

Algimantas "Al" Grieze-Jurgelevicius, age 88, of Leesburg, Florida, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2025, surrounded by his loving wife and children.

Born in Lithuania in 1937, Al and his family fled Soviet persecution during World War II. They spent four years traveling across war-torn Europe in an open-air horse-drawn wagon before reaching Germany in 1945. In 1949, they immigrated to the United States and settled in Boston, grateful for their new home.

After high school, Al proudly enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, dedicating himself to the country that had become his home. He trained as an aircraft mechanic and was promoted to sergeant in just three years. After returning to Boston, he met Maria, the love of his life. They were married in 1962 and shared a life filled with devotion and love. At the same time, he enjoyed a long and respected career as a welder and pipefitter, and was a proud member of Plumber and Pipefitters Local Union # 4.

Al spoke five languages and could build or fix just about anything. He even hand-built the family's lake house in New Hampshire, which became the heart of so many family memories. He was endlessly curious and loved exploring the outdoors, a good debate, playing sports, tending his heirloom garden, experimenting in the kitchen, and, later on, keeping up with technology. His life was marked by resilience, humility, and an unwavering love for his family.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; his son, David (Daiva); his daughter, Dahna (Daren); and extended family.

A memorial service will be held on September 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, followed by a Celebration of Life at 3:00 p.m. at the Highland Lakes Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the ALS Foundation, 1300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22209, or online at www.als.org