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With great sadness, the family announces the passing of William "Big Al" Merritt, 70, a devoted husband, father, and pillar of his community.

A lifelong entrepreneur and leader, Big Al spent many years honing his craft in the restaurant and bar management industry, as well as vending. His passion and dedication led to the success of 3 Sisters Specialty Foods, a business he proudly owned and operated.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Big Al was a true champion, both on and off the softball field. As a national championship player and respected umpire in Duval and Clay counties, he inspired countless teammates and opponents alike with his sportsmanship and kindness.

Above all, Big Al was a family man, cherished by his loved ones for his warm spirit, infectious laughter, and culinary talents. He cherished moments spent fishing, watching NHRA racing, sharing all of his favorite music knowledge and watching his Gator games on Saturday and The Jags on Sunday and the many times cooking with those he loved.

Preceded in death by his parents, William and Faye Merritt, Big Al leaves behind his loving wife, Carol Merritt; children, Tiffany Merritt (Jameson Hill), Alison Merritt(Wyatt Griesemer), and Arika Merritt(Elise Gates); grandchildren, Abrielle Hill and Jasper Griesemer; and countless friends and admirers who will deeply miss his presence.

The family invites friends and loved ones to join them in celebrating Big Al's life and legacy:

Saturday February 7Th,2026

The Elks Lodge

1855 West Road

Jacksonville,FL 32216

at 12pm

Please consider sharing your favorite memories of Big Al with the family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life & Reception

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Elk Lodge  
1855 West Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32216