

ALBERT MAXWELL AMES '60

Lieutenant Albert M. Ames, USN (Ret.), 87, passed away on 20 June 2024 in Sarasota, FL. Born in Manhattan and raised in Oceanside, NY, "Al" was the son of Jack and Sadye Ames. In high school, he played baseball, wrestled and was fond of golf and fishing. He joined the Navy, where after rigorous testing, he was admitted to the Naval Academy. At Annapolis, he was a bright student and continued wrestling. His favorite subject was mechanical drawing, in which he excelled and was one of the best (won second place in a competition).

Al always had a dream of flying. After USNA, he attended flight school and became a pilot. He was an excellent officer, captain of the crew and was highly respected by fellow officers. In 1965, after spinal disease, Al was medically discharged. He became a successful stockbroker, flight instructor, manager of a small airport, builder, farmer, etc. He then found a job he really loved—a film producer of commercials and documentary films in Manhattan. His late wife, Camille, was a director and stylist in their company. Al loved his job as it presented a good opportunity to meet many remarkable people, including celebrities. Al was also fond of writing movie scripts, so to master his skills, he attended The Actor's Studio in Manhattan.

Upon retirement and after the death of Camille, Al moved to Anna Maria Island, FL, and married Lioudmila "Lu" Victor Ubodoeva. He loved movies and as a member of the Director's Guild of America, voted for the best picture for the annual DGA Awards. He also loved fishing (had two boats), gardening, cooking (he was a great cook and graduated from cooking school in Florence, Italy) and travelled a lot with Lu.

He was very altruistic, favoring charities dealing with climate change and preserving wildlife. Al was a kind man and took people's misfortune to heart. In 2004, following the tsunami in Thailand, he went there with fellow Americans, working hard to rebuild villages, schools and hospitals.

He was proud of his Navy career and always said that it was a great honor to serve his country. Al is survived by his wife, Lu; sister, Marcia; stepson, Marco; and loving cousins, nephews and nieces, with whom he had very strong ties. He will be missed and cherished.

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