



Alfred J. Pinell

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Alfred J. Pinell of Kittery ME passed away peacefully on January 17, 2024 at 100 years old. He was born in Lawrence MA on March 31, 1923, son of the late Alfred and Zelia (Sonier) Pinell. He attended St Ann's Grammar School, and graduated from Lawrence High School.

Alfred served in the US Army, landing on D-Day in the Normandy invasion. His knowledge of the French language afforded him assignments behind the lines working with the local populace and assisting in various roles, including running mess operations and guarding captured officers. Upon discharge, he re-enlisted in the US Army Reserve and later served in the US Air Force Reserves at Pease Air Force Base.

Al married Therese Comtois (d.2005) from Lawrence, raising three daughters Denise, Susan and Lynn in West Hartford CT and Lawrence, MA. He worked in aerospace related businesses in Connecticut (Pratt & Whitney) and Massachusetts (Raytheon, AVCO, ITEK). He was particularly proud of his involvement in NASA development programs for Apollo capsules and the Viking Mars orbiters and landers. Al and Therese divorced, and he later remarried to Vivian Towle (d.2004), originally of Maine. They lived in Dover NH for 30 years, while he continued his career working in Quality Assurance at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Over the years, Al enjoyed golfing, bowling, roller skating, hiking, flying planes, collecting coins and stamps, and traveling. Some years later, Al relocated to Meetinghouse Village in Kittery, ME, to be near Theresa Dubois, a longtime friend from Lawrence, MA. He had a strong presence there, entertaining any visitors or neighbors that came by with his wit and mischievous manner.

Al's family, most notably his daughters and grandson Jack Shea, became his support team over the past 10 or so years, as he navigated his 90s. He celebrated his 100th birthday last March in a big way, with recognition as a WWII veteran from the US Air Force, the Veteran's Administration, the White House and the Governor of Maine, among others. Al loved the seacoast area, and enjoyed many outings to beaches, parks and seafood restaurants with his family.



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Al was recently predeceased by his youngest daughter Lynn, and previously by granddaughter Dena Parolisi. He is survived by daughter Susan (Tony) Parolisi; daughter Denise (Bob) Palumbo; son-in-law John Shea; grandchildren Guy (Kathy) Bibeau; Robert and Elizabeth Palumbo; David Parolisi; Diane (Shane) Heath; Jack, Pat and Maggie Shea; great-grandchildren Sheyann, Arielle and Hailey Bibeau; Matthew and Ashley Parolisi; Jacob Parolisi; A.J., Jordan, Anthony and Julian Sanchez; Priscilla Heath; and great-great-grandchildren - Billy, Braelyn and Stella.

The family would like to thank all those who supported Al over the years at Meetinghouse Village, Martin's Point (Portsmouth), Veteran's Administration, USAF Reserves.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am Friday January 26 at St. Lucy Parish, 254 Merrimack St, Methuen, MA. Burial with military honors to follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, 80 Corbett Rd, Andover MA.




Events


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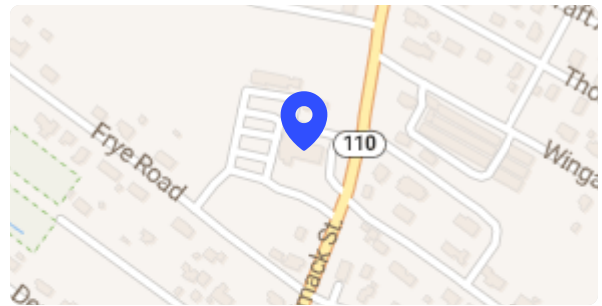
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Funeral Mass


 **Friday**, January 26, 2024

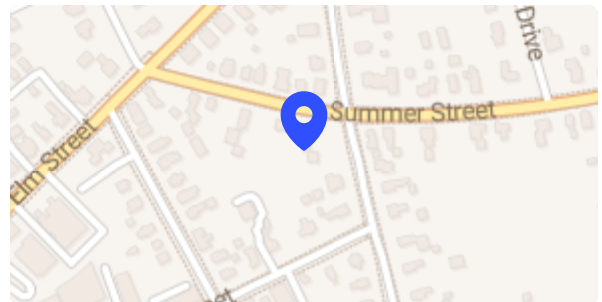
 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Lucy's Church**
254 Merrimack Street, Methuen MA



Cemetery Details

 **Sacred Heart Cemetery**
Andover MA





Tribute Wall

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John And Mary Shea Dill And Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Pinell family.

January 24 at 4:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Pinell family.

January 24 at 7:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pinell family.

January 23 at 12:17 PM



Tony Parolisi posted:

Al you will be deeply missed, so many years have passed by between us and many stories and memory's will be forever remembered by me. It has been 50 years since you came into my life caused by my marrying your middle daughter Susan. Al it has been my honor knowing and having you in my life. Your daughter Susan and I will never forget you and how our lives were so closely tied to yours over all these years. God was good to you as you so many times mentioned that to us on the matter of your long life and how you enjoyed being around all your loved ones for so many years. We both thank you for being in our lives and we will miss you dearly. May the good Lord watch over you and gently have you rest in peace. With much love Susan & Tony Parolisi.

January 23 at 5:35 AM



Linda January 24 at 6:08 AM

What a beautiful tribute to Susan's father. He was blessed to have such a caring and loving daughter and son in law.



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Pinell family.

January 22 at 2:39 PM





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Kathy Clarke posted:

I will always remember him as a wonderful father to my childhood friends. I was in and out of their house for years and always felt welcome. He was a great man and a wonderful father.

January 22 at 9:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alfred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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