

In Memory of Captain Ryan Wojtanowski

1953 to 2016

All stories should end with accumulating snow.
Increasing depth racing the concluding plot
Erasing the physical details of the recent narrative
Leaving only softened shapes and relative positions
And at the end obliterating even that fundamental relationship
A memory blizzard
A respite
A clean white slate.

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Master Mariner, river boat captain, fisherman and musician;
Alexandria Poet Laureate and member of both the Environmental
Policy and the Waterfront Commissions; and advocate for an
Alexandria shoreline that protects the river's ecology and
maintains public access.

Captain Ry adored his wife and partner of 45 years,
loved dogs, and lived by his credo,
"Nuthin' beats fun."

City Seal

