



Obituary

Died: Sunday, July 7, 2019

Albert "Big Al" Hersh, Sr., The Man, The Myth, The Legend!!! Albert "Big Al" Hersh went home to be with the lord on July 7th, 2019. Albert was 77 years old and a resident of Valrico, Florida formerly of Easthampton and Holyoke, Ma. Albert was a huge sports fan loving the Philadelphia Eagles, Phillies and UCONN girls' basketball. His love of sports was evident by his countless years coaching softball, basketball and baseball. He also helped to build the softball fields in Nonotuck park. He won many games and trophies while coaching Glenn Builders men soft ball. He was very patriotic and had a great love for his country. Albert was always there if needed by family or friends. He had a great appreciation for good food and loved enjoying an ice cream every chance he got. He loved music and showing off his name that tune skill for 50's and 60's music. Albert was a huge movie buff and enjoyed watching John Wayne every change he got. He proudly served in the US Army for 6 years, stationed in Worms Germany for 33 months. Albert had a great love and respect for his country and those who serve. Albert was married for 54 years to the love of his life Margie Mendenhall Hersh. They married in PA and moved to Easthampton to raise their 3 children. They had a wonderful, happy life together enjoying traveling and cruising the Caribbean. They spent many winters in Clearwater Beach eventually making Florida their home in 2016. Albert had 3 children whom he adored Marie Cooper and her husband Jon Cooper of Valrico Florida, Albert Hersh Jr. and his wife Siena of Lithia Florida, Rachael Stewart and her husband Sean Stewart of Lithia Florida. Albert was also a mentor, coach and role model to many over his life. He had 5 grandchildren who called him Poppop and were the light of his life Anthony Cooper, Krystina Cooper, Austin Hersh, Skylar Hersh, and McKayla Stewart. He always had stories to tell of how they were doing in their lives. Albert had 13 siblings Dorothy Negron of Avon Grove, PA, Ricky Sierra, of Avon Grove, PA, Rusty Hersh of Buena, NJ, Betty Lou Hersh of Oxford, PA, Lowell Hersh of Oxford, PA, Frank Hersh of Oxford, PA, and Linda Hersh, and was predeceased by his mother Helen Marie Hersh and father Lowell Hersh and siblings Harry Hersh, John Hersh, Sylvia Hersh, Carol Hersh, Gerald "Snap" Hersh, and James Hersh. Albert worked at Service Star formerly American Hardware for 27 years retiring in 1998. While there he was president of the social club for 23 years and received the golden broom award several years representing his work ethic and dedication to excellence. Albert believed in and lived a life of service as evidenced by his being a Mason, member of the Shriners, including the Oriental Band, and Hadji's. Albert volunteered at the Melha Shrine Circus for many years, He also served as a leader of the Royal Rangers and was a volunteer firefighter in. Albert will have a memorial service at Mitchell Funeral

Service Summary

Memorial Service

Fri Jul 19, 2019

Mitchell Funeral Home

15 Park Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Jul 19, 2019

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15 Park Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

Military Honors

9:00 AM Mon Jul 22, 2019

Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Agawam, Ma

Home, 15 Park St., Easthampton on Friday July 19th, 2019
from 4 PM-7 PM. Burial will be Monday July 22nd at 9 am
at Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 1390 Main
St, Agawam, MA. in lieu of flowers please make donations
to Shriners Hospital for Children