



## Alexander Edgar Payton Jr.

February 20, 1932 - January 24, 2025

Alexander Edgar (Al) Payton, Jr also known in earlier years as Alan Morrison Peyton, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025 with the support of his daughter and son-in-law as well as hospice at Rex Hospital's ICU following a short illness at the age of 92. Born on February 20, 1932 the only child to Alex Payton Sr and Karen (McGraw) Hansen in Duluth, Minnesota.

Al grew up in Arlington, VA with his Mom as well as extended family-the McGraws. He often spoke highly of Aunt Harriett and Uncle Carrington (Pop). He attended Washington Lee High School and worked at Manhattan Laundry and the Byrd Theatre.

In 1952 he married Joan Mae Mahoney and was Blessed to be a part of the Hutzler family enjoying family traditions, joyful holidays, weekends on the water at "Pappy's Place" in Aquia Creek and his favorite -Grandma's fried chicken.

A man of great character with a dry sense of humor, detailed oriented and a story teller, especially of his detective years. He was always willing to lend a hand especially with his neighborhood buddies. As a Dad, he was determined to teach his children to be respectful, honest and fair.

Although Alex did not attend college, he strongly supported higher education.

Alex served in the Navy aboard the USS Shadwell. He joined Arlington County Police Department in 1956 working 11 years on Motors later becoming a Detective in both robbery and homicide division. Following retirement in 1982, he worked part time for Fairfax County Sheriff's Department as a bailiff with some of ACPD's "Legends."

He was a member of the American Legion. Alex, with 30 years of sobriety, passionately and proudly worked the 12 Step Program as a member of AA and believed strongly in the Serenity Prayer.

He is preceded in death by his son, Mark Alan Payton and step brothers, George and Don Balmer.

Alex is survived by his wife, Joan Payton, daughter Lisa Bolyard (Gene), daughter-in-law Beverly Payton, grandchildren Mandy Phillips (Zach), Zachary Payton (Marie), Alayna Bolyard, Cole Bolyard and adored great-grandchildren, Bronwyn Grace and Payton Faith Phillips.

In addition; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends from "Creek Life", Loisdale and "Bay Life."

Service to be held Saturday May 3, 2025 at Arlington First Church of the Nazarene with the support of the ACPB and ACPD Motor Squad from 1:00p.m.-2:30p.m.. Following the church service please join us, Family and Friends at the Le Meridien on the Amuse Terrace 1121 19th St N Arlington, VA from 3-6 to Celebrate Alex's life together. Please let Lisa know if you will be attending.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Alex's honor to Families For Depression Awareness. Link here -

[familyaware.org/donate](https://www.familyaware.org/donate)

<https://www.familyaware.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate/>

“There will be a quiz.”

~Alex Payton

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAY 3. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Arlington First Church of the Nazarene  
2013 21st St. N.  
Arlington, VA 22209

*Time of service to be determined.*

## Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Le Meridien on the Amuse Terrace  
1121 19th St.  
N. Arlington, VA 22209

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Lisa Bolyard** - February 21, 2025 at 01:34 PM

MP

Awww

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**Mandy Phillips** - February 24, 2025 at 08:11 AM

LB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**lisa bolyard** - February 16, 2025 at 05:19 PM

EY

“ I had the privilege of growing up on Ruskin Street and having Al as my neighbor during my childhood years. The Payton family-and Al in particular-brought the residents of Loisdale Estates both a sense of security and a touch of adventure.

Al took it upon himself to keep our neighborhood safe. He was always on the lookout for cars exceeding the 20 mph speed limit and never hesitated to march down his driveway, raise his hand, and question drivers about whether they understood the speed limit. He became the unofficial Ruskin Street safety patrol, keeping a watchful eye on unfamiliar pedestrians, drivers, and any suspicious activity.

Beyond his vigilant nature, Al had a fun and fascinating side. He spent countless hours outside, fully engaged in his many hobbies-whether working on his beautifully equipped van with the latest gadgets, tinkering with his boat and motorcycles, or watching Lisa and me try to perfect our shots on his basketball court. His dry sense of humor always kept me on my toes, as I never quite knew when he was joking.

Al's home was a reflection of his meticulous nature-impeccably organized and well-manicured, with everything always in its place.

Thank you, Al, for the wonderful childhood memories. You will be deeply missed.

