



Albert Lee Lambeth, Jr.

July 23, 1944 - March 22, 2021

Albert Lee Lambeth, Jr, (Gator), passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving wife and family on March 22, 2021. He was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on July 23, 1944. He was the son of the late Albert Lee Lambeth, Sr., and Jean Buchanan Lambeth.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sally Best Lambeth, his sons Robert Lee Lambeth (wife Libby) and Scott Gordon Lambeth. He was a proud grandfather to Hailey M. Lambeth, Megan E. Lambeth, and Hunter L. Lambeth.

He graduated from New Hanover High School in 1962. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill and graduated from Campbell University. He was an avid music fan and played the drums during college years. Later, he was the drummer for the DixieLand Band.

Al worked for the US Treasury Department for 30 years. He received the Gallatin Award upon retirement. He received a Presidential Honor for one of his high profile cases. He also taught classes in Atlanta, GA for many years, sharing his knowledge with young trainees. Upon retirement, he served as a consultant to the J.K. Harris Company in Charleston, South Carolina.

Upon retirement, Al and Sally loved to take vacations to enjoy each other's company on their many cruises. They particularly enjoyed the Panama Canal as well as Alaska. Al was a people person. He loved to have gatherings in his neighborhood on Dogwood Lane. He was well liked and would always offer a helping hand.

He was an avid fisherman and could often be seen trawling around Rich's Inlet for Spanish Mackerel. He also enjoyed net fishing for spots along the Intercoastal Waterway. He was a senior member of the Joe Wheeler Fishing group. He looked forward to the Joe Wheeler annual reunion and spent their time fishing on the Tennessee River for sauger and crappie.

The family would like to express their appreciation to his caregivers- Janille, Lisa, Mandy and Lana, and to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice at 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Sally, so sorry to hear your loss.
Al was a nice friend and coworker.
God bless you and the family.*

Barbara Whiteley - August 28, 2021 at 05:58 PM

LR

“ *Al was a super good guy, I met him in 1972 in the Greensboro office. Al always had a smile and a story to tell. I took a class of his in Atlanta and he was an excellent instructor. Al will be missed by all of his friends statewide.*

LARRY M REGAN - April 22, 2021 at 02:03 PM

GW

“ *Sally and family, I just heard this sad news today. All my memories of Al are wonderful. He taught me in Atlanta and was my first on the job instructor in Wilmington. My sincere condolences*

G Keith Wells - April 21, 2021 at 01:28 PM

RT

“ *What a blessing to have known Al and shared some wonderful times . A true friend and a good man . Most sincere condolences to the family . He will be missed.*

Richard Tyson - March 31, 2021 at 06:28 PM

EL

“ So sorry to hear of our NHHS Classmate, Al's death. Al and I were good friends during high school and even rode to school in his big black car (can't remember the the year or make) and had a lot of fun. We lost contact after high school I went to UNCW and the Navy and he went another direction.

Eddie LAWLER - March 29, 2021 at 10:05 PM

AA

“ It was a honor, Al, caring for you, and of course seeing you the many times at the bowling alley, you brought me and Sally luck I'm sure! You always said, "Hey," to me, every time you saw me there, or gave me a five when I made a spare/strike. When you were able to, I sat in the living room with you talking about you, life, bowling, and my son Matthew, showing you pictures of him. The other week, I sat with you beside you bed, holding your hand, making sure you were comfortable. You will always have a place in my heart. Love you and God bless you my friend!! R.I.P., and I'll see you again someday!!

Amanda Ahumada - March 29, 2021 at 07:54 PM

BW

“ Sally,
We are so sorry for your loss. We never saw Al when he didn't have a warm welcome for everyone at the bowling alley. You and your family will be in our prayers. May he rest in peace!!

Barbara & Eric Wenderlich - March 29, 2021 at 01:33 PM

DS

“ Sally, I am so very sorry to hear about Al. May God comfort you today and in the days ahead. I have you in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane Spencer - March 27, 2021 at 11:43 AM

CF

“ WE Will MISS YOU Al, you were a good friend and a good neighbor.

Curtis Hudson and Family - March 25, 2021 at 09:00 PM

KD

“ Dear Sally and family,
I am so sorry for your loss of Al. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting him, I remember well how you, Sally, would often speak of him when we taught together at "North". I watched your eyes light up. What a man of many accomplishments, reading his obituary. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of Al. My Deepest Sympathy,
Kay Davis

Kay Davis - March 25, 2021 at 10:54 AM

LD

“ Although I didn't know you long I enjoyed the few days that we spent together. The good, The bad, and the ugly ones too. You raised a wonderful family two very kind and polite men. I could see the love in your wife's eyes as we sat and talked with you. I know you were proud of your family and your beautiful grandchildren. I send my best regards to your family.
Rest in peace my friend, I hope we'll meet again by the pearly Gates.

Lisa Davis - March 24, 2021 at 09:26 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Al was my father's very best friend, and he will be missed by us all.

Chris Howard - March 24, 2021 at 06:55 PM

ZH

“ Al and Larry were trusted friends for more that 50 years, and now I believe that they're together, talking about fishing, and clinking glasses. Our family loved and respected Al and will miss him.

Zora Howard - March 24, 2021 at 06:21 PM

LL

“ Al was my father in law and friend who could always make me laugh. I loved his stories, jokes, and our conversations over the years. He was a wonderful grandfather to our children, and we always enjoyed our time when we came over to "Granddaddy and Mama Sally's".

Al was a wonderful person with many hats- husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, and friend, I also knew I could count on him, and not once did ever let me down.

I love you Granddaddy. You will be dearly missed. Gone but never forgotten.....

Libby Lambeth - March 24, 2021 at 09:48 AM

RG

“ Dear Sally

Judy and I I will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Robert Grimes - March 23, 2021 at 11:17 PM

JG

“ Al was a long time member of this group, but no one would know who you were speaking of if you said Al. He was "Gator", known and loved by all. He will be sorely missed by the group,. Just a bunch of "good ole boys" , that got together to fish, fellowship and have fun. Gator is known all over the Southeast from his many friends he made at the annual gathering. Here's to you "Gator", rest in Heavenly peace .

Joe Wheeler Gathering Group - March 23, 2021 at 07:13 PM

BF

“ We are sending up our prayers for peace and strength to Sally and all the family of our friend Al/Gator. Bob enjoyed all of the times spent fishing with Al over the years. He will be missed. We will fondly remember our outing with Sally & Al in Hampstead & in Biloxi. Much Love to All , Bob & Patti Freeman

Bob Freeman - March 23, 2021 at 06:23 PM

RR

“ I met Al in 1972 at a class in Atlanta, we hit it off and became the best of friends ever since. Spent many fishing trips together, attending and teaching schools together, and vacations with Al and Sally. I don't believe Al ever met a stranger. I considered Al as one of my two best friends. He will surely be missed. Sally and family will be in our prayers

Ron & Thelma Riley - March 23, 2021 at 06:11 PM