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Alfred Torrens passed away peacefully at home on Feb 1, 2020 surrounded by loved ones. For Alfred, life was about finding a purpose and meaning and drawing happiness from that, which he did. Alfred was born on March 8, 1939, the youngest child of Julio Henry and Anna Marti Torrens in Tampa, FL where he remained a life-long resident for 80 years. The earlier years of Alfred's life were filled with memories of time spent with his siblings; Oscar, Ileana, Yolanda, Henry, Gloria and Eddie, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors & friends fishing, riding street cars in Ybor City and climbing mango & guava trees where they ate until their hearts were content, and their bellies ached. As a young man, Alfred proudly served in the National Guard for many years where he prepared to serve & protect his country.

In 1964 Alfred met & married Jennis Ebanks at Jobber's Warehouse in Tampa where they both worked. Jennis was a native of the Cayman Islands, a place and people Alfred would soon grow to love and consider his 2nd home & family. The following year, Alfred & Jennis started their family with their 1st daughter Lisa, followed shortly thereafter with Michelle (Michael Pena) and Jennifer (Alan Villa). Alfred & Jennis raised their family in West Tampa where they lived for many years. Alfred & Jennis were both active members of the Caribbean American Club where they organized & promoted many dances & events to support relations with others who had relocated or were visiting from other Caribbean islands.

Alfred earned a living to support his family by working in the auto parts industry for over 20 years where he learned a lot about cars (something he truly enjoyed tinkering with) and made many lifelong friends. When the opportunity arose for Alfred to join the family business, Henry's Lock & Key (started by his father, "Papa Henry" many years earlier), he proudly became another Torrens locksmith and cheerfully worked beside his brother Oscar, and nephews, Edward & Frank until retiring. Shortly after retiring as a locksmith, Alfred joined Publix part-time – while he always wanted his family to believe he was going back to work for the company's excellent



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benefits such as health insurance and profit sharing, we all suspect it was the perks such as easy daily access to the bakery and sweet buns that really lured him into to the grocery business.

Family was always at the core of Alfred's heart and his greatest sense of pride & joy. Some of his fondest memories included summer vacations in the Cayman Islands or St. Pete Beach, coaching his daughter's softball teams, attending dance performances, or his grandson's baseball games, fishing, crabbing, landscaping, fixing things (all kinds of things) and just simply gathering with family and friends. "Papa", as he liked to be called by his grandchildren; Alexia, Brian, Nick, Tyler & Seaira and great-grandchildren; Alano, Harlow, Brian & Luna, was a friend to everyone and a quiet source of strength & peace for all who knew him. He loved & gave from his heart unconditionally and was always willing to compromise & get along with everyone. Getting a call from "Papa" to say he was "making" his famous Stouffer's lasagna meant it was time for us to all gather together – those were the best calls.

Alfred was a surrogate father to many of his daughter's friends, and a surrogate grandfather to many of his grandchildren's friends, always willing to step-in when needed, support, encourage & make sure everyone felt included and loved. Alfred will unquestionably be met by family members & friends who preceded him in death, and until our paths meet again, he will be enormously missed by surviving loved ones.

Alfred found his purpose and meaning in life by being loving, patient & kind to all – he was the essence of a wonderful man who was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished.

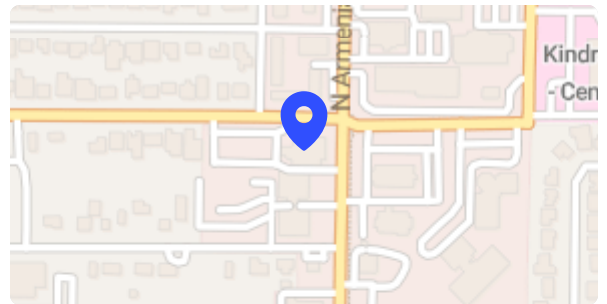


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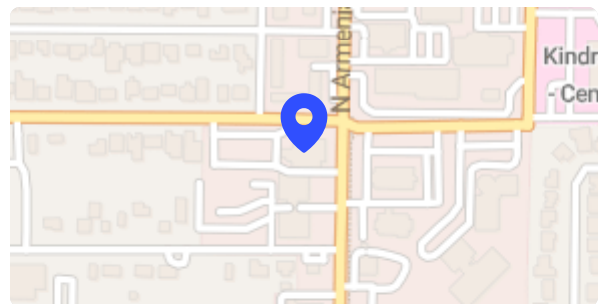
Memorial Visitation

- Saturday**, February 15, 2020
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
- Boza and Roel Funeral Home**
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603



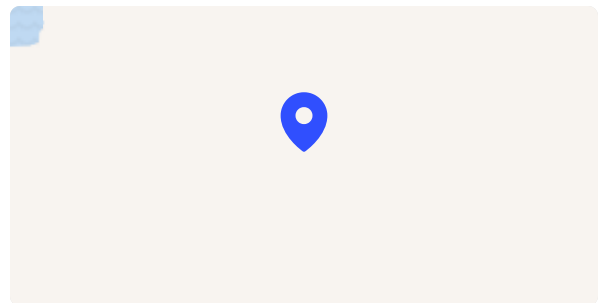
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Cemetery Details

- Cremation**
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Norma Padron posted:

Dear Jennis, Lisa, Jennifer, and family, thumbing through La Gaceta today, we learned of Alfred's passing and are so saddened we didn't know before today. We will always have fond memories of him and especially the kindness he always displayed. May God give you the strength you need during this time of sorrow. Love to all, Norma (Arcos) and Richard Padron

February 21 at 11:56 AM



Xiomara Ebanks posted:

Al was truly a family man, a friend to all and a shining example of what we should all strive to be in life. Loyal, loving and kind and the best brother-in-law I ever had. He always made you feel comfortable and at home when you came to visit. His legacy lives on in his daughters, wife Jennis and grandchildren. We will miss "Papa Al" terribly but he will always be in our hearts.

