



## Richard Lee Ala

December 20, 1948 - December 11, 2022

Richard Lee Ala, 73, went home to his Heavenly Father on Sunday December 11, 2022.

Richard was born on December 20, 1948, to the late Jasper and Florence (Oprey) Ala. Richard served our country through his service in the Army and Kentucky Air National Guard. He cherished time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren. He loved playing golf and spending time with his golf buddies. He also treasured his trips to Hawaii, Washington D.C., South Carolina, Perdido Key and Key West, Florida, New England, and Mackinac Island. His 27-year career as an airplane mechanic led to a love of collecting airplane models of all types, resulting in 52 aircraft.

Preceded in death by his parents and son Bryan Ala.

Survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Arylane (Sturgeon) Ala; son Jason Ala (Gina); four grandchildren Travis, Brendyn, Andrew, and Gracie.

Memorial service will be Saturday December 17, 2022 at 11:00am Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway. Memorial visitation will be Friday December 16, 2022, from 2:00-8:00pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Suicide Prevention

Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation was chosen**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

### Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *What a wonderful neighbor and friend! Our hearts are heavy but grateful for the impact of knowing such a wonderful man. We are all much better people for knowing Rich and hearing that contagious laugh often. Prayers to sweet Arylane and the rest of the family.*

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**Brad, Stephanie, Baylee and Mason** - December 16, 2022 at 01:37 PM

PR

“ *At Ala's son's funeral I told Ala that our friendship had lasted longer than both of my marriages added together. I really wanted to talk and laugh with him but kept missing the events he showed up to. Rest In Peace my good friend. 😞*

*We laughed and cut up so much together. Lots of good, funny stories.*

*Paul Thomas (AKA Squiggy), MSGT, USAF, Retired*



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**Paul Thomas (AKA) Squiggy, MSGT, USAF, R** - December 13, 2022 at 01:13 PM

JT

*Had so much fun camping with him and his family. Oh, the laughs and stories.*

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**Joyce Terry** - December 15, 2022 at 09:29 AM

EB

*I worked with Richard at Naval Ordnance and at once became friends. He is so outgoing with his personality he made many friends. To me he was like a long lost brother. Prayers to his family, Rest In Peace Richard.*

*Ed Bauscher NOSL*

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**Ed Bauscher** - December 16, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Ala.



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December 13, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Ala.



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December 13, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Ala.



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December 13, 2022 at 12:09 PM