



## Deacon Allan A. Ramey

April 20, 2020

Epping – Deacon Allan A Ramey, 94 of Epping N.H., died peacefully Monday, April 20, at Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood N.H.

Born in Lawrence Massachusetts on February 7, 1926 to Anthony P. and Marie Ramey, Allan grew up in the Plains district of the city. He graduated in 1943 from Lawrence High School and immediately enlisted in the Army Air Force where he served for three years during WWII as a gunner on a B29. He was stationed at Tinian located in the Solomon Island chain and flew combat missions over Japan earning him many decorations including the Air Medal. After the war he returned to Lawrence in 1946 and studied Photography and Art. He worked until 1950 as a professional photographer in the local area. Allan was married in 1950 to his loving wife of 69 years, Alice C. (Solomon) Ramey. Allan continued his education receiving his Associates degrees in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering from Lowell Tech and a Bachelor's Degree from Northeastern University in 1964. He went on to work for various commercial and aerospace companies as a Senior Engineer and Quality Control Manager until his retirement in 1986.

In 1971, Allan cofounded one of the major Charismatic Prayer Communities in New England which still exists today, known as "The Community of God's Light". He completed 3 years of study at Saint John Seminary and in 1976 was ordained the first Permanent Deacon in the Maronite Church, with faculties in the Western Church. As Deacon, Allan served his lifelong parish, Saint Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church in Lawrence for over 25 years, involved in various ministries including hospital visitation, support of liturgy activities, and ministry to the entire community.

After retiring in 1986 from industry, Allan served as the Director of Saint Basil Salvatorian Center in Methuen until 1998. His duties included managing the retreat house, conduct various spiritual programs including those for engaged couples, parish advisory groups, prayer group activities, and many other religious programs.

Allan enjoyed many past time hobbies including photography, painting in acrylic and oils as well as water colors, and collecting religious arts. Allan was a dedicated and devoted husband and a loving father. He honored his parents throughout his life, and was a loving and loyal brother to his siblings and a kind and loving uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. He always took pride in his entire family, and especially his wife, Alice, who

stood by his side in all things and physically assisted him when needed in their spiritual ministries. In his later years Allan moved to Epping, NH and spent most of his time caring for his wife Alice, and being an inspirational influence to his grandchildren. He touched each and every one of them, and had a profound impact on their lives.

Deacon Allan dedicated his life to lifting souls, and in his gentle and kind way encouraging them ever closer to God. He is now wrapped in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years Alice, son, Dr. Allan Ramey Jr. of Sterling MA., daughter and son in law, Mark and Mary Anne (Ramey) Alliegro of Campton N.H., daughter and son in law, Robert. and Donna (Ramey) Meade of Raymond N.H., son and daughter in law Paul and Anne Ramey of Epping N.H., brother and sister in law Leonard and Evelyn Ramey of Methuen MA., 16 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister and brother in law, Nicola and Vivian Ramey of Methuen MA., granddaughter Jessica Ramey and daughter in law Marita Ramey of Sterling, MA.

A private service will be held at Saint Anthony's Cemetery in Methuen MA. A Celebration mass will be held at St Anthony's Church in Lawrence at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Anthony's Maronite Church, 145 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA. 01841 or a charity of your choice.

# Comments

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“ Dear Alice, Allan Jr., Mary Anne, Donna and Paul. Deacon Al left an indelible impression on every life he touched. He lived the teaching of our Lord in Luke 7:10 and always served with great humility and love. How heaven rejoiced when he heard the Lord proclaim his faithfulness! (Matt. 25: 21, 23 & 41). Peace and all good.  
Andy Gray, O.F.S.

**Andrew D Gray** - April 28, 2020 at 07:33 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to your entire family, Donna. You will all be in our special thoughts.

Rick and Rhonda (Fregeau/Martin) Kopacz

**Rick Kopacz** - April 24, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ Eddie and I are so sorry to hear of Allan's passing. He was a dedicated family man and, as our first deacon, he treated the community of St. Anthony Maronite Church as his family. May he rest in peace.  
Eddie and Barbara Zraket

**Ed and Barbara Zraket** - April 24, 2020 at 06:35 PM

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“ Deepest sympathies on the passing of your dad.  
Thank you for allowing me the privilege to know and care for him in his last few months: a very special man!

**Donna R** - April 24, 2020 at 06:15 PM

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“ Will miss our talks of art and photography and your notes sent at Christmas. Rest easy good friend.

**Jim Primmer** - April 24, 2020 at 03:14 PM

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“ Dear Alice, Allan jr., Mary Anne, Donna, Paul, and Len,

What a great man! It was a privilege to know him and even more of a privilege to have been his friend and worked with him in many endeavors. What a great life he lived, and what a great family he left us.

And now, what a great reward he must be enjoying.

RIP,

Jack Cahalan

Jack Cahalan - April 24, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ How do I express in words all that Allan meant to me? He was a dear friend whom the Lord used to draw me deeper to Himself. His devotion to the Lord and his dedication to his family were truly inspiring. I consider myself blessed to have been able to call Allan a friend. Walter and I were able to witness Allan's great love for Alice each time we visited them in Epping. Whether he was preparing her lunch or sitting on the couch holding her hand, his love for her flowed out. They were so special. Fortunately we now have a new saint interceding for us. Alice and family will remain in our prayers.

Ginny Rossini

ginny rossini - April 24, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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“ eternal rest i will celebrate Mass for him

James O'Driscoll - April 23, 2020 at 06:44 PM