



Wayne M. Nickerson

November 17, 1956 - March 6, 2026

Seabrook — Wayne Michael Nickerson, 69, of Seabrook and formerly of Gloucester, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 6, 2026, at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading, Massachusetts.

Wayne was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, on November 17, 1956 to the late Frank E. Nickerson and Martha T. Nickerson. In 1961, his family moved to Gloucester, and later to Magnolia in the late 1960s, where he enjoyed a wonderful childhood growing up near the ocean.

At the age of 17, Wayne joined the United States Marine Corps, one of his proudest accomplishments. He graduated from Parris Island on October 16, 1974, and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for six months. He later continued serving as a reservist in Concord, New Hampshire until receiving his honorable discharge.

Following his military service, Wayne worked at several factories in and around Bristol, New Hampshire, including IPC, the Crutch Factory, and Ashland Woolen Mill. During that time, he worked alongside Carolyn McDonough, who taught Wayne how to cook and helped shape him into the person he became. He greatly appreciated her mentorship and always enjoyed working with the McDonough family.

Wayne later returned to Gloucester when his future wife, Renee, attended Endicott College in Beverly, MA. He held various jobs at Woodman's of Essex, where the work was more than just a job- it was an experience. Wayne enjoyed working with the Woodman family and the many friends he made there. Eventually, the ocean called him back. Wayne worked aboard many fishing vessels out of Gloucester, including the Gannet swordfishing, and the gillnetters Phyllis A., Ethel B., Gloucester Girl, Sea Witch, and Whispering Wind, among others. He also spent time working on boats with the Yankee Fleet from Gloucester to Key West, Florida. Wayne especially enjoyed the years he spent aboard the Middlebank with Captain Tom Cain.

Later in his career, Wayne worked onshore at Americold Cold Storage in Gloucester, where he remained until his retirement at the age of 62. He was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, serving as Chief Steward for fifteen years and as a trustee on the executive board for Teamsters Local #42. Through his union work, he formed many lasting friendships, and he continued to enjoy gathering with fellow members for lunch or coffee.

Wayne believed family was the most important part of life. He loved spending time with his family and cooking for gatherings at his home in Gloucester and later at "The Ledge" in Seabrook. He loved his sisters, brother, nieces, and nephews and cherished every moment spent with them.

Above all, his greatest love was his wife and best friend, Renée, whom he had loved since they met in 1978. They shared 37 wonderful years of marriage together.

In addition to his wife Renée M. Nickerson, Wayne is survived by his siblings Karen J. Ross of Pittsford, NY, Frank E. Nickerson and wife Mary of Beverly, MA, Jacquie Mondello and husband Joseph of Gloucester, MA, Mary Ann (Nicky) Fialho of Essex, MA, Margaret Pallazola of Erwin, TN, Heidi P. Waring-

Deluca and husband Carl of Bristol, his mother-in-law Fernande Doucette of Bristol, and brothers-in-law Alan E. Doucette and Scott J. Doucette and wife Shelley, all of Bristol, NH as well as many nieces, nephews, and treasured friends who will miss him dearly.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was predeceased by his brothers-in-law William Ross, Donald (Doc) Fialho, Edward Pallazola, Russell Waring, and Jean V. Doucette, sister-in-law Sherri Doucette, and father-in-law Robert E. Doucette.

Donations in Wayne's memory may be made to Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading, Massachusetts online here (https://secure3.convio.net/bidmc/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app30101b?idb=1370448425&df_id=6184&mfc_pref=T&6184.donation=form1&NONCE_TOKEN=2220BCECFD4AA1A50FBEBCE93488912D) or to the New Hampshire Humane Society in Laconia, New Hampshire by clicking here (<https://www.nhhumane.org/donate>)

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, April 11, 2026, in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A celebration of Wayne's life will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 12 PM to 4 PM at the Elks at Bass Rocks, 101 Atlantic Road, Gloucester, MA. Burial will be in the Magnolia Cemetery in Gloucester.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Rd
Hampton, NH 03842

Celebration of Life

MAY **31**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Elks at Bass Rocks
101 Atlantic Road
Gloucester, MA 01930

Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne M. Nickerson.*



April 07 at 09:57 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne M. Nickerson.*



April 03 at 12:12 PM

AL

“ New found lake. That summer when he took us all out on the boat all day. My brother Rashid (back then was given the title of “Latter boy” by Uncle Wayne 😭.) My best friend and I borrowed a canoe. Got as far as knee high water deep and was towed back by the water police bc we didn’t have life jackets! I’m sure made all of you proud! 😭 So many fun and found memories of that loving smile, stories, laughs and gentle heart. He may not of been a blood relative to us but growing up, we loved him just the same. How do you possibly wrap up an Uncle Wayno in a couple sentences. You can’t. We loved you then so much then and now. You will forever be in our thoughts and memories. Wayne had said to me that when he “gets where he’s going, the first thing I’m going to do is give your dad a huge hug”and that my dad was proud of me. Until the end, he was always giving and when he wasn’t feeling good. He gave me the best gift I could have ever been gifted by his words that day. I love you Uncle Wayno. you are the definition of light. Forever with us. Forever loved. Love Alisha ❤️

Alisha Laroussi - March 16 at 06:05 PM

PP

“ I was blessed to have him as my brother and friend. I’ll hold happy memories in my heart forever! I accidentally posted this in the wrong place.

Peggy Pallazola - March 14 at 03:27 PM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss, Renee and Cici. My heart goes out to you.

Susan Wilkens - March 12 at 04:21 PM



“ And out of the clear blue, a case of Thin Mints arrived! I had no idea for some time ,as to who sent them. He finally told me :) My friend and "Foody" buddy, Semper Fi, brother.

Lance Masi - March 12 at 08:19 AM

DP

“ I didn't get to spend near enough time with Uncle Wayne but I will miss him dearly.

Love

Dawn Marie

Dawn Pallazola - March 11 at 11:56 PM

KL

“ Many great memories. My deepest condolences. Keeping you in my thoughts and wishing you strength and peace.

Kathy Laroussi - March 11 at 02:55 PM

RP

“ I'll always remember the trip Jean and I took to Rockport for a road race. We went out for dinner with the two of you, your treat, and had a wonderful time. Jean and I spoke of it often afterwards. Love you both, Ron Poitras

Ron Poitras - March 11 at 11:46 AM

PP

I was blessed to have him as my brother and friend. Happy memories will live on in my heart forever!

Peggy Pallazola - March 11 at 01:50 PM