February 16 at 4:24 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Torrens family.



February 14 at 7:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Torrens family.



February 14 at 3:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Torrens family.



February 14 at 2:16 PM



Jack J. Cagnina lit a candle in honor of Alfred.



February 14 at 3:05 AM



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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Torrens family.

February 12 at 6:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Torrens family.

February 11 at 11:31 AM



Jacqui Torrens lit a candle in honor of Alfred.

February 10 at 5:49 PM



Francine Noti-Brown posted:

Alfred you will be missed so much. My heart broke when I Got the News. This world lost one of the kindest, sweetest loving man I know. You were always family first and family friends just as much on the top. I remember the day you came to the office because a Lizard came out of a newspaper bag and Lisa was petrified. You came from the other side of town to save the day. Alfred Heaven is a better place now that you arrived.

February 10 at 4:34 PM



Visann Friscia posted:

Lisa, So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Visann

February 9 at 1:14 AM



Marie Sprowls posted:

Lisa and family I am so sorry for your loss. I know how close you all were and what a great loss this is. Praying for you all and sending love and prayers. ❤️🙏 Marie Sprowls

February 8 at 4:59 PM



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PS

Penny Torrens Stanton posted:

Writing this note brings back such an incredible multitude of memories that I shared with this amazing man, father, husband, grand father and in my case Uncle! My memories of Uncle Al go back for over 60 years to the days when he would put his arm around me when I was just a young child and he would say, Uncle Alfred loves you, remember that! For instance, when we were watching the baseball games he enjoyed so much, sharing moments at our grandparents home, or just sitting on the porch enjoying the warm Florida air. He was always such a comfort to be around, it made growing up in such a loving family seem easy. I have to admit that when he introduced me to our beautiful Aunt Jennis, it was the first time I had ever experienced a feeling of jealousy. Not because of anything weird, but because I knew that Aunt Jennis was his true love and that we would have to share him with her, which turned out to be a wonderful thing, because now I had the most loving Uncle and the most loving Aunt in the world. One memory I will never forget was when my twin sister, Patricia and I had to go to Gonzalez Clinic and get our polio shots. Since our Dad, Oscar worked so many hours to support his family, Alfred sometimes stepped in when Mother had things to do with all of us. Patricia was terrified of needles, mostly because our experience at the clinic was never pleasurable, it seemed that we were always getting shots of some kind when we went there. And of course the nurse that gave us the shots looked like she was target practicing on us at such a tender age. This particular day was a little more difficult than others. I believe the needle was much bigger than most and when it was my sisters turn, she bolted out of the clinic like a racehorse in the Derby! She ran right past our Mother, myself and Uncle Alfred right out to the sidewalk and kept running. Fear became reality as Uncle Alfred was afraid she would run right out into the traffic in the middle of Ybor City. We looked like a train running down the street. Patricia first, Uncle Alfred second, Mother third and myself pulling up the rear. He finally caught her, picked her up and brought her back to the clinic where he proceeded to bring her back to a waiting nurse with syringe in hand. He literally had to lean on her so that the shot could be administered. He tenderly picked her up when it was over, put her head on his shoulder and said it will be OK honey, I promise. Then he tenderly stroked her little blonde curls and said he loved her. As I watched from the corner once again I will be filled with love at the tenderness he gave to us, his nieces. He is gone now to heaven to be with our father and several of our other dearly beloved family members. He will always hold a most special place in my heart and I lovingly say, I love you too Uncle Alfred and will look forward to the day that we are all reunited as one family in heaven with Our Lord and Savior. Thanks for being like a second Dad to us!

February 2 at 4:13 AM



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MC

Marie Callahan posted:

Dear Jennis and girls, I am so sorry for your lost. Although I haven't seen you in quite some time I know the world has lost a very good and dear man. Most men when you visit just walk out of the room, but not Alfred. When I would go to see you Alfred would always welcome me into your home and sit and talk with us. He always made me feel like a special friend and I always admired him for that. In fact I was just telling a friend about him the other day. He was always earning feathers for his wings someday and that day finally came when they where complete. I know he will be truly missed by all who knew him.

February 4 at 9:27 PM

VG

Vickie Grillo posted:

Janice and girls my prayers are with you. Alfred was a good person and will be greatly miss.

February 2 at 7:20 PM

KT

Karen Torrens posted:

It's time to celebrate the memories the laughter and the love of Alfred he will be dearly missed. One of my special memories is when I was at the end of my pregnancy with my son. I was walking a lot trying to speed things up. Alfred would come by often to visit his sister Yolie and my parents who lived a few houses over. Alfred would take time out of his day while visiting to walk with me offering encouraging words and many funny stories. I will never forget those walks and his encouraging words. My thoughts and prayers go out to his beautiful wife and to his Daughters Lisa, Michelle and Jennifer along with all of his extended family ~ May your hearts find peace and comfort with each passing day. ❤️🙏❤️

February 2 at 2:36 PM

LI

Lindacastellano posted:

Janice and family my thoughts and prayers go out to you. I have so many wonderful memories of Alfred he was so special. Peace and love to you. Linda Castellano

February 2 at 4:13 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alfred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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