



## Herbert Starling

July 12, 1953 - March 27, 2015

Herbert Al Starling, Jr., 61, of St. Augustine, FL passed away at Ocala Regional Medical Center on March 27, 2015. Al was born in Ocala on July 12, 1953 to the late Estelle (Stockmeyer) Starling and Herbert Allen Starling, Sr., and has been a life long resident of the area. He retired in 2005 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the Florida Army National Guard after 33 years of dedicated service to his country. He held the position of Employer Support Specialist (ESS) for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve (ESGR) of the Department of Defense. He was a member of the Ocala Elks Lodge No. 286 and the St. Augustine Gun Club. He enjoyed skeet shooting, fishing, swimming in his pool, and the outdoors. Al is survived by his loving wife, soul mate, and best friend Vickie Starling of St. Augustine; son, Jared Murph of St. Augustine; stepson, Troy Murph of Jacksonville Beach; sister, Dorothy (John) Maloney of Ocala; and nephew, John T (Pattie) Maloney, Jr., of Ocala, as well as many close friends and co-workers. The family will be having a gathering on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at the Roberts Funeral Homes Downtown Chapel, 606 SW 2nd Ave, Ocala from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Interment with full Military Funeral Honors will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery, 1200 NE Third Street, Ocala. Arrangements are under the care of Roberts Funeral Homes Downtown Chapel, 606 SW 2nd Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471, 352-622-4141.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert Starling*

April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Heaven now has a new angel with a winning smile and a sweet spirit. Al was everyone's best cheerleader. He loved life, loved his friends, and loved his family. Al is one of those people you meet who makes such a positive influence on your life, that you know you will never forget him. My bet is that Al is one of the official Greeters at the gates of heaven. We all loved you my friend! Until we meet again...*

**Charlene Anderson** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Vickie and family, We are deeply saddened to hear of Al's passing. We will always remember him as a stand up guy, fun, positive and respectful of everyone. As a fellow soldier in Florida National Guard OCS many years ago, he made a lasting impression. Our condolences to your entire family. Thank you for sharing the many pictures of AL with friends and family.*

**Ted and Pam Zebrowsky** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Jeffrey (Al), Pick a good spot in heaven for us to pitch our tent. Until we join you there, we will miss you immensely. But, will always remember and cherish the good times we shared. You're an outstanding soldier, super person and loved friend! John*

**John Davis** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To the entire Starling family - we want to offer our deepest condolences on the loss of such a great man. We had only had the pleasure of knowing Al for three years, however, we knew immediately what a genuine and caring individual he truly was. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. With warmest regards, Scott & Patty Woods

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**Scott & Patty Woods** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Al, you will be dearly missed by all who knew you. You were a wonderful, dear friend to my mother, Janet, as well as me and my sister, Stephanie. Some of my fondest memories of USF, my mother's 60th birthday party, as well as my wedding involve memories of sharing that with you and will be with me forever. I feel lucky to have had you in my family's life. Your loving wife and family are in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace and God bless you. Shannon

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**Shannon Smith** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mr. Starling will always be remembered with that dynamic smile and charming personality. I worked with him on several occasions doing the Yellow Ribbon Events for the returning units of the Florida Army National Guard and he always had a positive attitude and willingness to help others. He will be deeply missed by all his military family members. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this very difficult time. "May God bless each and every one of you!!!"

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**CW2 Steven M. Haines** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Vicki, Dot, Tommy, Johnny, etc my heart goes out to you all. Al will surely be missed. He was a great guy always having a smile on his face and cheerful personality. I will never forget all the good times we all had in high school up until recent years. We were so lucky to have stayed in touch with our friends for all these years. I know Al loved being with his friends. He accomplished so much in his later years too. Vicki you have great memories of him and those will stay with you always. I am sorry I can't make it on Wed. I have to work but my thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. I loved the video and all the great pictures. He will not be forgotten. Love to all of you.....

Cheryl Moss - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My condolences to the entire family. I work with Vickie and she had such wonderful and funny stories to tell about her life with Al. So heartbreaking.

Lisa Clerie - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Herbert Starling

Sarah McLevy - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Our prayers are with you! Al was a really nice person. Robert and Linda Murph

Linda Murph - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Herbert Starling

March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My sincere condolences to Vickie and the Starling family. Al was a friend and one of my mom's favorite students at Wyomina Park. She always remembered him fondly from her years of teaching school. He will be missed by many.

