



## Alvin C. Bissell

October 21, 1930 - June 3, 2015

Rye – Alvin C. “Al” Bissell, 84, of Rye, died Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital after a brief illness.

Al was born October 21, 1930 in Detroit, MI, a son of the late Murle and Marion (Boyd) Bissell.

He was raised in Detroit and joined the Merchant Marines at 15 years old. Al was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and served with the United States Coast Guard from 1947 until his retirement in 1967 as a Senior Chief Boatswain’s Mate from the New Castle Coast Guard Station where he served as the Officer-in-Charge. He met the love of his life and future wife, Barbara (Hunt) Bissell at a roller rink in Somerville, MA when she was 16 years old. The couple married upon Al’s return from Korea and settled in Everett, MA to raise their family. In 1964, after a short time in Gloucester, MA, Al and Barbara moved to Rye where they had resided until the time of his death.

Al worked for the Rye Highway Department, served as Acting Chief of the Police Department for 1 year and was a 15 year member of the Rye Recreation Commission. He then went to work for the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Department and retired as Chief Deputy in the late 1980s.

He was a member of the NH State American Legion, a lifetime member of the Emerson Hovey VFW Post 168 of Portsmouth, the NH Grand Rite York Bodies, member and served as Past Master of the St. John's Lodge #1 of the Portsmouth Freemasons, and was a Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Al leaves Barbara, his wife of over 62 years, his sons, Bradley E. Bissell and his wife Deborah of Alton and Gary A. Bissell and his wife Martha of Nottingham; his daughter Kathy L. Paganoni and her husband Scott of Norman, OK; his 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandsons and many close friends.

In addition to his parents, Al was predeceased by his sister Joyce A. Kendall.

Family and friends may visit from 4 to 7 P.M., Monday, June 8, 2015 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton with a Masonic service at 6:30 PM and Eastern Star service at 6:45 P.M. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 in the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH. Burial will follow in the Central Cemetery, Rye. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Working Dog Foundation P.O. Box 22312, Portsmouth, NH 03802-2312 or [www.workingdog.org](http://www.workingdog.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Masonic Service

JUN 8. 6:30 PM (ET)

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## Eastern Star Service

JUN 8. 6:45 PM (ET)

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## Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rye Congregational Church  
580 Washington Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alvin C. Bissell*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *On behalf of my wife Frances Flanders-Lange, my heartfelt and deepest sympathies go out to the entire Bissell family over Al's passing. I met him many years ago at St. John's Lodge #1 when my late father-in-law George Flanders was Master of the Lodge. My wife Fran and I saw him on many occasions after that. He was kind man who had that little bit of steel in him. That made him a complete man. He will truly be missed.*

**Louis M. Lange** - June 09, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ *Love you Dad. Martha and Gary.*

**Martha Bissell and Gary Bissell** - June 09, 2015 at 08:59 AM



“ *Very sorry for your loss. I know Leon always enjoyed stopping to visit Al when you were back in Rye.*

*Susan Blaisdell and family*

**Susan Blaisdell** - June 09, 2015 at 07:18 AM

SF

“ I have known Al since I was a young teenager. I will always remember his smile and our conversations over the years. When I chose to enter the US Navy I could not wait to share the news with him. I still have his boswain pipe that he gave to me over 20 years ago. My deepest sympathy to you Barbara and your family as you mourn such a wonderful man. May you hold fond memories of him during the sad times ahead. Heaven gained another angel. May God bless you all.

*Stephen Focht*

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**Stephen Focht** - June 08, 2015 at 06:25 PM

AL

“ Our family has known Alvin, and the family for a lot of years. I remember one time he took us out for a boat ride to the isles of shoals, it was a lot of fun. William Ladrie, Mark, Alan. I think we were in scouts together. We are very sorry for your loss, He is a great man. I also worked For Brad and Gary. Are thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Alan Ladrie, Dot, Mark.



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**Alan Ladrie** - June 08, 2015 at 05:37 PM

MM

“ Since we met Al & Barb at Golden Vista in 2003, they have become very special friends. We treasure the week we parked our motorhome in their driveway in 2006. Al was a wonderful tour guide, taking us to all the Coast Guard station lighthouses and other points of interest in the area. We shared many fun times with them at Golden Vista and Al always shared his point of view, no matter the topic, whenever the neighbors gathered. Most of all, Al loved Barbara. his kids, grandkids, and greatgrandkids. We know you will all miss him greatly and he will truly be missed by us and the rest of his Golden Vista family.

*Mary & Dick*

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**Mary & Dick Milbauer** - June 08, 2015 at 03:39 PM

RG

“ We grieve at the loss of Al. He was a wonderful person and a great friend. Our love and prayers go out to you, Barb, and the family at this difficult time. He is now resting comfortably and be ready to welcome you to your eternal home.

*Love,  
Robbin and Alan*

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**Robbin and Alan Grill** - June 08, 2015 at 02:10 PM

MP

“ Barbara and family, we are so sorry to hear about Al's passing. I'm sending prayers for you and your family at this very trying time. Al will be missed in AZ and the dances.

*Big Yellow Rock to you.  
Bob and Marlene Percy  
Sioux Falls, SD*

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**Marlene Percy** - June 08, 2015 at 11:33 AM

NS

“ Dear Barb: GV will never be the same for us. And neither will sq. dancing. We will always miss him.

