



## Gilbert N. Alves

May 21, 2018

Gilbert N. Alves, 80, died peacefully surrounded by his loving family, on Monday, May 21, 2018 at the Sippican Healthcare Center after 13 years of living with Alzheimer's disease.

Born in New Bedford on September 30, 1937, he was the middle of 7 children of the late Manuel C. and Yvonne (Richard) Alves. Part of a vibrant Catholic community, they lived by the credo "Family is Everything." Three languages were spoken in their home.

Gilly met the love of his life, Patricia (Heath) Alves at a Lincoln Park dance, and they were married in 1962, just as his Army National Guard unit was activated. The newlyweds moved to North Carolina, where he was stationed during the Cuban Missile Crisis, until they eventually settled in Acushnet, where they lived for 45 years and raised 4 children to know the value of hard work, family and faith.

Gilly attended New Bedford Vocational Technical School and was a talented woodworker and carpenter. He graduated from the New Bedford Institute of Technology with a degree in Textile Engineering, and worked for the Department of Defense at the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility (NCTRF) for 25 years, until he retired in 1998. He saw the uniforms he designed worn by the men and women of the US Navy all over the world. He walked 4 miles a day, loved to dance, and treasured his time with his 7 grandchildren.

Left to honor Gilly and remember his love are his wife of 56 years, two sons: Chief Michael G. Alves (Lisa), Acushnet Police Dept., of Fairhaven, Mark L. Alves (Lauren); two daughters, Karen P. Alves-Cronin (Michael) of Marion and Ann-Marie Kirshon (Larry) of Norton; seven grandchildren, Michael, Christopher, Matthew, Julia, Amelia, Jake, and Sofia; a brother, Brother Paul R. Alves, SS.CC. of Fairhaven; sister in law, Jeanne Alves of Falmouth; brother in law, Bernard Silva of New Bedford and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Alves was the brother of the late Victor, Gerard and Richard Alves, Cecile Couture and Therese Silva.

All whose lives Gilly touched are invited to the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., for

calling hours Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 5-7pm.

A Mass will be celebrated, Friday, June 1, 2018 at 11:00am in St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven with interment in River-Side Cemetery to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Damien's Pantry, P.O. Box 111, Fairhaven, MA 02719 or the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

# Cemetery

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## Riverside Cemetery

274 Main Street

Fairhaven, MA, 02719

# Events

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**MAY** **Calling Hours** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Fairhaven Funeral Home

117 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA, US, 02719

**JUN** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Joseph Church

74 Spring St., Fairhaven, MA, US, 02719

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Hathaway Family Funeral Homes - May 31, 2018 at 11:18 AM

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“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hathaway Family Funeral Homes - May 31, 2018 at 09:35 AM

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“ Mr. Alves was my second dad growing up. I spent as much time at his house as I did in my own home. He was one of the most kind and gentle people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing in my life. I spent many years camping with Ann-Marie and her family at their campsite at Knight n Look (at least I think that was the name). Never had more happy memories in my life than the ones I had growing up with my "second family". I will never forget this wonderful man. RIP Mr. Alves xoxo

Michelle Nataly (St. Onge)

Michelle St Onge Nataly - May 30, 2018 at 09:43 PM

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“ I worked with Gilly in the 80s.....I was in his carpool and I was his intern.....he was a pistol and a force to be reckoned with.....he was focused and shared his knowledge.....when I remember my work experiences with him, it brings a smile to my face. My prayers are with his family members.....he was a good man....my condolences.....RIP Gilly

Michelle Harris

Michelle Harris - May 29, 2018 at 06:55 PM

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“ Mr. Alves was a great man. He was my Little League Baseball coach on APCO for my last year of that league where his sons Mike & Mark had played. He dedicated his time to coach us young men and did an exceptional job. It was a pleasure to have known Mr. Alves and my deepest sympathy and condolences goes out to the entire Alves family.

Tom Boudreau

Tom Boudreau - May 27, 2018 at 08:18 AM

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“ Gilly was an outstanding Dad and an even better grandpa. I've got a loop playing in my head as I watch him trot across the front lawn just a few steps behind Jake; the ritual race back to the house from the bus stop. Gilly was spry enough to keep up with a speeding grade schooler! Looking forward to celebrating his life with friends and family at his services next week.

Mike Cronin - May 26, 2018 at 08:04 PM

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“ A Mass is being offered for the intentions of Gilbert Alves and his extended family on Saturday May 26 at St Anthony's Retreat Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. That day is special as it is the 49th anniversary of my Ordination. Two dozen retreatants will share in praying for Gilbert. Bro Paul shared about Albert's illness when it first began. The family has always been remembered in prayer.  
God's Blessings  
Fr. Bill Petrie, ssc  
St. Patrick Monastery  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Fr. William F. Petrie, ssc - May 26, 2018 at 11:54 AM