



## Malcolm A. Noyes

November 24, 1929 - September 1, 2020

Malcolm A. Noyes died peacefully on Tuesday, September 1st, surrounded by his seven children. Malcolm was born in Portland Maine on November 24, 1929 to Charlotte and George Parker Noyes.

In 1946 Malcolm enlisted in the Marines at the age of 16 and was sent to boot camp on Parris Island. After boot camp, he guarded WWII prisoners of war on the Island of Guam. He then spent the next few years in the Philippines and was then trained at Camp Pendleton in preparation for the Korean war. In 1952 he shipped to Korea with the 1st Marine Division where his unit was involved in three major battles. After returning from Korea, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1957. There he was stationed in the South Atlantic where they performed search and rescue including many rescues of Cuban refugees. He was a member of the boarding team on many drug boat seizures. While in the USCG, he was also part of many ice-breaking rescue missions including Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica.

Malcolm retired from military service in 1968 with 21 years of service to his country. He then went to work at S. D. Warren where he worked as a welder for 25 years. Not one to sit back in retirement, he then went to work as a courier for Community Health Services again, retiring again at the age of 80.

Malcolm met his beloved wife Mary Jane McDonough on a blind double date, each with different dates. They were married on September 24, 1952. They moved to Westbrook in 1961 and together raised their family of seven children. Mary Jane passed away last year on September 21st. They enjoyed 67 years of togetherness.

Malcolm's love of public service has been carried over to his children, and grandchildren. It is difficult to find anyone in the family who hasn't served the Westbrook community in some way. Malcolm served his community as a distinguished City Councilor from 1986-1989 and as a Westbrook Housing Commissioner and Board Chair for over 20 years. It was his idea to convert the old high school to the lovely Presumpscot Commons for senior housing. He also has the distinction of having a building named after him – the Malcolm A.

Noyes building. Malcolm was a well-known advocate for affordable housing in Westbrook. Many people in the community would start the search for a new apartment by reaching out to Malcolm for assistance. He always answered every call and demonstrated pride in the work of his beloved Westbrook Housing.

Malcolm also served his community on the Voter Registration Board, the Hamlet Coach Park Rent Justification Board of Directors, and the Public Safety Building Committee. While in his retirement years he took advantage of the GI Bill and returned to Westbrook College and earned an associate degree in Liberal Arts. At the age of 88 he was able to attend Honor Flight in Washington DC and he was particularly proud that he was accompanied by his oldest son Malcolm.

Malcolm is predeceased by his brother Arthur Buddy Noyes, sisters Margaret, Shirley, Charlotte, Christine and Ninette.

He leaves his children and spouses, Malcolm and Cindy Noyes, Patricia and Glenn Amico, Colleen and William Hilton, Margaret and Marc Poulin, Shirley and Bill Barker, Stephen and Gloria Noyes and Barbara Sawyer and his special niece Leslie and John Cahill. He also leaves his 19 grandchildren, Carrie, Amanda, Shannon, Anthony, Marissa, Billy, Emily, John, Cassandra, Colleen, Nick, Jesse, Erica, Isaac, Max, Lauren, Stephen, Andrea, Ashley and 22 great grandchildren.

Due to Covid, the funeral services are limited. The family will host a private family only service from 4-5 on Thursday September 10th, followed by visitation from the public from 5-7. Mask and social distancing are required. A private burial for both Malcolm and Mary Jane will be held on their anniversary September 24th. Donations may be made in his honor to Northern Light Home Care & Hospice, Mercy Hospital or Westbrook Housing Resident fund.

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Dolby, Blais & Segee -Westbrook Chapel  
35 Church Street, Westbrook, ME, US, 04092

# Comments

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“ We were so sad to hear about Malcolm's passing. He always brought love and laughter to everyone he met. I remember being a kid and riding with a van load of kids to the dock in Portland with Malcolm driving. We all thought he was going to drive right off the end of the dock, right into the ocean. There were lots of screams and laughter from all of us. He had a great big smile on his face when he turned to look at us. Malcolm will have a place in our hearts forever. He will be missed. Love from Steve and Theresa Vance

**Steve and Theresa Vance** - September 10 at 03:31 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Malcolm. I remember first meeting him as the courier for CHS. Always a great conversationalist as well as a man about town. There wasn't much he didn't know or experience.

**Theresa Dembowski** - September 10 at 02:53 PM

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“ It has sadden me to hear of the passing of Malcom. Both he and Mary Jane always made me laugh and gave me awesome advice. We spent many days in the Human Resources office at Westbrook Housing discussing "Could of, Would of and Should of.." in this life and world. He always was encouraging and insightful with his wisdom. Mal taught me so much about Family, Community and Service Advocacy. It was an honor to be called his friend. He encouraged me to seek and be appointed to the Board of Commissioners. I will follow his example for Affordable Family and Senior Housing in our Community. As a side note...Mal is now scheduling and give the Almighty golf pointers. Malcolm RIP my devoted Westbrook Advocate!