*Bob and Nancy*

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**Nancy Schehrer** - June 08, 2015 at 07:42 AM

KB

*Aunt Barbara, so sorry to hear about Uncle Al. You always think there will be more time to come visit, but time gets away. Now he can visit with my Mom & their Mom. I'll always remember going lobster fishing with him when I was about 10. What fun! Please take care of yourself & know you are in my prayers. Love, Karen & Ray*

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**Karen Kendall Bullard** - June 09, 2015 at 06:04 PM



“ 98 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - June 08, 2015 at 07:35 AM

DP

“ Barbara, please receive my condolences on your recent loss of Al. Just 2 months earlier on April 2nd, I too lost Doug to a sudden heart attack while wintering in Mesa. We did not dance together this year but the previous two years we enjoyed our Mondays with you and Al at the Dan Nordbye plus workshop; also some of the Tuesdays at Valle Del Oro. I feel for you and hope you are able to grieve among your many friends and loved ones.

Hugs to you from,

Diane Porter

Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada

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**Diane Porter** - June 07, 2015 at 05:23 PM

SC

“ Barb, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. It was 19 years ago this month that we met you & Al on our way to Alaska as well. Our children enjoyed travelling along with your BIG motorhome for a few days before parting ways. It has been great keeping in touch over the years at Christmas. Sending our prayers your way Barb.

Sheldon & Gail Crowe  
Grande Prairie, Alberta  
Canada

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**Sheldon & Gail Crowe** - June 07, 2015 at 03:07 PM

LM

“ Dear Barb & Family:  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you Barb and your family as you morn the loss of Al.  
We have fond memories of him at Golden Vista especially Sunday morning chapel. When he had a word to say. he always spoke to you from his heart.

Richard & Lorraine Meyer

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**Lorraine Meyer** - June 06, 2015 at 06:46 PM

RL

“ DEAR BARBARA AND FAMILY, RON AND I ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE WAS OUR FIRST HUG AT EVERY SQUARE DANCE. THOSE CUTE LEGS. WHAT A GREAT PERSONALITY. WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR HEARTS, THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

YELLOW ROCK  
RON AND JERI LORENZEN

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**Ron & Jeri Lorenzen** - June 06, 2015 at 12:00 PM

PE

“ DEAR BARBARA AND FAMILY, RICH AND I ARE SADDENED BY YOUR LOSS AND WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE GREAT TIMES AND LOTS OF CELEBRATIONS THE "ARIZONA FAMILY" SHARED WITH BARBARA AND AL. WE WILL MISS HIM AND ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM IN OUR HEARTS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL AND BE ASSURED AL WAS PROUD OF HIS FAMILY AND LOVED YOU ALL A LOT.  
RICH AND PAT

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**PAT ENGEL** - June 06, 2015 at 09:40 AM

BB

“ Grand Chapter won't be the same. I will be looking for his smiling face. Love and hugs to you Barb

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**Barb Bona** - June 05, 2015 at 09:16 PM

SW

“ Dear Barbara and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Al's passing. While it is never easy to lose a loved one, their memory lives on in your heart. God bless you. Susan (Findlay) Wadsworth. Methuen MA

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**Susan Wadsworth** - June 05, 2015 at 08:07 PM

GC

“ We danced with Al and Barb at Dan Nordbye's. Al was always the first to welcome us and always with a smile. He will be missed.

Gary & Eloise Cunningham

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**Gary & Eloise Cunningham** - June 05, 2015 at 08:04 PM

VK

“ Barbara and family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful husband. I danced with Elden Ponto on Tuesday mornings and just started taking A1 lessons. We enjoyed dancing with you and your husband. Your presence will surely be missed.  
I am sending prayers for you and your family for comfort and healing at this very trying time.  
Blessings and love,  
Verlene Kelly

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**Verlene Kelly** - June 05, 2015 at 07:26 PM

CP

“ Randy and I were so sorry to hear of Al's passing. We spent many nights square dancing with Barbara and Al in Arizona the last couple of years. It was nice having fellow New Englanders here in the desert. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barbara and all his family. Randy and Cathy Patterson, Mesa AZ

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**Cathy Patterson** - June 05, 2015 at 02:32 PM

MB

*Dear Barb, Ron and I are deeply saddened to hear about Al. He was a great guy and friend, Ron enjoyed him so much. All the stories and his welcoming spirit. He will be miss at Golden Vista Resort. Our prayers go out to you and your family. Ron and Mary Bulthuis Friends from Golden Vista Resort*

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**Mary Bulthuis** - June 06, 2015 at 10:20 AM

RN

*Dear Barb and family, Larry and I are so sorry to hear of Al's passing. We will miss talking to him every time we walk pass your place at Golden Vista. He always had a smile and some kind of news for us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Larry and Rhonda Neubauer*

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**Rhonda Neubauer** - June 06, 2015 at 05:51 PM

NN

*4 o'clock will never pass a day for the rest of my life that I won't think of him and miss him. You know what I mean, Barb. Rest in peace, dear friend. We'll all take care of Barb the way you took care of us.*

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**Nan Noble** - June 06, 2015 at 06:52 PM

MH

*Dear Barb and Family, Lee and I are so sorry to hear about Al's death. You are wonderful neighbors in our Golden Vista home, and we will miss him dearly. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lee and Mary Jo Herr*

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**Mary Jo Herr** - June 06, 2015 at 07:21 PM



*It was a special time for me when I had a chance to visit and talk to Alvin and Barb-- one does not realize how much until u can't-- Barb I want to send Peace- Love - Compassion and Gratitude to YOU and all my second cousins-- thanks for you and Alvin being a part of my life-- <3*

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**Eddie Bissell** - June 14, 2015 at 12:07 PM