Susan Rehwinkel - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ EULOGY FOR A VETERAN Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow I am the diamond glint of snow I am the sunlight on ripened grain I am the gentle autumn rain When you awaken in the mornings hush I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight I am the soft stars that shine at night Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I DID NOT DIE

Steve Toomey - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VU

“ GOD BLESS YOU , RIP MY FREND

VJ USINA - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ we will miss hear you tell and joke. I always enjoyed shooting with you. even thought we went difference ways, I will miss you. from one vet to another I salute you.

ernest and colleen betz - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Herbert Starling

Steve and Mercy Toomey - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We lost a great Patriot, Great Officer and a true gentlemen in the person of AL Starling. He will always be remembered for his candor, great attitude, fun loving spirit. Through many deployments, Hurricane Andrew, and more time at Avon Park and Camp Blanding than can be written his attributes as a great man and a great American too numerous to write here. Condolences to all the lives he touched !!!

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**Tim Sullivan,Brigadier General(R)** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Herbert Starling*

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**Tiffany Mazeall** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Everytime Al set foot in Baymeadows Vision Center he had a smile on his face! He was such an amazing man! I remember working with him the first time he came into the office! I knew we would have a close working relationship because when he was picking out his glasses he called his old eye doctor to ask a question and the lady on the other line knew exactly who he was. Little things like that made Al such an incredible person. It shows the relationships he made with the people in his life. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and especially Vickie. Baymeadows Vision Center will always remember Al! Sincerely, Paula, Jackie, Linda, Ashley and Dr Brown*

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**Baymeadows Vision Center** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ In the almost two years of working at IIF Data AI was my Regional Coordinator. But more than that he and I had a lot in common in our thinking and outlook on things. I considered him a good friend and someone I could confide in and will miss his humor and the many discussions we had.

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**John Nelson** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Vickie and family, I am so sorry for your loss and can't even begin to tell you how much AI meant to me and the H2H team. When AI called me he either called me Sapper or DQ. It was always a pleasure hearing his voice on the phone. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for his team and everyone knew it. He was our mentor and motivator that drove our team and program. He will just simply be missed by all. My heart goes out to you and your family. I will see you in heaven my friend! Don Quinn

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**Don Quinn Arkansas Hero2Hired** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry to hear about AI passing away. AI was my Platoon Leader in the Florida National Guard back in the 1980's, and I have many fond memories of him. Our prayers are with the family.

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**James Hamm** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Vicky and Family, Words alone cannot convey what Mercy and I feel about the loss of our dear friend and Patriot. We are so sorry for your loss. We have prayed to God to provide you the strength and courage needed in order to handle this difficult moment. Al was always there to calm me and offer encouragement, no matter the task. He was more than a friend, he was a mentor. He will be missed, but our fond memories of Al will last forever....

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**Steve and Mercy Toomey** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

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**David Arnold** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

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**James Dicks** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *I was truly saddened to hear of Al's passing. I served with Al many years and consider myself fortunate enough to have been a friend and fellow soldier. Al was a highly professional officer and loved his country. He was a caring leader and his superiors and subordinates respected and praised him. His spirit was uplifting and served as a catalyst for those around him. Al's contributions to the military and his nation were exemplary and will have an impact far into the future. We in the military thank the family for sharing Al with us and we are all richer for serving with him.*

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**COL (R) Benny Nelson** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

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Christopher Green - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

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PEGGY S WOODARD - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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SG

“ *Al was a beloved Friend, Mentor, Patriot, and Dedicated Officer whom was very influential in my career while we serving in the 1-116th & 2-116th FA Battalions. He was the ultimate soldier and I cherished the times we spend together along with his never ending humor. My heart and prayers go out to his family. Take care my friend.*

Shawn O'Halloran MAJ (R) Florida National Guard - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KU

“ *Herbert Starling*

Kimberly Usa - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Dear Vicki and family, Though I have only seen Al at reunions since we were in school together, I remember him with great fondness. He was such a friendly and kind person, with such a wonderful sense of humor. I know he will be missed by many and always remembered.*

Linda Trice DeWolf - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Vickie, We were both shocked and saddened to hear of Al's passing. He was such a great man and we were proud to call him our friend. We met Al back in the '70s and his love of people, sense of humor and his pride for his service to our state and nation has never changed. It was an honor to have known such a great and well loved man and we will truly miss him. May God embrace and comfort you during this difficult time and we pray He will grant you the serenity and peace through this time of loss. Please know that you are remembered in our thoughts and prayers. Al may have departed from this earth, but he will never truly leave us because we have such fond memories in our hearts and minds. Please accept our condolences and know that he will not be forgotten by anyone who knew him.