Rene

**Rene J. Daniel** - September 10 at 11:41 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to all the Noyes family on the passing of your patriarch. Malcolm was a gentle giant, a kind and caring individual. One of the reasons I decided to become a commissioner of Westbrook Housing was that I wanted to continue in Malcolm's legacy to help instill more of his beliefs for the good of the City of Westbrook. He truly will be missed.  
Colette Gagnon

**Colette Gagnon** - September 10 at 10:56 AM

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“ Your Friends at BHCC - Advising/LifeMap purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Malcolm A. Noyes.



Your Friends at BHCC - Advising/LifeMap - September 10 at 07:51 AM

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“ My condolences to the Noyes family - had the privilege of serving with "Gunner" onboard the CGC Acushnet in the mid sixties.

Pete Gallagher, USCG (Ret)  
Plymouth, MA

Pete Gallagher - September 08 at 09:50 PM

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“ It is with great sadness that we express our condolences and prayers to family of Malcom Noyes. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. I, on behalf of all the staff and Board of Commissioners of The Housing Authority of the City of Westbrook, am deeply indebted to Malcom for his twenty years of service on the Board of Commissioners and his leadership as its Chairman. His commitment to the wellbeing of the citizens of Westbrook and his foundational belief and willingness to actively participate in the civic good is his legacy. There are countless thousands of people who have a better life because of him and who will never know what he did to make their lives better. It is a joy in my life that I have been touched by such a gracious soul and been guided by his commitment and vision. May God's Blessings comfort the family of Malcom.

Chris LaRoche  
Executive Director  
Westbrook Housing

Christopher LaRoche - September 08 at 10:01 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall





**Christopher LaRoche** - September 08 at 09:59 AM

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“ Barb- My condolences to you and your entire family. Your father certainly seemed like a wonderful man. His service to our country and the Westbrook community is remarkable and something to be proud of. Hugs and prayers to you. - Patty Andrus

**Patty Andrus** - September 08 at 09:27 AM



“ thank you so much Patty. Thanks for ALL your support during this time.

**Barbara Sawyer** - September 08 at 11:52 AM

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“ Any amount of time spent with the Noyes family is memorable! There was always dancing....laughing...and more dancing. I can still see Malcolm and Mary Jane on the floor cutting a rug.Great people! when your heart feels empty, filling it with happy memories can help you find your smile.

Karen and Buzz Morton

**Karen Morton** - September 07 at 11:56 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Malcom A. Noyes.



September 07 at 11:34 AM

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“ Our condolences to your family. What an amazing life he led and family he and your mom raised. No question your parents are now together and you are left to carry on with the grace and dignity that they passed along to you. Love you all.

Helen and Spencer La Count

Helen L La Count - September 07 at 09:23 AM

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“ We lived a few houses down from Mal on Forest Street for 25 years. We met him early on walking our dogs when he was out walking Chief. He soon became a great friend. We always enjoyed our conversations when we would see him out and about. He will be missed. Our condolences to the entire Noyes family.

Jon & Deb Pert

Jon Pert - September 06 at 09:07 PM

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“ Deep sympathies and best wishes to the Noyes family. Your family has been a wonderful part of the Westbrook community. Larry Dyhrberg & Michelle Fournier

Larry Dyhrberg - September 06 at 05:39 PM

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“ We lived just down the driveway from your Mom and Dad. We lived in the condos owned by Herb and Alice.  
I swam at Westbrook Community pool with one of you SEVEN children and grew up in the same neighborhood as Leslie.  
Your parents were just lovely so welcoming to everyone and you all were so wonderful to them...  
They will be and are missed so much!  
May you always remember all the happy times  
Rick and Sue Rand

sue rand - September 06 at 10:36 AM

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“ We love you all and feel blessed to have you all in our lives. Uncle Malcolm and Aunt Mary Jane were exceptional people filled with love. Beautiful people, beautiful family, forever in our thoughts and prayers. Much love and respect! Love Skip, Paula, Chris, Georgia, Alex and Elizabeth

Chris King - September 06 at 09:06 AM

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“ Many people throughout history have noted the direct correlation between exceptional parenting and exceptional children. This truism stated, I can see why son Stephen Noyes is so spectacular a human being!

Big, heartfelt "COVID-free" hugs to the extended Noyes family on their collective loss. Blessings for peace, in JESUS's name.

**Loren Fields** - September 06 at 08:59 AM

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“ Drum Corps and Your whole family will always be remembered. But my most favorite memory was that I bought my first car from your Dad. It was a 57 VW for \$100. I loved that car and your Dad for selling it to me. He was a great guy and so was your Uncle Buddy. Love and prayers with you all. Cheryl Brown Tibbetts

**Cheryl Brown Tibbetts** - September 06 at 07:50 AM