\*\*\*\*\*Brother Clayton A. Alward

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An extraordinary Five Star General in the Lord’s Army On a cold December fourth, 1783 at noontime in lower Manhattan, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his staff and resigned his command of the Continental Army. One hundred ninety three years later, on America’s Bicentennial, Congress promoted Washington to five-star “General of the Armies of the United States.”

We all as Christians recognize Brother Alward as an extraordinary Five Star General in the Lord’s Army

The scripture says a **Vessel of Mercy** (Rom. 9:23)

Lu 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

Lu 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

II Thess. 1:11 The work of faith with power:

Rom. 6:13 (instrument) “of righteousness unto God”

Heb 12:1 we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses,

* He made it to the finish line and looks for you!

**Clayton A. Alward, 85**, went to rest in God's arms on March 29, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born in Hodgdon, on September 26, 1926, the son of Lloyd and Beatrice (Howard) Alward. Brother Alward met Betty Louise Porter at the Houlton Fair, and they loved to tell the story of how she purposely missed the train back to Patten so she could spend more time with him. They were married in Canada on Dec. 9, 1946.

In his youth, Brother Alward worked in the potato fields and woods of Aroostook County, and was briefly a boxer in Portland. He was employed by the Maine DOT prior to graduating from Faith School of Theology in old orchard beach in 1962.He excelled from Poor grades to President of his class.

Brother Alward and his family pastored at churches, 2 years in Boothbay Harbor and 6 months in a Baptist church in Stacyville, He got a vision from the Lord of a place and a unanimous vote to pastor the Full Gospel Church in North Monmouth in 1963, where they spent the rest of their years. (Banner)

Pastor and Evangelist at heart he would go from Monmouth to Portland to Lewiston with Bro Doug Taylor, to Houlton-Island falls-Presque Isle; to Medway with Bro Gray; Newburgh, B. Trueworthy Danforth Bro Gogan, Vasselboro Bro Peirce, Portsmouth NH. Brother Read, SF Mass. Bro James Williams, Tennessee, Brooks Maine; Biddeford with Bro MacLain, Arundel Bro Elliot, Heartland Bro Smith, He loved the Milliken Family, Everywhere preaching the Gospel to every creature.

* **He would** overcome in every impossible task.

Brother Alward was asked to offer prayer at the Maine Legislature on many occasions, and he showed that politics was a passion of his.

Brother Alward founded the North American Ministerial Association, worked hand and hand with the Christian Civic League of Maine and for a period of time operated a summer camp for youth in East Winthrop. He made everything happen, working tenaciously in keeping up the grounds, literally fighting off the riding lawn mower as it would tip over on top of him in the steep hills.

He volunteered much time working with the Good Shepard Food-Bank in Lewiston, transporting donations to the Faith School of Theology, the Deliverance Bible institute in Portland, Revival Time Deliverance Center in Springfield Mass. and others in need. His van was always full of food, and it was hard to leave a visit with him without a box of apples, bag of potatoes or box of canned goods; every Sunday, he enjoyed cooking lunch for everyone following church services.

His closest friends will forever remember the late night trips to Denny’s in Lewiston. He loved to be surrounded by people, and usually was. B. Alward’s deep faith, love of God, generosity and sense of humor are his legacy. He had a positive impact on many lives, and his family is especially proud of the way he lived by example and loved unconditionally.

Everywhere he went was a hotspot for him to talk about Jesus, B. Alward; loved speaking in tongues, interpreting tongues, praying in the Holy Ghost, Prophesying, teaching, exhorting, singing, praying Preaching the gospel, Radio, restaurant, River side.

He is survived by a son, Thomas Alward and his wife, Sherrie, of Readfield; three daughters, Kathryn Brown and Christina Pagliaroli, of Monmouth and Martha Alward and her significant other, Larry Albee, of Windsor; two sons-in law, Larry Brown of Lyman and Bruce Pagliaroli of Augusta; grandchildren, Jeremy Brown of Alabama, Jennifer Taylor of Monmouth, Merrianne Alward of Fairfield, Brian Stevens of Hartland, Jessica Pagliaroli of Waterville and Beth Morgan of Augusta; 11 great-grandchildren, Ben, Gabe, Jake, Courtney, Katie, Chelsea, Clara, Abbie and Eva, Isabella and Brianna; one great-great-granddaughter, Jadync; two sisters, Geraldine Gogan and husband, Bob, and Ruth Williams and husband, Cecil, all of Houlton; and many nieces, nephews and special friends.

Clayton was predeceased by his parents; two sons, Daniel Earl and Clayton Jr.; two brothers, Earl and Lewis Alward; and a sister, Elouise Cushman.

The family wishes to thank those at Russell Park Manor, St. Mary’s d’Youville Pavilion and CMMC who provided such loving care over the past few years and days. Special thanks to the Rev. Douglas Taylor of Lewiston for spending many overnights in the hospital with Dad, and for being with him in his last days; also special thanks to the Rev. Joel McLain for the comfort and caring to all of us. They have been a special blessing to us all.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at: [**www.finleyfuneralhome.com**](http://www.finleyfuneralhome.com)**.**

\*\*\*\*\* Bro. Alwards life was a sign of God’s love to all

The Lord has a plan for you like an Apostle Paul,

a Jeremiah, a John the beloved

Men that understand more than just average

Ex 3:3 And Moses said, **I will now turn aside**, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

**Move of God:**

* like Joshua: a generation of those who walk in faith, courage, and authentic relationship with God
* like Elijah: a generation of those who stand against others’ opinions to hold on to God for what is right
* like David: a generation of those who pursue the heart of God above all else
* like Solomon: a generation of those who have the wisdom to influence their world

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