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**Eddie & Nancy Morton** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Donnie and I had the privilege of knowing Al from middle and high school here in Ocala. I last saw Al approximately 6 months ago when he was at a car wash in Ocala and yelled across the room at me. Hugged my neck and we talked for a long time and he called Donnie on his cell phone and invited us to visit he and Vicki in St. Augustine. Al was always one of the most outgoing, friendliest men with such a positive outlook on life that we have ever known. Our thoughts and prayers are with Vicki and the family. Donnie and Diane Tucker

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**Donald and Diane Tucker** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I hired Al almost four years ago to work with us at ESGR and I have spoken to him almost every day for these past four years. Al was my friend and fellow servant of our 35,000 Florida Guard and Reserve soldiers and airmen. He was a dedicated professional and I will miss our daily conversations, his vibrant laugh and his love of family, friends and his Florida National Guard. He leaves behind a proud legacy of service to this nation, this state and his community. I salute him and will continue to speak with him through my daily prayers. May God Bless Al and his loving family.

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**Judge Gregory P. Holder** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Herbert Starling*

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**Lonnie Lawrence** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with Vickie and the Starling family. We were devastated to hear the news of Al's passing. Al Starling was my mentor, friend & leader from my first day on the job with the Florida National Guard and then, the Hero 2 Hired program. He definitely knew how to get things done and make things happen with the BEST sense of humor and genuine heartfelt commitment to the mission! Everyone that met Al knew he was a man of his word with a big heart. My buddy, my friend, we will see you on the other side! Love & many blessings to Vickie and the Starling Family, Sherman & Penny Justice*

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**Shreman & Penny Justice** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Michelle Tripp** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

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**Robert Murph** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Until we meet again, Al, our love and prayers are with you today. And Vicki and family, please know we are thinking about you, praying for peace and serenity, and hope it helps in some small way to know that we, too, share in your sorrow and sadness. Al was truly a great friend, and 'One of a Kind' -- dedicated to getting things done, hard working, and always helping someone. We will always remember Al with his great smile, wonderful sense of humor, and outgoing personality. With sincere sympathy. May God bless you Al, Vicki and family.*

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**Bud and Del Wallen** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Al was a great individual and patriot. He was a pleasure to work with and a professional officer who could always be counted on. Al's positive attitude was uplifting and served as a catalyst for others around him. Al's contributions to his state and nation will be felt far into the future. He was a true leader that cared for soldiers and loved his country. I have known Al for many years and consider myself very fortunate to be a friend and fellow soldier that served with him.*

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**COL (R) Benny Nelson** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Words cannot express my shock and sadness when hearing of Al's passing. I met Al in the early 1990's when we were older students at the University of South Florida, Fort Myers campus. Good friends from the start, we have had a long-time friendship between our families. My adult daughters and sons-in-law grew to know what a kind, hard-working, patriotic American and person Al was. Although there was distance in miles between our Florida families, we always remained in touch on email and Facebook. Al and Vicki even travelled to my daughter's wedding in Orlando in 2011 and we had such a great time. His loss is significant in my life and will remain in my memories forever. God Bless you Vicki and all of Al's family.

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**Janet Ullman** - March 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

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**PEGGY S WOODARD** - March 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

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**Ronald Woods** - March 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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TW

“ *I was shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Al. It is a hard loss of a good friend. I have many good things and good times to remember of our time growing up in Ocala. I will miss him.*

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**Tim Woodard** - March 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Herbert Starling*

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**Cassie Starling** - March 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Al the past three years while working with Hero 2 Hired. He was my go to guy when I needed help and could always count on him. Needless to say I was in shock when I received the news of his passing. I will miss my friend Al. I want you to know that he will be missed deeply by all of us on the H2H program that had the honor of knowing and working with Al. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to his family.*

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**Bob Hancock** - March 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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