



## Larry Esau Ames

August 19, 1952 - June 16, 2025

Larry Esau Ames Sr., 73, of Chesapeake, Virginia, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2025. A proud and principled man, Larry left this world with no debts and no regrets—only the legacy of a life marked by service, laughter, and relentless curiosity.

Born in 1951 to Milton Ames Sr. and Elizabeth (Thomas) Ames, Larry was the second eldest of four siblings: his older brother Milton “Jackie” Ames Jr., and his younger sisters Diane E. Ames, Brenda E. Holden, and Gloria “Niecy” Bailey. He graduated from Northampton High School. His life love for mechanical and structural engineering were birthed from his father and Uncle Robert Ames.

In 1973, Larry married his wife Geraldine Patricia (McIntosh) Ames of McIntosh County, Georgia. Their union brought forth two sons, Larry Esau Ames Jr. and Gerald Patrick Ames, both of whom carry forward his wit, wisdom, and work ethic. Larry Jr. gave him five

grandchildren—Jazmine, Talia, Alyiah, Naayah, and Jabriel. Through Talia, Larry became a great-grandfather to Carter. Gerald gifted him with one cherished grandson, King. Larry loved them all deeply. He wanted nothing but the best for them.

Larry dedicated 23 years of honorable service to the United States Coast Guard, entering as an enlisted man and rising to retire as a Lieutenant—an achievement few earn and even fewer do with such distinction. His shipmates and friends Timothy Allen, Peter Woolridge, Wendall Bush, Rufus Beard and Cleveland Thompson became his chosen brothers, with bonds forged across oceans. His childhood friend Alvin Morris remained an unshakable presence throughout his life.

An engineer to his core, Larry could fix anything and build everything—from ships to shelves—often with his signature dry humor and no-nonsense spirit. He found joy in good music, NASCAR Sundays, and any project he could get his hands on. He read voraciously, even conquering the Encyclopedia up to the letter M, and kept a library of historical audiobooks within reach.

Larry had no use for ceremony. As he often said, “Don’t waste time crying over a box.” He wished to be cremated and—true to his unmatched humor—left at a

McDonald's. Instead,  
his family and the crew of his last ship, the USCGC Northland, will honor him  
by returning  
his ashes to the sea he loved.

Larry was a man who lived by example. He believed in sincere actions,  
dignified labor, and  
leaving no debts behind—financial or moral.

Larry Ames Sr. will be remembered as a man who lived with purpose, laughed  
often, gave  
to many and helped when he could. He lived honestly, worked hard, and left  
behind a  
legacy as sturdy as the ships he served on.

Fair winds and following seas, Lieutenant.

# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ It may be some time before I grasp the reality of Larry's passing. My deepest sympathy and love goes to everyone in the Ames family and Larry's circle of friends. From growing up on the Eastern Shore, to this moment of sorrow and sadness, I cannot remember a day of life that Larry Ames wasn't my friend. Through school, the U.S. Coast Guard, raising families, and beyond, we collaborated throughout life's journey. I will miss my dear friend. Godspeed Larry.

Alvin R. Morris, Jr. - June 26, 2025 at 09:48 PM

DH

“ Sending our condolences to the family. Larry will be missed by many of his family and close friends.



Danielle for Yetta Howard - June 25, 2025 at 03:37 PM

CJ

“ My Sincere Condolences and Deepest Sympathy to the Ames Family for your loss. Larry. was my Classmate and Friend. Calvin Morris Jr. Class's of 71

Calvin C. Morris Jr. - June 25, 2025 at 11:58 AM

DA

“ It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of my cousin Larry. He will be missed, his story telling at times was very comical and educational. I truly appreciated the times he would come by to not only repair the A/C but he would share some life experience that would put a smile on my mothers face Jennie Belle as struggled with own her illness before passing. To the family reflect on the positive memories and legacy he left behind during your grief. May God bless you all, your cousin Denise (Robinson) Abrams.

Denise Abrams - June 25, 2025 at 03:40 AM

YF

“ I'll will always remember the memory of Larry when we were children. We had such great times playing with our cousins in Exmore. We will always have him in our hearts and mind.

Praying for his family for peace and comfort. We love you all and Blessings to you all.

Rest in peace in God's beautiful garden cousin Larry. 🙏💜🇺🇸🌹🌹  
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Yedetta Felton - June 24, 2025 at 08:22 PM

MD

“ Milt, I am so sorry to hear of your Brother passing. I offer you my sympathy and condolences. If there is anything I can do, let me know. Milton Dunton

Milton Dunton - June 24, 2025 at 04:16 PM

CB

*To the Ames family, You have my deepest sympathy during this difficult time. Wishing you strength and peace. My nephew Larry Ames always showed me love and kindness. I remember him smiling and easy to talk with. He spoke truthfully and sincerely from the heart. Larry was a kind and caring person. He took time to talk to older people like me. He was kind and patient with me. It is important to show love and kindness like Larry. I am going to miss him.*

*Carrie Byrd*

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**Carrie Byrd** - June 25, 2025 at 10:11 AM