



Richard Scott Alley Sr.

October 9, 1926 - June 14, 2006

Richard Dick Scott Alley, Sr. passed away in San Antonio, Texas, on June 14, 2006 at the age of 79. He was born to James Maston Alley and Nan Johnson Alley in Augusta, Kansas. At the height of World War II, following graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as radioman on a submarine chaser in the Pacific Fleet. At the end of the war he married Marcia Jean Godding of El Dorado, Kansas. Upon graduation from college and dental school at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Dick moved his family to Wichita, Kansas, where he practiced oral surgery for 18 years. In the 1960s his love aside from his family was racing sports cars, and for several years participated in -and won -many races throughout the U.S. By the early 1970s his love for the sea called him back, and in spite of what 'people might say' he and Marcia decided to move on. He sold his oral surgery practice in Kansas, they bought a 36' cutter-rig sailboat in the Virgin Islands and sailed it to Europe, where they lived and completely enjoyed themselves. They never looked back. In the mid-1970s they moved to San Antonio where Dick began a second career as professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. During his tenure, he and Marcia still sailed and after retiring in 1992, they sailed across the Gulf of Mexico and up the east coast to the Chesapeake Bay. After retirement, he became a volunteer for the National Park Service, giving lectured tours through the old San Antonio missions. Between open-sea sailing, world travels, lecturing at the missions, and taking an active role in his homeowners association, he managed to make the

rounds to visit all the family quite often. If a single statement could summarize his life, maybe it would be that Dick Alley knew how to get the most out of life, and did not waste a single moment. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marcia; son, Richard Scott Alley, Jr. and his wife Melly of Houston; daughter, Lecia Nan Alley Dorfler and her husband Joseph, and their children Kathleen, Joseph IV, and Kristin, of Fairfax Station, Virginia.

SERVICE

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 20, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 6800 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the National Museum of the Pacific War, checks made to the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, 328 E. Main St., Fredericksburg, TX, 78624 or to any other charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

OL

“*Marcia and family: You and your family have our deepest sympathy in the world for the passing of dear Dick, your faithful husband and father. He was really a wonderful person and so interesting to know. What beautiful stories he could tell. We only kne*

Olaf and Gwen Langland - June 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RR

“*Mrs. Alley, We are very sorry for your loss. My husband and I never had the pleasure of meeting him. We recently bought your house, and we know how much love and care he took with the house and yard. I'm sure he will be missed by all. Our thoughts are wit*

Ralph and Kathy Rocha - June 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“*Marcia, we are so sorry not to have been able to attend Dick's memorial service today, but Merton had doctor appointments. We would like to have greeted you in person and expressed our regard and prayers for you and all of Verda's wonderful family. Bles*

Merton and Patsy Johnson - June 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“*Dear Mrs. Alley, Scott and Lecia;*

It is with great sorrow that I read in the Wichta Eagle about Dick's passing. I remember many wonderful hours at the White house by Harry and Rock and how I always felt welcome. I remember Dick letting me drive his 914

Jim Harrison - June 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *My condolences goes out to the family of Richard Scott Alley Sr. I was the one that played Taps for him today at Ft.Sam Houston Cemetery. God Bless, Raymond Gutierrez*

Raymond Gutierrez - June 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Our condolences on your loss*

Cahal & Monica Carmody - June 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of your husband Dick. We were remembering when you told us of your selling the practice and purchasing a boat and start sailing. What an experience and memories you have. Wishing you the best.*

Dr.Charles&EdithOrth - June 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Dear Marcia and family,*

I want you to know that I have been thinking about you in this time of sorrow. I miss seeing you and Dick out on the grounds of the complex working together for the good of our little community.

*Sincerely,
Karen Whitchurch*

Karen Whitchurch - June 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Marcia, I am so sorry to hear this news. Nita Perdue told us she spoke to your daughter to get the information on what happened. We are all in shock here at The Meadows. I will remember how you both gave the wonderful program about your cruise to our re*

Jil Utterback - June 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *dear marcia, scott, lecia and dear family.*

our prayers are with you as uncle dick's passing comes as a sorrowful surprise.

michael and i are finally going to be in your beloved san antonio june of 2007, and were so looking forward to seeing it throu

laura faith alley - June 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *We wish we could be there for you, Marcia, but health problems keep us away. May we always remember the great times we had sailing together.*

Jack & Virginia Shell - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Dick was truly a gentleman sailor and a pleasure to know. We will miss him. Our love and prayers are with you.*

Gary & Phoebe Spencer - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *To: Marcia and family,*

We were saddened by your loss and knowing Dick is no longer with us.

What adventures you have shared! It proves one must follow wherever your heart leads.

It was such a pleasure to know Dick professionally.

We wish you and you

Gene and Jeanne Derricotte - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear Marcia, We are so sorry. We would be there if we could but you know our hearts are with you. Please extend our condolences to to all the family.*

Our Love,

Nina and Sherman

Sherman & Nina Parry - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *We knew him from the missions and already miss his ready smile and friendly greeting.*

Fred & Marlene Hilgers - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Marcia & Family. We were very sorry to hear about Dick. We want you to know you're in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Dunsford Kids Debbie, Joe, Jack & John

Dunsford Kids - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Marcia*
You & Dick as always are in our thoughts and prayers. We are saddened by your loss.

Judy & Sy - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *I am so sorry over your loss. He was a very interesting, good man and I know you and your family will miss him terribly.*

Liz Cavin - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *Marcia -so very sorry to hear about your hubby's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him and you at our Mission San Jose. He was always so cheerful and informative. I remember you and him teaching David and me the puppet show! That was fun! I know*

Toni - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss, Mr. Alley was a very good man from the times i met him. I met him while taking care of his mother-in-law over at Morningside Manor. My prayers are with you all.*

Michael Ortiz - June 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

Craig Salsbury

Director & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North - June 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM