



Alwin Simmons

February 3, 1926 - March 17, 2015

Alwin (Al) R. Simmons

Al has joined his parents and sister in heaven for a peaceful journey.

He was the son of the late Alwin and Bertha Simmons. Al was born in Catskill, New York. He was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Yaddow.

Al was a Merchant Marine in World War II he was proud to wear his Merchant Marine cap wherever he went. He loved playing and officiating basketball and baseball. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading and spending time with his family. He always worked several jobs to set forth saving and providing for his family. He retired after 23 years of service with the New York State Department of Corrections.

He was known to his friends in New York as Big Al and he was a member of the Napanoch Elks Club and the Wawarsing Volunteer Fire Department.

Al is survived by his loving wife Dorothy, of 67 years; His daughters, Sharon (John) Bernabeu of Murrells Inlet, Bonnie (Ron) Berryann of Bishopville, SC and Susan Ryan of Murrells Inlet; three grandchildren, Cherity Berryann of Stoneham, MA, Kelley (Dan) Lizardi of Yulee, FL and Doug (Regina) Berryann of Napanoch, NY; one great-granddaughter, Madison Sosnowski of Yulee, FL.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff of Waccamaw Hospital, NHC Health Care, Garden City and Caris Hospice Care.

Condolences may be made to: A charity of one's choice.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Kelley & Madison
May memories of your grandfather/great grandfather always be with you.
He loved to talk to Madison picture everyday and thought the world of her.
Grandpa was very proud of you both and loved you so much.
Love, Momma/Granny*

Sharon - March 28, 2015 at 09:46 PM

SH

“ *Cher and Doug.
May memories of your grandfather always be with you.
He was very proud of you both and loved you so much.
Love, Aunt Sharon*

Sharon - March 28, 2015 at 09:41 PM

PM

“ *My deepest sympathies for your loss. May your memories comfort you at this time. Peace and love, Phyllis*

Phyllis Montanari - March 28, 2015 at 08:45 PM

SH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sharon - March 25, 2015 at 10:18 AM

LL

Great photo of you gals.

Lori Landis - March 25, 2015 at 08:06 PM

LL

“ *My condolences to Susan and family for the lose of your father. It's always so sad to lose a loved one. Try to keep in mind that he's in a place of peace and no pain. Reflect on all the good memories and words of wisdom that he shared with you. I'm wishing you and your family all the best. RIP Alwin*



Lori (Rodrigues) Landis - March 24, 2015 at 03:07 PM

SR

*Lori,
Thank you so much for remembering me and sending your condolences. I sure do miss you and Janice.
Love, Susan*

Susan Ryan - March 24, 2015 at 05:45 PM

LL

Susan you really should try to keep in contact with us. We're both retired and have nothing to do but wonder what's happening with long lost friends.

Lori Landis - March 29, 2015 at 09:31 PM

SR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Susan Ryan - March 23, 2015 at 04:27 AM

SH

Dad, Aunt Barbara, & Grandpa Simmons 1945...

sharon - March 26, 2015 at 12:06 PM

SR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susan Ryan - March 23, 2015 at 04:24 AM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Sharon - March 22, 2015 at 02:02 PM

SH

Dad always had that look of love,,heart warming to me...He sure loved Mom and us girls too...Sharon

sharon - March 26, 2015 at 12:09 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon - March 20, 2015 at 01:49 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon Bernabeu - March 20, 2015 at 11:12 AM

BO

“ Dad was a strong, rough but very humble man. He always seemed surprised when he was shown kindness and love by others. He was very tough on us girls but his actions were guided by his desire to "do right" by his family. Who knew proper cleaning of the house included dusting the light bulbs and door frames? Dad worked hard to give his family a good life and to save for Mom's future. He loved his country and I have fond memories of him opening the door many times a day to view that beautiful flag flying on the cell tower near Spring Forest. For most of his years he was too humble to consider himself a WWII vet; that honor almost had to be forced upon him. When he finally did acknowledge he truly was a veteran he was very proud to wear his WWII Merchant Marine hat.



Mom, & Sue, thank you for your very hard work in keeping Dad at home for as long as possible. Sharon thank you for supporting them in their efforts. John you did not have the opportunity to know Dad in his younger years but I am glad you came to love him in his more mellow days.

You did good Dad.

