



JoMar Clare Alwes

February 18, 1941 - November 22, 2023

JoMar Alwes passed away on November 22, 2023. He was 82 years old. He was born February 18, 1941 in Carlock Illinois and grew up on his family's ERMAC farm.

After graduation from the University of Illinois, he served in the US Navy as an EOD officer on the USS Coral Sea during the Vietnam War. He retired from the City of North Las Vegas where he worked as a right of way agent, the best job he ever had.

He found that he loved hiking later in life. He backpacked over a thousand miles below the rim of the Grand Canyon. He hiked to the top of Kilimanjaro at age 60. He also loved wildlife and landscape photography and travel. Multiple trips were made with his wife Leslie all over the world. He completed the major items on his bucket list with a Mediterranean cruise a year ago.

JoMar is survived by his wife Leslie Gertie, his brother Marvin Alwes, and his sisters, Joanne Wilson and Janet Smith.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Scoliosis Research Society-w
www.srs.org

Or The Crooked Life Foundation-www.crookedlife.org

JoMar's health started to decline when he had to give up hiking 10 years ago due to his scoliosis.

Services will be held at the Veterans Cemetery in Boulder City on January 4, 2024 at 11:20am.

Cemetery Details

Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery

1900 Veterans Memorial Dr
Boulder City, NV 89005
(702) 486-5920

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:20 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ I remember when he would tell me stories of when he was in the army. I enjoyed his stories, I also really enjoyed his company, he was really nice to me, and I will never forget him.

David Muir - October 03, 2024 at 12:12 PM

MA

“ JoMar's first impression of the Navy was how good the uniforms looked. Told by a Navy recruiter, "We don't take farmers" he next tried the National Guard but flunked their physical because of a punctured lung injury that occurred when he wrapped the family Chevy around a telephone pole. (He managed to walk 1/4 mile to get help before collapsing on a front porch.) Next try was the Army, expecting to flunk their physical and thereby be exempt from military service all together. The Army had no exemption for a punctured lung. He really didn't want to be in the Army so tried the Navy again and got accepted into OCS (officer candidate school) at Annapolis. He chose the EOD (explosive ordinance demolition) option, ended up in under water swimmers school and was one of approx. half of his group to pass (punctured lung be damned!) After graduation from OCS he was assigned active service on the carrier USS Coral Sea and saw combat during the Vietnam conflict. There were some older prop driven planes on the ship. A 1000 lb. bomb fell off one during launch and skidded down the runway and into the catwalk a few feet from JoMar. Sometimes the planes would not be able to drop their bombs or fire their rockets before landing on the ship and it was JoMar's job to take those weapons off and throw them overboard hoping they wouldn't explode in the process. Once during night operations he felt God's hand on his shoulder and stopped before walking into a spinning propeller. JoMar, I love you and miss you - - wish I could still tell stories to you but now am relegated to telling stories about you. Brother Marv

Marvin Alwes - January 19, 2024 at 10:26 AM

JC

I worked at Carnation fmic with JoMar.little group hung together there, played 3 par golf. Telling what JoMar was in the service was strange now. He had to explain in 2nd w.w. comic style. Seal was not as common a term as since. Last seen was at PIA where he was going elsewhere for seminar. Always in.my prayers. Jim.

Jim Chassè - September 26, 2025 at 01:56 AM

GB

“ I met JoMar more than 10 years ago through work. We have mutual interests of hiking, travel, photography, and love of nature. He was very friendly, personable, and interesting.

Gary Beckman

Gary Beckman - January 04, 2024 at 12:54 PM

CA

“ We always liked JoMar and felt we were blessed having met him.
Connie and Steve Armstrong

Connie Armstrong - January 01, 2024 at 02:34 PM

JM

“ JoMar and I go back to our junior high school days and all through high school and our AG classes at Normal Community High School. We then roomed together at the University of Illinois. We have kept in touch eversince. JoMar was the real deal touring, hiking and climbing anything and everything he could. It always has been a joy to receive such wonderful photos at Christmas time which he and Leslie had taken. JoMar was the real deal and I will miss our phone calls. It has been an honor to know such a great guy and friend . Melanie and I extend our deepest sympathies.

James Maitland - December 03, 2023 at 03:26 PM

TS

I worked with Jomar at North Las Vegas. What a wonderful and interesting man. His photography skills were amazing and we always had a luncheon to watch his slides when he returned from a trip. RIP sweet man.

tracy somers - February 19 at 06:24 PM