



Norm M. Bower

February 18, 1936 - April 13, 2024

Kingston- Norman M. Bower, 88, of Kingston, NH, a devoted Senior Chief Quartermaster (SS) of the United States Navy and dedicated Police Chief, passed away on April 13, 2024, after bravely battling late-onset Alzheimer's disease for ten years.

Born in Newton, NH, Norm graduated from Sanborn Seminary in Kingston, NH, in 1953. He was a true patriot, dedicating himself to two consecutive careers in service to his country and community. Norman's 21-year tenure in the Navy saw him serve on several submarines, including the USS Diablo, USS Spikefish, USS Angler, USS Pogy, and USS Sargo. Notably, he served as an NROTC Instructor in Submarine Navigation at the University of Mississippi ("Ole Miss") in the early 1970s. His most cherished time in the Navy was spent aboard the USS Albacore from 1959 to 1969, where he rose to the esteemed position of Chief of the Boat (COB).

Transitioning to civilian life, Norman brought the discipline and leadership skills honed in the Navy to the Kingston Police Department, where he served as Deputy Chief. He concluded his 20-year law enforcement career as the Chief of Police in Newton, NH, where he served for eight years.

Norman's commitment to service extended beyond his professional roles. He volunteered at Albacore Park in Portsmouth, NH, from 2002 to 2015 and

played an active role as a board member of the Portsmouth Submarine Memorial Association. As a founding member of Friends of Albacore, now known as "Shipmates," he worked tirelessly to preserve the legacy of naval service.

Norman's legacy is carried on by his cherished wife of 65 years, Glenda, his daughter Jean Marie (affectionately known as Bunny) and her husband David Smith, as well as his adoring granddaughter Mary and her husband Wei Dai. He was preceded in death by his infant son, his father Claude, his mother Mary (Fleming), his sister Pauline Danley, and brothers Claude Jr. (Mike) and Robert.

A graveside service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, June 1, 2024 in Union Cemetery, Newton. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Portsmouth Submarine Memorial Association at 569 Albacore Way, Portsmouth, NH 03801 or online at www.ussalbacore.org

Norman will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to duty, his steadfast leadership, and his profound impact on the lives of those he served and loved. He leaves behind a legacy of service and sacrifice that will continue to inspire generations to come.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

9 New Boston Road
Newton, NH 03858

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ Only recently did I hear of Norm's embarking on Eternal Patrol. We served together on Albacore in the early 1960' and of all the remembrances I have, his devotion to his family stands out .

Jim Tyrell - May 09, 2024 at 09:06 PM

JK

“ Normy was a great COB, and saved my bacon on more than one occasion. I'm sorry to hear that he has passed.

jim kraut-Albacore

Jim Kraut - April 24, 2024 at 10:21 PM

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“ On behalf of the Trustees and Board members of Union Cemetery Association, we would like to express our condolences to Glenda and the Bower family. Norm was always helping out and keeping the cemetery looking great. He and Glenda regularly attended the yearly meeting, contributing both their time and money to support the private, family orientated association. Sincerely, Sandra M Estabrook, Treasurer.

Russell & Sandra Estabrook - April 23, 2024 at 02:28 PM

ST

“ I'm glad to have had the opportunity to work with Chief Bower in Newton on PD. May he resin peace.

Steve Trenholm - April 23, 2024 at 09:28 AM

RW

Great guy and will be missed. Lots of great memories from our time at KPD.

Robert Wunderlich - April 23, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“*Dear Glenda, family and friends of Norman,
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Norman’s passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Diablo SS-479, USS Angler SS-240, USS Albacore AGSS-569, and USS Pogy SSN-647.
To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.
Glenda and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).
Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,
National Chaplain, USSVI.
www.jimsandman.com*

Jim Sandman - April 22, 2024 at 02:19 PM

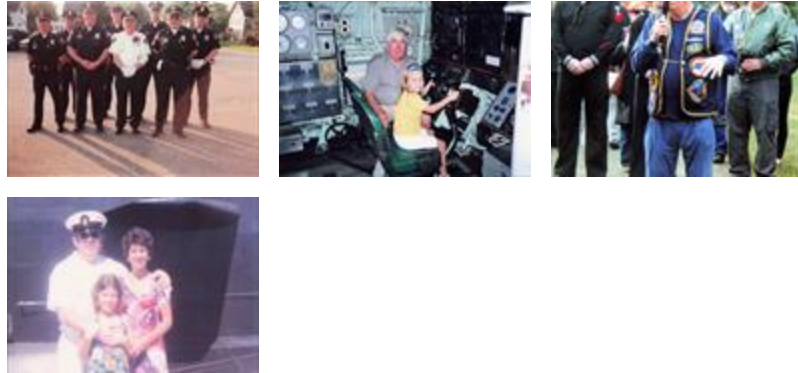
AB

“*I remember COB Chief Bower from the Albacore AGSS569 while I was aboard in 1968. Very likable and great COB. He will be missed. Baines STS2(SS).*

Albert Baines - April 22, 2024 at 10:03 AM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 19, 2024 at 02:12 PM

PV

“ As Executive Director of Albacore Park, I spent a great deal of time with my good friend Norman. He always had a cheeky smile, passionate stories of his service on board the USS ALBACORE (AGSS-569) and he loved to be a part of whatever we were doing. Such a kind and endearing friend. We will miss you and we hope your Eternal Patrol has a light wind and smooth seas. Love you Norm!

Patricia Violette - April 18, 2024 at 03:44 PM

PC

“ The Crockett family is proud to have had the privilege of knowing Norm and Glenda. Norm is the man who instilled and encouraged law enforcement in our son. Norman was and still is a great man to have had the privilege of knowing. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathies and love to his family.

Pat and John Crockett - April 18, 2024 at 08:17 AM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 15, 2024 at 02:39 PM