



## Cdr. Alvin H. Rampey, Sr. USN (Ret)

March 21, 1922 - September 30, 2018

Commander Alvin Houston Rampey, US Navy (Retired), 96, of Greenville, SC died Sunday September 30, 2018 after a brief illness.

Born in Six Mile, SC, he was the son of the late Dennis Houston and Edna Ida Kelley Rampey. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Edna Florence Maw Rampey (2011) and by 4 sisters and a brother. Al is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Vin and Jada Rampey of Atlanta, GA, his sisters Judy (Jimmy) Addis of Greenville, Gwen (John) Cooper of Easley, Elizabeth (Frank) Porter of Pickens; his brother Arnold (Phyllis) Rampey of Pearisburg, VA and much loved nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Al was a 1939 graduate of Easley High School and attended Furman University. He joined the US Navy in 1942. While in his junior year at Furman, he was called to active duty, serving in the Pacific Theater of World War II from June 1944 until January 1946 as Executive Officer of a Landing Craft Tank (LCT) in the Philippines. Following the war, he served as Officer-In-Charge of the USS Driller (YO-61) in Argentia Newfoundland and as Commanding Officer of USS PC-579 before transferring to the Supply Corps in January 1947. His Navy service continued aboard the USS Wright (CVL-49) and with Fleet Air Wing Fourteen based in San Diego, CA and operating from Atsugi, Japan during the Korean War. Al was then assigned to the Navy's newest guided missile cruiser, the USS Canberra (CAG-2) where he

participated in the final selection ceremony of the World War II Unknown Soldier on May 26, 1958.

Following his retirement from the US Navy in 1965 he worked at Steel Heddle Manufacturing in Greenville, SC. Subsequently, he joined the SC Technical College System, serving as interim President of Trident Technical College in Charleston, SC from 1982-83, and retired from Greenville Technical College in 1985 as Vice-President of Business Affairs.

Al was a member of First Baptist Greenville for more than 51 years, and the Seminar-Corder Sunday School Class. He was, also, a proud member of the Greenville Track Club and on April 1, 2017 became the oldest person to finish the Cooper River Bridge 10K in Charleston, SC. As of May 28, 2018 he had completed his fifth 5K race of this year. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and enjoyed attending their annual convention in Oshkosh, WI each July where he spent the week camping with family, friends, and airplanes. He loved to travel, seeing much of the world, and always had a bag packed for that last minute invitation.

Dad will be remembered for many things, but it was his strong faith, quick wit, positive spirit, endless energy and sincere enthusiasm that blessed and inspired all who knew him, even complete strangers.

Visitation will be Friday October 12, 2018 from 7:00PM until 9:00PM at The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest, SC. Friends and family will gather on Saturday October 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM, First Baptist Greenville, 847 Cleveland St, Greenville, SC to celebrate this wonderful life. Entombment to follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Greenville.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels of Greenville County, 15 Oregon St., Greenville, SC 29605 or to First Baptist Greenville (29601) or to the

charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

1 Pine Knoll Dr.  
Greenville, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Church Service

OCT **13**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Greenville  
847 Cleveland Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ Tony, Marla, and the crew at TAS Aviation purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cdr. Alvin H. Rampey. Sr. USN (Ret).

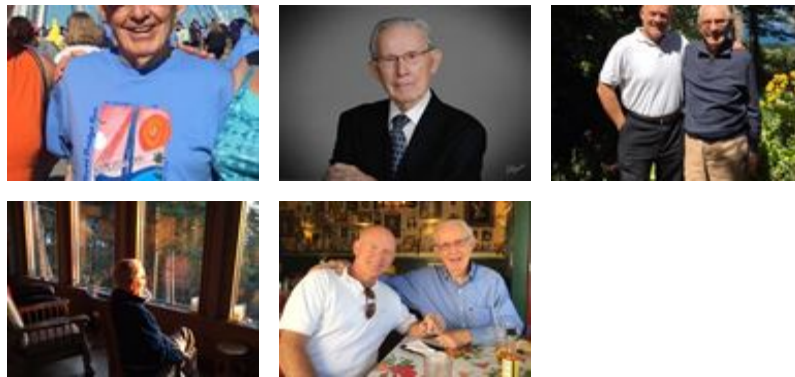


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**Tony, Marla, and the crew at TAS Aviation** - October 11, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**The Howze Mortuary** - October 10, 2018 at 01:17 PM

SR

“ Such a good man. I am glad I was able to spend some time with Mr. Rampey. So much knowledge and interesting experiences, what a great man he was. Such a legacy. He will surely be missed. Sam Richardson. Pearisburg Va.

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**Sam Richardson** - October 09, 2018 at 11:19 PM

RW

“ I work at Carolina ENT and had the great pleasure of getting to know Mr Rampey. His zest for life was contagious . I loved listening to his stories and adventures. This man knew how to live and loved every minute of it. He inspired me and I just adored him. I am so sorry and will miss my friend. He loved his family and was so proud. I am so blessed to have known such a fine man. Rhonda Watkins

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**Rhonda watkins** - October 09, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cdr. Alvin H. Rampey. Sr. USN (Ret).



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October 08, 2018 at 10:04 PM

GI

“ I had the great honor of knowing Commander Al Rampey(USN, as we both sought to help students succeed at Greenville Technical College during my service during the period 1976-78 and in various student centered issues, after I became a professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

My wife and I recall how powerful was his advise regarding our own financial decisions and help in receiving Veterans Administration assistance for combat wounds.

His management was such that every dollar was stretched to provide advise to and help for those students that needed financial help, as well as advising them as to their own financial future.

As a Marine career officer, we had our nautical times discussing our long service to the Navy Marine Corps team, and his love of the sea and the air above. It was his service at sea during WWII, that so well supported the troops, and in that regard I salute a combat veteran and a friend. May he have fair winds and a following sea, in proper hands, and with his bags packed for in next life. Semper Fidelis my friend.

*Dr. George A. Baker III, Distinguished University Professor,  
Emeritus, North Carolina State University.*

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**George A. Baker III** - October 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM

MK

“ Al was one of the kindest and sweetest people I ever knew. He was always ready with a good joke or funny navy story to tell. You could never feel "down" when Al was around. I will miss him terribly.  
Marian K.

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**Marian K.** - October 07, 2018 at 07:28 AM