



## Dr. Alan James Hinkley

November 30, 1941 - March 10, 2026

Lieutenant Colonel Alan James Hinkley, DDS, of Hallstead, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2026, after a prolonged illness. He was the son of the late Kirk S. Hinkley, Sr. and Marion (Keigwin) Hinkley. Guided throughout his life by faith, devotion to family, and a deep commitment to serving others, he leaves behind a legacy of compassion and service.

Dr. Hinkley was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, mentor, and friend.

He shared 61 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife Nancy.

Together they built a family that was the center of his life. He is survived by his wife Nancy; his sons, Alan James Jr. and his wife, Maria, of

Lenoir City, Tennessee, and Jonathan and his wife, Jessica, of Ridgefield, Connecticut; his brother Robert Hinkley of Vestal, New York and his cherished grandchildren Matthew, Joshua, Kathryn (Gracey), Kiera, Duncan, and Grayson, all of whom brought him great pride and joy. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael, and brother Kirk S. Hinkley, Jr.

Education and service shaped Dr. Hinkley's life. After graduating from the Blue Ridge School District, he attended Syracuse University and later earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Buffalo Dental School.

After completing an internship at Upstate Medical Center, he began a distinguished dental career that spanned 46 years in Pennsylvania and New York. Known for his steady hands, compassionate care, and genuine interest in his patients' lives, he built lasting

relationships with families across several generations. In addition to his

private practice, he served his community as a school dentist and as a member of the Blue Ridge School Board.

A man of strong faith and service, Dr. Hinkley was a lifetime member of the Masonic Blue Lodge No 338 and a dedicated member of the Hallstead Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and chaired the Property and Finance Committee. He believed in giving back to his community and took special joy in encouraging young people. Over the years he volunteered as a Webelos leader, coached Little League baseball, and served as President of the Blue Ridge Pee Wee Football program, always encouraging teamwork, character, and perseverance. In addition to his civilian career, Dr.

Hinkley proudly served his country with distinction as a Lieutenant Colonel and as Commander of the 317 th Medical Detachment 99 th Regional Support Command in Scranton, Pennsylvania. From 1974 to 2001 he provided dental care to service members and diplomatic personnel in the United States and around the world. His international assignments included service at U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya; Cairo, Egypt; Islamabad, Pakistan; and Panama City, Panama. His military service reflected the same sense of duty, professionalism, and compassion that defined every aspect of his life. Dr. Hinkley will be remembered for his kindness, deep faith, gentle spirit, and dedication to his family, community, and country.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 6, 2026 at the Community Methodist Church, 406 Main St, Great Bend, PA 18821. Friends may call from 1-3 p.m. at the church prior to the service. inurnment will be made in Rose Hill Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Dr. Alan J. Hinkley at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

PO Box 814  
Hallstead, PA 18822

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Community Methodist Church  
436 Main Street  
Great Bend, PA 18821

## Memorial Service

JUN 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Community Methodist Church  
436 Main Street  
Great Bend, PA 18821

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Nancy and I are very sorry for your loss and offer our condolences to the Hinkley family.

jim shaw - March 24 at 10:41 PM

BM

“ Carol and I would like to offer our condolences for your loss.  
Sincerely,

Bob McNamara - March 20 at 01:38 PM

LB

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Hinkley. I started going to him when I was in high school. I needed a lot of work done and he and Jackie made it fun and easy for me. I was undecided on what I would do when I graduated and he suggested becoming a Hygienist. So that is what I did. I then worked in Scranton for Dr. Rushmore, whom also was in the reserve unit at Dr. Hinkley. Years later it came full circle and I worked with him. Condolences to the family.  
I always think of him with fond memories.  
Linda Bedford

Linda Bedford - March 19 at 08:28 AM

PM

“ Patty Morris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Alan James Hinkley



patty Morris - March 17 at 05:48 PM

VK

“ I was fortunate to have worked for Jim for several years in Sidney. He was a very kind, considerate man to work for. We shared many laughs and some tears over the many years. Our office team was a family. To Nancy, Jim & Maria, Jon & Jessica, his grandchildren, and his brother Bob...I send my sincere condolences. I know it has been a rough few years. I know that the Lord has made Jim whole again. No more pain and suffering. My prayers are with you in the days and weeks ahead. May God comfort you all.

Vicki Kulze

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**Vicki Kulze** - March 17 at 11:48 AM

HS

“ My Condolence to family and friends. DR was My Dentist AND FRIEND.

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**Harry Marvin SR** - March 17 at 11:29 AM

DW

“ My condolences to the family. A wonderful man that I knew from babysitting, to the Presbyterian church, and serving in the Army. You and your family have always had a lasting impact on me.

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**Darleen “Scooby” Wilbur** - March 16 at 04:49 PM

JA

“ *Time just goes by, so fast.  
My trip to the dentist,, years ago,, wasn't always enjoyable. But I  
will say;  
We laughed and somehow it was fun.  
My aunt Bonnie Roosa was one of his many assistants.  
I sat next to him at old Hallstead church and was proud.  
I know where your headed,  
My friend.  
See you there, someday !!!*

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**Jeff Armstrong** - March 16 at 03:17 PM

MR

“ *Marty And Terrie Reed lit a candle in memory  
of Dr. Alan James Hinkley*



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**Marty and Terrie Reed** - March 16 at 11:13 AM