



## Gregory Charles Kendall

November 9, 1932 - February 19, 2026

Rye - Gregory Charles Kendall, a man whose name was synonymous with the town of Rye, NH, passed away peacefully on February 19, 2026, at the age of 93, surrounded by the family he adored.

Born in Everett, MA, on November 9, 1932, to Charles and Thomasina Kendall, Greg moved to Rye as a young boy and never truly left. A 1951 graduate of Portsmouth High School and a proud Navy veteran, Greg dedicated his professional life to the two things he loved most: education and public service.

After earning his degree from New England College, Greg spent decades shaping young minds at Rye Junior High, eventually serving as the school's Principal. Greg's career came full circle, beginning and ending his teaching journey in Seabrook, NH. Simultaneously, Greg served the Rye Police Department for an incredible 50 years, transitioning from his weekend cruiser patrols to his later years as the town's beach patrol and animal control officer. He was recognized by the Congress of the United States for his role in public service.

He was also a familiar face during the summer months as a manager at Water Country. An avid outdoorsman, Greg enjoyed hunting and ice fishing on Great Bay, though his greatest joy was spending time with his family and his golden

retrievers.

He was a master storyteller, often regaling his grandchildren with tales of Rye's history. He had a great sense of humor and was always reminding others to see the fun in life. He enjoyed pranks and joking with his family and friends.

Greg is survived by his devoted wife, Althea; his children, Susan Guerra (Ralph) and Peter Kendall (Beth); stepsons David Leland (Jennifer) and Mathew Leland (Kimberly); grandchildren, Gabrielle (Greg), Abigail (Keith), Charlie, Kelly Rose, Sam, Maryn, Michael, Tommy, Jack, Kate; and his great-grandchild, Gavin. He was predeceased by his son, James Kendall.

Mass will be held at St. Theresa's Church, Rye, NH, Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rye Police Association.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa Church  
815 Central Rd  
Rye Beach, NH 03871  
(603) 964-6440

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Greg and I were friends from childhood playing a lot of baseball and basketball together. The Cavaretta brothers Mike and Hank, Greg,. Bob Cilley,Bart Seekens.George Mavrikis and myself played on a basketball team sponsored by Studebaker. Tony Cavaretta was our coach.We would ride our bicycles to a location in Rye or Portsmouth where we could come up wth enough players to field two baseball teams. Sports played a big In ensring that our youth was never boring. Greg was our leader.

*Jim McLaughlin*

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**Jim McLaughlin** - March 27 at 03:50 PM

CM

“ Uncle Greg,  
You took me on my first motorcycle ride. You brought me to Water Country in the summer. You set up a tent in the yard so I could “camp out” when I visited, and you even taught me how to remove a deer hide one year. You gave me my very first memories of all these things. You were kind, loving and always teaching me new things.

*Thank you for that.  
Until we meet again.*

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**Chris Michniewicz** - February 26 at 10:19 AM

DM

“ Donna M Meyer Miller lit a candle in memory of Gregory Charles Kendall



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**Donna M Meyer Miller** - February 25 at 09:04 PM

JP

“ My name is Joe, Mr. Kendall was my 6th teacher at Seabrook Elementary School. He was a great teacher and great person . my parents owned a restaurant on Seabrook Beach. Mr. Kendall would stop in in the mornings for his coffee and his blueberry muffin. I would be there waiting for the bus and he would say I'll see you at school JJ and I'd say yes, Mr. Kendall and then I'd go to school and he would be running the school store and he'd say didn't I just see you in sixth grade we went to nature's classroom and he was cracking jokes about how many of us couldn't climb a wall he was a great teacher and a great man. My condolences to his family. God bless Godspeed, Mr. Kendall.

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**Joe Poirier** - February 22 at 12:07 AM