Love,
Bonnie

Bonnie - March 20, 2015 at 04:21 AM

SR

“ Susan Ryan lit a candle in memory of Alwin Simmons



Susan Ryan - March 19, 2015 at 08:01 PM

SR

“ Everyone always told me that I was just like my dad and I must say that I am very proud of that. He was a very tough man and that is what helps us get through life. He was a wise ass and I am too so thumbs up to you dad !!!! He didn't pull any punches and he was just up front and point blank and that is why I loved him so much. His baby girl, Susan

Susan Ryan - March 19, 2015 at 08:01 PM

RO

“ I remember Popskie for his tough love; always there for you but under his terms. He was the one in the family we all respected and went to for advice. We never knew where his sense of humor was going, but never a dull moment being around him. He loved his family, his friends, sports, and he was a true patriot. He didn't wear his religion on his sleeve but he had a strong belief in God. He did mellow with age but he maintained his honor, integrity, and sense of respect. I will truly miss our talks.
The Blonde Bomber

Ron - March 19, 2015 at 06:25 PM

SU

“ Mom, Sharon, John, Bonnie & Ron,
Thank you all for being there for dad right up
until the very end. He was one hell of a guy
and always made us laugh. I know I can't
misbehave because he is watching me.
Love, Susan



SusanRyan - March 19, 2015 at 05:15 PM

RI

“ Our sincerest condolences to Dot and family on the passing of Al.
We have many good memories of Al working at The Marine Room
with Francis. May he rest in peace. With warm wishes, Julia, Ron
and the rest of the Irwin Family

Ron Irwin - March 19, 2015 at 05:13 PM

SR

“ RIP Dad !!!
You will always be in my heart and I will
continue on with all of the good memories of
you.
You were the best father anyone could ever
ask for. You were always there for me through the good and the bad
and I will always love you for that.
Love your daughter, Susan



Susan Ryan - March 19, 2015 at 04:46 PM

JG

“ *Susan and family. Our deepest condolences on the passing of your Father. May you find comfort in all the great memories you shared. Prayers to you and family. Contact me if you wish..... Janice & Michael*



Janice Grote - March 19, 2015 at 03:45 PM

SR

To my long lost friends Janice and Michael, Thank you so much for remembering me and sending condolences on the passing of my father.He was a great guy and I will really miss him. Love,Susan

Susan Ryan - March 24, 2015 at 05:27 PM

SR

Janice & Michael, Have a beer and some chips and dip for me.We sure did have some crazy times together. Love,Susan

Susan Ryan - March 24, 2015 at 05:49 PM

SF

“ *To the Simmons family , Sorry for your loss .*

I remember Al from when I used to wait on him at the walmart bakery .

He loved the early morning rolls fresh from the oven .

Will miss his smiling face .

God be with him and his Family at this sad time

Your friend Sophia Finnegan

sophia finnegan - March 19, 2015 at 11:37 AM

JG

“ Al was a good friend to everyone he met including me. I'm sure his family will remember his good nature as well. His suffering is over and ours is just beginning with his passing.
He is in my prayers.
John Gindek



John Gindek - March 19, 2015 at 08:11 AM

CC

“ Sharon, John and Family...
Our deepest and sincere condolences in the passing of your beloved father. Heaven gained another angel, may he rest in peace. With much love, Ken & Cathy NY

cathy croci - March 19, 2015 at 08:08 AM

WU

“ RIP Vet !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - March 19, 2015 at 08:03 AM

WM

“ We at ST Andrew were blessed to have your dad with us from time to time He always reminded me of my Daddy in that they both suffered from this cruel illness Your dad was blessed to not linger so long. Wilbur and I love you and Ron very much and we would have been at his service if there was one.-----judy

wilbur mcleod - March 18, 2015 at 07:12 PM

SU

“ Susan lit a candle in memory of Alwin Simmons



Susan - March 18, 2015 at 03:03 PM

SU

“ Mom, Sharon & Bonnie,
We all have great memories of dad and they will live on forever.
He will always be in our hearts. Thank you for helping me through this difficult time.
Love, Susan

Susan - March 18, 2015 at 03:02 PM

SH

“ Mom, Bonnie & Susan,

Our sadness will pass for we know Dad is at peace now. We have our memories to keep us going. Thank you for all you have done. I love you all. We must celebrate our time with Dad..
From my heart I send much love, Sharon



Sharon - March 18, 2015 at 01:37 PM

MW

“ To all the family of Mr. Al, I only knew him for a short time but I will always remember his smile and the love I felt around him. I am so sorry about his passing and I want you to know if there is anything I can do for you all, please let me know. Love and prayers to all the family

Mary Watkins - March 18, 2015 at 01:25 PM

DB

“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Al. He was a great guy and I have a lot of wonderful memories of him. May God comfort all of you in this difficult time.
love, your cousin Debbie



Debbie Boice - March 18, 2015 at 08:21 AM

MD

“ Maybre Davis lit a candle in memory of Alwin Simmons



Maybre Davis - March 18, 2015 at 08:04 AM