



## Alan E. Dyer

April 29, 1919 - February 8, 2009

Alan E. Dyer, 89, of Middletown, RI, passed away Sunday, February 8, 2009, in Newport Hospital. He was born on April 29, 1919 in New Britain, CT, son of the late Raymond F. Dyer and Elizabeth Slaney Dyer. He was predeceased by his former wife, Bernadette Gerdis Dyer, in 1994. Alan lived most of his life in Berlin and Kensington, CT, but resided more recently in Illinois, and moved to Rhode Island four years ago. A 1937 graduate of Berlin High School, he attended the University of Kentucky where he studied Mechanical Engineering. Alan was a kind and gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Alan served in the U.S. Navy during WWII in the South Pacific Theater as a Catapult Specialist aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga. He was very proud of his service to his country. Prior to his naval service, he worked for Stanley Works as an assistant foreman and Pratt & Whitney as an aviation mechanic. Upon his return from the Navy, Alan worked for many years at Berlin Auto Sales as service manager and as an automobile salesman at various auto dealers in New Britain until his retirement. He then pursued a new career teaching automotive mechanics at Plainville High School, Porter's Automotive School of Technology and Technical Careers Institute.

A former member of the New Britain VFW and the Middletown Yacht Club CT, he was also a member of the South Shore Boat Club in LaSalle, IL and the

Middletown, RI VFW.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Linda Dyer of Glastonbury, CT; his daughter, Jacqueline Hodgson of Newport, RI; a brother, Dr. Richard Dyer of Warwick, RI; two sisters, Elizabeth Brewster of Naples, FL; and Nancy Bacon and her husband Robert of Amherst, NH; five grandchildren, Christine Dyer of Brighton, MA; Heather Dyer of Glastonbury, CT; Robert Hodgson and his wife Maria of Avon, CT; Anne Charpentier and her husband Mark of Hailey, ID; and Alison Hodgson of Aspen, CO; and four great-grandchildren, Robert and Alex Hodgson, Jake and Madeline Charpentier; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are Friday, February 13 at 12 noon at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial with military honors will be in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours are Friday morning from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Memorial donations may be made to the Middletown, RI VFW Post #4487, 52 Underwood Lane, Middletown, RI 22842. A memorial service will be held in the spring in Newport, RI. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ I was a new bartender, and new to the VFW this past fall when I met 'Al'. Well, to make a long story short, I looked forward to seeing your father's friendly, smiling face each saturday. He was a kind, gentle person that everyone loved. He will be sadly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him! My sincerest condolences, Linda Carr

Linda Carr - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Alan was a kind and wonderful man. He always had a smile on his face and a gentle way about him. I am honored to call him my uncle and I will miss him.

Debbie Dyer - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I only knew Alan such a short time since he came to West House to live but he would always smile and nod whenever he saw me. He was a quiet, unassuming gentleman and will be sorely missed here at West House.

Pam Sheldon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Jackie,

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
Richard and Christa

Richard and Christa Casey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I am the asst. manager at West House in Middletown, RI, where Alan lived.  
Alan brightened West House with his arrival. He was the kindest gentleman and he made friends very quickly!  
The first day he arrived, we were having a Penny Social. Alan joined right in, bought some tickets and began to play. He won so much stuff for his new apartment and he was ecstatic! That was like Alan...he got involved in everything at West House and most times, he was the only man. But we just couldn't convince him to play Bingo!!  
We will miss Alan SO much!!!  
Our hearts are aching!

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**Brenda Hansen** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Al...  
You will be so missed... not just for your great sense of humor... but all your wisdom..... many comrades, some still on active duty, so looked forward to your sage advice. Sleep the restful sleep shipmate and comrade, you'll not be forgotten.

M.K. Corriveau  
Master Chief Petty Officer  
United States Navy Retired  
67-97

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**Michael Corriveau** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I will miss all the great conversations we had sitting at the VFW especially when you were my only customer and we could sit and chat about anything and everything. I will remember you always.

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**Beth Corriveau** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ WE WILL MISS YOUR FRIENDLY SMILE AND DAILY  
COMRADERIE. YOUR VFW COMRADES.

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**DON LOWDEN AND FRIENDS** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM