

## **New Hampshire Veterans Home**

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Allen Seney
Resident Spotlight - August 2020

Allen "Al" Seney was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he lived until he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1952. He served in this branch of the military for four years.

In 1956, Al married Sylvia Bildheiser in Washington, DC, where the two met. They moved to Fitchburg, MA at which point Al enrolled in Fitchburg State College. There, he earned his bachelor's degree, teaching history afterwards. Al's desire to learn and further his education didn't stop with this degree. He went on

to earn his master's degree at the same college and ultimately became a guidance counselor.

It was in Fitchburg where the couple had three children: Patricia, Mark, and Joseph. Their fourth child, Janet, was born when they moved to Greenfield, MA. Later, they lived in Wilmington, Vermont. More of life's journeys brought them to Connecticut where they made homes in Bristol and then Woodbury. While in Connecticut, Al worked as a guidance counselor. He enjoyed sports and also worked as a high school basketball and soccer referee for more than two decades.

In the early 1970s, Al and his family moved to Merrimack, NH. He became the Director of Guidance for the City of Nashua. He also continued working as a basketball and soccer referee —including positions at the college level— for another 10 years.

Al's enjoyment of sports wasn't only evident during his time as a referee. He knew his way around teeing grounds and fairways; he played golf frequently, even into his 70s when he eventually stopped.

When Al and Sylvia retired, the two were passionate about travelling the country and spending time together in their RV.

Al became a resident at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in 2016. Catholic services, music entertainment and games top his list of favorite activies here. Al's social nature has always been a bright spot.



