



# William "Tony" LeRoy Alley

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**W**illiam "Tony" LeRoy Alley

Lakeland – William "Tony" LeRoy Alley, 87, passed away October 17, 2022. Tony was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on August 9, 1935, to the late Daniel and Helen Alley. He proudly served as a U.S. Marine with distinction during the Korean Conflict. After his military service, Tony attended the University of Kansas before moving to Los Angeles. There he graduated from the acting program of the Pasadena Playhouse. When he grew tired of the "cattle call" auditions, he decided to work behind the scenes with Local 33. For many years he was a "road man" with various productions or a stagehand in the theaters there before finally becoming an IATSE member in 1969. Over his 42-year IATSE career that spanned the continent from Los Angeles to New York and ultimately Orlando, Brother Alley worked as a Propmaker, Property Person, and Special Effects Technician. Tony worked for the likes of Warner Brothers, Disney, Columbia, Paramount, Ice Capades, Ice Follies, and many others, as well in live theatre with the Civic Center of Los Angeles. Once in Orlando, he was part of the opening of Walt Disney World, working as its first Technical Director. When he felt that the technicians were not being treated fairly, he quit the company and went to work with Local 631 and organized for their first contract with Disney World. When 631 went into Trusteeship, he was appointed to be one of the trustees, helping to steer the local back on course. After his retirement from the working crafts, he was hired as an International Representative under President Walter Diehl and worked under three more International Presidents until his retirement in 2011. As an IATSE Rep, Brother Alley helped found not only Local 477, but also Local 491 up the coast and the animators Local at Disney Studios (now part of 631). At various times in his working life, he was also a member of Local 558.

Upon his retirement from the IATSE in 2011, Tony was honored by a Gold Card



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from the International awarded at a Local 477 membership meeting in Fort Lauderdale, as well as a gold watch presented by Local 631 and a retirement celebration held in Wilmington by Local 491.

Married to Local 477 Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Flesher in 1987, Nancy and Tony lived for many years in Kissimmee, Florida, later moving to Lakeland in 2018. Tony loved to work around the house and yard, maintaining and repairing their properties and always tending to Nancy's "Honey Do" list.

All who spent any time with Tony will undoubtedly remember two things about him – that he was a gentleman, and his stories of "back in the day" working at one of the networks or on some assignment for the International President.

Tony is survived by his wife, Nancy Flesher; son, Ren Flesher (Debi); grandsons, Ren Flesher, Jr. (Selena) and Ryan Flesher; granddaughter, Natalie Gonzales (Andrew); and great-granddaughters, Callie and Tatum. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Dan.

A Celebration of Life will be conducted Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 1 pm at Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland, FL 33801.



# Events

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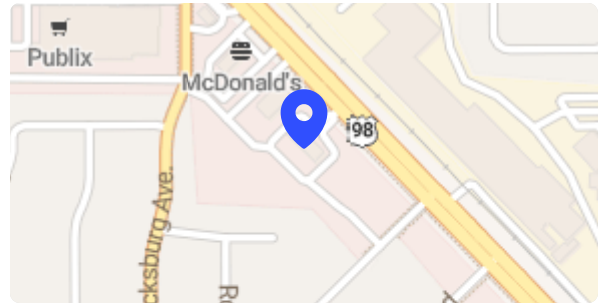
## Celebration of Life

 **Thursday**, October 27, 2022

 1:00 PM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**

1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801





## Tribute Wall

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**Joe Humphreys** posted:

Tony you were definitely a man of honor, a gentleman wise beyond your years. You and Nancy brought me into The Brotherhood and helped educate and support me throughout my career. To say you were a positive influence in my life is an extreme understatement. You were a brother, a father, a friend and mentor! I've so longed for one of those stories we would share. You truly were a walking talking encyclopedia. Thank you for your service to our country, your service to our brotherhood and your service to mankind. I'm so sorry I wasn't there to honor you in person but you've always been in my heart and mind. I love you and Nancy like family and pray for her peace and comfort. We shared our trust in HIM and I look forward to joining you again so we can catch up on those stories. I love you Tony. Bless you and Thank You! My love and prayers to my SISTER Nancy and the entire family!! Joe H

October 30 at 4:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Alley family.

October 27 at 12:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Alley family.

October 26 at 2:19 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Alley family.

October 26 at 8:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Alley family.

October 25 at 8:31 AM





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**Love Sis, Jack, And Family** sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Alley family.

October 25 at 8:24 AM



**Chris Ranung** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Victoria Jackson and Chris Ranung have planted a Memorial Tree for the cause of Military Kids from The Gifted Tree.

October 25 at 6:47 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Joyful Memory to the Alley family.

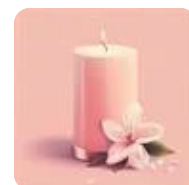
October 23 at 10:32 AM



**Bill Erow** lit a candle in honor of William "Tony".

Tony always greeted me with a big smile and we saluted each other as military brothers and brothers in Christ! I appreciated his friendship over the years and he will be missed. Tony, I will see you again one day soon my friend, in Heaven. ~ Brother Bill

October 21 at 5:06 AM



**latse Local 478** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Alley family.

October 20 at 2:02 PM



**Jimmy And Carol Roberts** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Alley family.

October 20 at 10:20 AM





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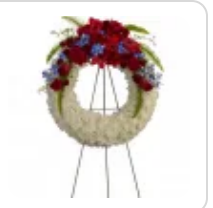
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**Your Brothers And Sisters At Local 477** sent a Reflections of Glory Wreath to the Alley family.

October 20 at 10:10 AM





## Media

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October 25 at 6:47 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William "Tony" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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