*Effie Ypsilantis*

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**Effie Ypsilantis** - February 10, 2025 at 06:52 PM

LB

*Those were the days my friend!! Well said, Effie. Thank you for this ❤️  
❤️*

**Lisa Bolyard** - February 10, 2025 at 08:39 PM

CM

*“ My husband, Keith McGraw, and I spent many fun- filled times over the years with Joan and Al. Al and Keith were cousins and grew up together in Arlington Va. Al had such a dry wit and was a great story teller. He was never off duty! I quickly learned that he didn't have a gun -- he had a "service weapon. He was the star of Barton Street when he arrived at his Aunt Harriet's house on a motor cycle and full dress uniform, and Harriet was the envy of all the ladies on the street. Such wonderful memories of time spent with two very special people. Love and prayers to Lisa and the rest of the family.*

**Carol McGraw** - February 08, 2025 at 06:55 PM

LB

*Carol, it was such a pleasure talking with you yesterday and reminiscing over stories with laughs and tears. My folks truly enjoyed their relationship and time with you and Keith. I especially appreciated learning more about Aunt Harriett and Dads earlier years. I hope you and Sue can make it to his service.*

**Lisa Bolyard** - February 09, 2025 at 07:00 AM

LB

“ Me and my Dad💙. At age 70 Dad wanted another motor. He had Mark test him out before his purchase. He and Mom were members of the Bay Thunder not only doing charitable rides, but also out west visiting the badlands, Devils Tower, Yellowstone and his cousins Dolly and Tommy in Red Lodge Montana.



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**Lisa Bolyard** - February 08, 2025 at 07:07 AM

LB

“ Boynton Beach-Dad, Aunt Bernie and Uncle George ❤️😄😄😄



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**Lisa Bolyard** - February 08, 2025 at 06:41 AM

A6

“ American Legion Post 67 and his comrades send our condolences and thanks for his service to our country. May he now enjoy the reunion with his shipmates and recall their times aboard the USS Shadwell.



American Legion Post 67 - February 07, 2025 at 03:37 PM

LB

Appreciate your kind words and sentiments as my Dad reflected often on his days aboard the Shadwell.

Lisa Bolyard - February 07, 2025 at 08:52 PM

AB

Wow beautiful. Thank you!

Alayna Bolyard - February 08, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LB

“ Uncle George, Uncle Don and Dad 😊



Lisa Bolyard - February 06, 2025 at 05:47 AM

LB

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Lisa Bolyard - February 06, 2025 at 05:35 AM

BP

“ I hope he gets to see some of his old friends now like Walter Shoup, Dan Hartle and Stewart Pell and many others on his old shift.

Bettie M Pell - February 03, 2025 at 11:59 AM

LB

He spoke highly and often of these fellas❤️

Lisa Bolyard - February 06, 2025 at 04:55 AM

LB

“ Dad kept this picture on his dresser at the Bay and here in NC of he and his Dad.❤️ Its in Minnesota; hoping the Balmer family can help me out with location.



Lisa Bolyard - February 02, 2025 at 07:21 AM

VA

“ May the departed soul have absolute rest, I wish the family he left behind peace and comfort in this time of grieve and am praying for the family..

VICTORIA M ADENIJI - February 01, 2025 at 07:00 PM

AB

Victoria - This is Joan's granddaughter, Alayna - thank you for your sweet words! It was great seeing you the other day ❤️

Alayna Bolyard - February 01, 2025 at 07:22 PM

LB

Victoria, you are indeed a Blessing. Bella Rose and the Spring's residents are fortunate to have you back my friend. Thank you "ever so much" for your kind condolences, committed care to my Mom and love for my Dad and Mom. He truly enjoyed you ❤️

Lisa Bolyard - February 02, 2025 at 06:58 AM

VM

“ Victoria M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alexander Edgar Payton Jr..

Victoria M. - February 01, 2025 at 06:52 PM

LB

“1950-Jan & Buddy Coulter-Bud Let Al  
Joan & Alex Payton-Drive”  
Great generation here ❤️❤️❤️

😊 Love this Dad has written on all his memories making it easy.



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Lisa Bolyard - February 01, 2025 at 12:05 PM

LB

“ Mom and Dad 73 years, to have and to hold, for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part.



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Lisa Bolyard - February 01, 2025 at 05:51 AM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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Lisa Bolyard - January 31, 2025 at 07:09 PM

LB

“ Dad’s Retirement Roast 1982 🇺🇸



Lisa Bolyard - January 31, 2025 at 03:49 PM

AB

“ Playing pool this past Thanksgiving! We beat dad and Cole ❤️ hehe



Alayna Bolyard - January 31, 2025 at 01:23 PM

AB

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Alayna Bolyard - January 31, 2025 at 01:22 PM

AB

“ My grandpa, “Maaka” and I on the boat. Grew up boating, tubing, and crabbing on the bay with the fam. 🦀



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**Alayna Bolyard** - January 31, 2025 at 01:21 PM