



Glenn "Tony" R. Ross

March 15, 1939 - December 7, 2021

ROSS - Glenn "Tony" R. Ross, U.S. Navy Retired Chief Hospital Corpsman, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2021, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, at his home in Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Mr. Ross was born in Rockford, Illinois on March 15, 1939. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August 1956 at the age of 17, with parent consent.

His first ship was the USS Pitchlynn which was engaged in salvage operations on the Delaware River off New Castle, Delaware. One day aboard ship, Tony and his fellow shipmates were alerted by screams from a twelve year old girl who was being carried downstream by an outgoing tide. Following a dare from his fellow shipmates, Tony quickly discarded his outer clothing and dived over the side. He swam a distance of approximately two hundred yards to the girl, then swam back with her against a strong current to within twenty-five yards of the vessel. A life ring was tossed to him and both he and the girl were lifted to safety. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his prompt and courageous effort.

Tony served as a Medic in Vietnam from 1968 - 1969 with HqBtry 2nd Bn 11th Marines 1st MarDiv, 3rd 155mm GunBrty(sp) 1st Mar Div, and HqBtry, 4th Bn, 11th Marines, 1st MarDiv. He was employed by the former Jacksonville Shipyards from 1987-1990 as Safety and Medical Inspector Mayport Division and Safety and Medical Director Bellinger Division. Tony ran unsuccessfully for Jacksonville Beach City Council Seat 4 in 1987. He was employed by Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department, Naval Station Mayport Florida for thirteen years where he was known as "Mr. MWR." Tony's last employment was at the Alhambra Theatre and Dining. He worked there as a doorman, always sporting the brightest neckties. Tony was well known for speaking his mind, but most of all for the way he fiercely loved his family and friends.

Tony was predeceased by his father, mother, brothers, Bill, Stan, David and sister, Dixie. Tony is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sharon, children JoDee L. Augustini, Tracy L. Ross-Fares (Hanna) and Jeffrey G. Ross, grandchildren, Nicholas R. Augustini, Natalie S. Fares and Matthew A. Fares. He is also survived by his brothers, Frank, Don, John and sisters; Judy, and Margaret and three generations of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a special young lady, Sabrin, and grand-cat Milo. Since Tony's passing his

grand-dog Houdini, decided to go on his next journey with his grandpa in heaven.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Debbie, Senior Helpers caregiver, Baptist Medical Center Beaches Progressive Care Unit, Jacksonville Care Patient Transportation, Community Hospice & Palliative Care, and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department Station #60.

There will be a graveside service at Jacksonville National Cemetery on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

Cemetery Details

Jacksonville National Cemetery

4083 Lannie Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

 Mark Burns

“ Tony- Thank you for being a Chief's Chief. You restored my faith in the community. Will raise a glass again. Mark

Mark Burns - January 14 at 03:47 AM

TW

“ Tony was such an uplifting person. I knew him over the 10 years I worked for MWR and he was the happiest person I've ever known on any day, always smiling. He helped mentor my husband going through making Chief at Mayport. He will for sure be missed!!! Prayers to his family.

tara wood - January 13 at 05:04 PM

GC

“ Tony was a mentor to myself and many other Sailors as a Chief and later as Mayport's MWR Liaison. During my 12 as a Mayport CMC, he was always there to guide and advise me. He was an old school Chief that spoke his mind in good way and got things done...a true legend in the Mayport area!

Gary Campbell - January 13 at 01:00 PM

SI

“ Tony did so much for our sailors as an active duty Chief and MWR. Tony changed the lives of so many in such a positive way! CMC Sonny Kirkwood USN(Retired)

Sonny Kirkwood II - January 12 at 07:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Glenn "Tony" R. Ross.



January 10 at 04:50 PM

BM

“ I remember Tony from when I made Chief at Sima Mayport and he made sure our chief club on base was set up for our initiation and dining out. He was a man of many talents and very well known in our Chiefs community and loved by all his brothers and sisters. Fair winds and following seas brother see you in Davey Jones Locker one day. In Jesus name Amen

BMCS SW/AW USN RETIRED JOHN MINKLE - January 09 at 06:06 PM

BU

“ Tony thank you for being my friend, thank you for mentoring me while I was on active duty, Make no mistake because of you and your words of encouragement and faith I was a better sailor. Thanks for being the Chief Petty Officer,s friend as well. In my time in service I can honestly say I never met a person more dedicated to the morale and well fair of US Naval personnel. You’ve earned your place in heaven, god speed my friend on your eternal deployment to glory.

Fair winds,

Bud Underwood

buddy underwood - January 09 at 02:18 PM

PT

“ All I can say is HMC Glenn "Tony" Ross was a great Chief and mentor to this Madter Chief. Mayport Naval Station CPO Club just won't seem the same without Tony (Mr. MWR). My thoughts and prayers go out to the family (Sharon & Children), may you all remember all of the good memories of Tony. I know we will miss him dearly! Rest in Peace my brother. We have the watch.

R/

CMDCM(SW/AW) Paul Turban & Bonnie Turban

Paul Turban - January 09 at 11:49 AM

MB

“ We are saddened by the loss of your father. Dads are special for us, no matter how old we get. After this painful separation, may his soul rest in peace while he watches over his family from above. with love, Micheline Bahri and family.

micheline bahri - December 14, 2021 at 04:32 PM