



Alan Raymond Cowan

March 3, 1940 - May 16, 2026

Alan R. Cowan, 86, passed away on Saturday May 16, 2026, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Alan's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Alan Raymond Cowan was born on March 3, 1940, in Springfield, Ohio, to Mary Agnes and Wiley A. Cowan. He grew up in the Springfield area and graduated from Graham High School before proudly enlisting in the United States Navy, beginning a lifetime of service, dedication, and hard work.

On December 13, 1985, Alan married the love of his life, Maria E. Cowan. Together they built a life grounded in faith, family, and generosity. He was a devoted member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, where he gave his time and support to the parish community.

Alan spent thirty years working as a shipyard supervisor at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard in California, followed by seventeen years as a supervisor at San Bernardino Valley College. Known for his strong work ethic and steady leadership, he earned the respect and admiration of colleagues everywhere he served.

Above all, Alan was a loving and caring man who touched the lives of everyone who knew him. He cherished time with his family, found joy in working on home projects and cars, and had a lifelong passion for boxing. His generosity extended beyond his home—he was a faithful supporter of his church and a dedicated donor to Boys Town.

Alan will be remembered for his kindness, his quiet strength, and the deep

love he shared with family and friends. His presence made the world gentler, and his memory will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know him. Those left to cherish and treasure memories of Alan are his wife, Maria Cowan; children: David Cowan, Stephanie Leal, Lori Eberhart, Susan Alderman, Ralph Leal, and Kim Leal; fourteen grandchildren that loved and adored him; twelve great-grandchildren who loved him very much; siblings: Art Cowan and wife Millie, Doug Cowan and wife Dee, and Gary Cowan and wife Janet, Myrna Everhart and husband Don, Sherri Fielder and husband Bob. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents: Mary Agnes Cowan and Wiley A. Cowan; siblings: David Cowan, Terry Cowan, and Keith Cowan.

Tribute Wall

KL

“ Papa will be missed very much. Papa was a truly great Father to all of us. I remember when Papa helped me graduate from High School. We both worked on my final paper on Queen Elizabeth for 2 hours. It worked I graduated. He was always there for us. Papa always worked hard to take care of his family. That's how papa taught us is to always work hard and always do the right thing in life. I love you for that Papa. You are in paradise now with your loved ones and you can rest in peace now. I love you always Papa Kimmy
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Kim Leal - June 20 at 05:31 PM

KS

“ My Papa you will be missed so very much. You have been a great Father to us. I very blessed when you came into our lives.



Kim Serna - June 16 at 01:43 AM

SF

“ Brother Alan was such a handsome, loving and caring person. He and brother Art were called the twins of Roswell. They not only looked alike but they did everything together for years. Alan walked in love with the Lord , he was a very blessed brother, we will truly miss him and we know he is with the Lord and his other three brothers David, Keith and Terry. May he rest in peace . Love sister Sherry and Bob

sherry Fielder - June 13 at 12:57 PM

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sherry Fielder - June 13 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ Alan was a wonderful brother he was my husband brother Terry who passed 2years ago he frequently called me to see how I was doing when Terry and I married at 16 and 18 our dear brother Alan took us under his care made sure we had a place to stay helped Terry get a job Alan so loving caring compassionate patient I just wrote a couple memories I would have to have a book to write all the beautiful memories I will always miss you bitter sweet memories miss you and love you Josie

josie cowan - June 09 at 07:13 PM

KI

My papa you will truly be missed. Thank you for your kindness and to be blessed to have you as my father that took care of us thru thick and thin. You never gave up on us. I am grateful and blessed to call you as my father. I remember you helped every step of the way to graduate from high school. You & I worked on my final paper for 2 to 3 hours. It worked I did graduate. I thank you so much. I will always cherish those moments. We always had great times together as a family never in my life having you as a father there was never any dull moments. We always had a lot of laughter as a family when we all would get together. I will truly miss that. It's not gonna be the same without you papa. I know your in paradise now and papa rest in peace. You know I love so very much and I thank you for being a great father. I couldn't ask for anyone better than you. Thank you for all the memories. I will miss you dearly I love you always Kimmy  

Kim - June 10 at 04:54 PM

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So many positive and wonderful memories. We too had our share of great interactions with Alan who always brought smiles to us when he came to any event we attended together. He always seemed happy and positive about everyone around him. After he and Maria moved to NM we didn't get to see them enough and he will truly be missed physically but will always be with us in spirit. Joanie & Jim

Beverly Thistle - June 10 at 08:53 PM