



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 Cowen; 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, Myrna Cowan, Doug Cowan, Sherri Cowan, and Gary Cowan. 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.