



## Alvin L. "Bill" Lightner

November 18, 1933 - May 27, 2015

Portsmouth, NH – Alvin L. “Bill” Lightner Sr., 81, of Portsmouth, died peacefully, May 27, 2015 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital surrounded by family.

He was born in Marysville, PA November 18, 1933, son of the late George B. and Lydia (Hummel) Lightner.

Raised in Pennsylvania, he enlisted in the United States Air Force following high school and started his 24 year career. He proudly served during the Korean and Vietnam War. During his military career, he was stationed in Egypt, Libya, Germany, England and various locations throughout the United States. He received an Associate’s degree in Supervision with several certifications in leadership.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 6 of Portsmouth, the National VFW, and a member of Christ Episcopal Church of Portsmouth.

Bill enjoyed antiques, collecting coins, airplanes, and the family dog, Maxie. But most of all, he loved being around family, especially his grandchildren. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, and will always be loved and missed by his family.

He shared 60 years of marriage with the love of his life, Betty May (Mace) Lightner of Portsmouth, whom he met during his service time in England at a ballroom in 1953.

In addition to his wife, family members include his children, Tena Lightner Wolf and her husband John of Greenland, Alvin L. Lightner Jr. of Rollinsford; Cindy Lightner Taylor of Portsmouth; grandchildren, Alvin L. Lightner III, Samuel and Sophie Lightner, Sarah Wolf-Boyd, Elizabeth L. and Erica L. Taylor.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother George Lightner and sister Annabelle Fenicle.

A Visiting hour will be held from 10 to 11 AM Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Christ Episcopal Church, 1035 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801. A service will immediately follow at 11 AM in the church. Inurnment will be at the Christ Episcopal Church Columbarium. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

# Cemetery Details

## Christ Episcopal Church Columbarium

1035 Lafayette Road  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church  
1035 Lafayette Road  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Alvin L. "Bill" Lightner

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ Alvin Lightner III & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Alvin L. "Bill" Lightner.



Alvin Lightner III & Family - June 03, 2015 at 11:21 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Alvin L. "Bill" Lightner.



June 03, 2015 at 12:06 PM

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“ To the Lightener Family,

*First, I am sorry for your loss and hope time will heal your pain. I am struggling what to say. I only knew your dad as an acquaintance at Shaw's. I have been waiting on him for more than a year with his regular Tuesday 8AM purchase of Salmon (always 2 tail pieces skinned). During the year if he was ill we would always notice him missing. Your Dad and I took an interest in each other as my parents were of a similar age and when my Mom passed away last year he always asked me how I was doing. He'd also kindly ask how my Dad was doing. Seeing my Mom have medical issues I was able to see some of the same struggles in your Dad. We'd talk about his PT, how he was feeling or if he was following his doctor's advice. I will truly miss his stubborn fight to persevere over the aging process. When you work retail you have certain customers who are special to you. Your Dad was special to me and I will really miss him. Rest in Peace Mr. Lightner.*

*Brenda Salisbury  
Shaw's North Hampton*

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**Brenda Salisbury** - June 02, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alvin L. "Bill" Lightner.*



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June 01, 2015 at 09:29 PM

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“ *My father Bob Hildebrand always speaks of "Lightner" as he always called him.even after all these years. Our family is sending prayers to you all. RIP.*

*The Hildebrand family Bob,Nancy,Ruthie and Susan*

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**susan hodgson** - June 01, 2015 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Thinking of you all at this sad time love Craig & Liz xxx*



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**Craig Boyd** - May 31, 2015 at 04:47 PM