Allen loved to travel and sing karaoke at his brother-in-law Bobby and Tina Ducharme's house. Allen was a huge Gator fan and loved nothing more than

going to the "Swamp". He went to many away games with his Brother-in Law Dr. Albert Ducharme and Sister-in Law Sandy. Allen also was a big tease and got a kick out of teasing his Sister-in Law Irene and family friend Tracey who he called his adopted daughter. Allen loved to argue and talk about sports with his Brother-in Law Roger. He loved to travel and had a great time with Roger and Sandy going to see the Red Sox games. Allen also loved music and when his Brother in-law Paul and Sister-in Law Cecile moved down he enjoyed many concerts with them at On top of the World. His favorite pet "Button" kept him happy during his illness and was like an emotional support dog to him. The dog was only five months old and would stay with him all day and lay on his chest and not move - he had his own dog Allie that he loved also. - They say time heals all, but it will take a long time to heal the holes left in our hearts. He was an amazing husband, the love of my life, of almost 60 years, a loving father, and a caring grandfather and great-grandfather to all of his children which he adored and adored him. People at the lodge at the Moffitt center in Tampa remember Allen as "Bob." One of Allen's last conversations with his son Michael, Allen said "It's been fun!!!!!"

In Lieu of flowers, send donations to ... American Cancer Society 12810 USF Magnolia Dr., Tampa, FL 33612, In the memo line: "Restricted to Hope Lodge" A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in honor of Allen at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 1351 Paige Place, Lady Lake on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 8:30 am.

Following the mass there will be a committal service with military honors at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL at 10:30 am.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at [www.BeyersFuneralHome.com](http://www.BeyersFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Allen had such a wonderful, welcoming heart. He (and Aunt Jeanne) had always had their door open to us. When we traveled to Florida, we would try to stop by to visit either to or from Disney World. No matter when it was, he always had open arms for us to stop by and visit. Always swapping stories of life and adventures.*

*Whether it was coming to weddings, walking on the beach, going sightseeing, Gator's games, or just hanging out and talking ... he always had an open heart and cheerful smile for us. Always happy to see us and sad when we had to part.*

*It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to you, Uncle Al. I know this is not easy for the family. Our heart goes out to Aunt Jeanne and the rest of the family. Our love and tears are with you.*

*The Hutchinsons*

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**Michael Hutchinson** - December 13, 2019 at 01:53 PM

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“ *Al was the patriarch of 'my Florida family'. As I watched him with his children I thought 'now this is how a father should be'. What a good man!*

*My condolences to Jeanne on the loss of her soulmate.*

*My sincere sympathy to his children, Suzanne, Donna, Steve & Mike.*

*To his grandchildren please know how blessed you were to have 'Papa' in your lives for as long as you did.*

*Al will never be forgotten, he'll be missed and loved forever more.*

*God bless you all. Sue*

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**Susan Foote** - December 12, 2019 at 07:30 PM

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“ *Jeanne, Donna, Steven, Suzanne and Michael and all your families,*

*It is with a heavy heart that I write to you all. It was such a privilege to have known Allen Girard. What a wonderful and kind man. Even though I was not actually family I was always treated as if I was. I will miss our talks, just sitting and not even having to converse, but just enjoying our time together.*

*I will also miss your kindness, non-judgmental, always willing to pitch in and help anyone who needed it. You were just always there. You will always be there for us all. I know you will be watching all of us and you will be so missed. Love you, Papa 🙏🥰❤️*

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**Nancy O'Leary** - December 12, 2019 at 05:21 PM

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“ *Dear Jeanne and Family, I was saddened to learn of Allen's passing. I know it is a huge loss for all of your family and you will be in my thoughts and prayers for God to surround you with His comfort and peace at this sad time. God bless you.*

*Anne Louise Smith*

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**Anne Louise Smith** - December 06, 2019 at 11:24 AM