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Edward Patrick Gaffny, Sr. died Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at his home in Hampton, NH surrounded by his family. Born Nov. 26, 1919 in Lawrence, Mass., he was the son of the late Helen Mulry and John J. Gaffny. He was a 1937 graduate of Lawrence High School and joined the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Altair (AD-11) from 1942-1944 as a Shipfitter First Class. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Area Ribbon, and the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Following the war, Mr. Gaffny returned to the family plumbing business in Lawrence. He later changed the family business name to State Line Supply Company, Inc., moving it to Seabrook, NH in 1977. Mr. Gaffny continued to work in the plumbing and heating business until shortly before his death. An avid tennis player and golfer, he was a longtime member of the Abenauqui Country Club in Rye, NH. A member of the Lawrence Elks Club, BPOE 65, he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. A man who dedicated his life to helping others, Mr. Gaffny contributed to innumerable charities as well as to needy individuals. When people would ask him for help from anything to a handicapped ramp for their house, to food, he always helped. He was a founding contributor to Seabrook Police DARE program as well as to other local organizations. He was an active member of New England Wholesalers Association and enjoyed golf and tennis trips with that group for more than two decades. A fan of horse-racing, Mr. Gaffny owned several thoroughbred race horses including Royal Promise, Blenheim Sun and Steve's Vow. And avid card player, he enjoyed the Irish Card games including 45's. His favorite sport teams are the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. He enjoyed many years of trips with his wife, Lorraine, traveling to historical locations in such countries as Paris and London. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lorraine T. Lowe Gaffny, formerly of Lowell, Mass. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children: Patricia Qualter and her



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husband, James of Salem, NH; Edward P. Gaffny, Jr. and his wife Rosemarie of Salem, NH; Judith Blinn and her husband Richard of Windham, NH; Bethann Doyle and her husband Thomas, of Danville, NH. He is survived by three sisters; Catherine Sheppard of Hingham, MA, Harriett Palmieri of Andover, MA, and Margaret O'Connell of Methuen, MA. a brother, John J. Gaffny and his wife Marion of North Andover, MA. He was predeceased by three sisters: Helen Driscoll, Ann Morrissey, and Theresa Murphy. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren 8 great-grandchildren. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 11:00AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in St. Augustine Chapel, 128 Ames Street, Lawrence, MA. 01841. A burial will follow in the High Street Cemetery in Hampton, NH. Family and friends may call on Friday, July 10, 2009 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. 01841. For more information or to send an online condolence please go to: www.breenfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions can be made to the: Salvation Army Corp. 34 Winnacunnet Rd Hampton, NH 03842



Tribute Wall

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GD

Gino & Judy Dinucci posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss! Remembering from the Abeniqui days of golf to the times of fixing shelves at the store, Ed always had a greeting and became such a good friend; a pleasure to have known such a gentleman. Regretfully we will not be able to attend the funeral. Sincerely, Gino and Judy

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LM

Linda Mulligan posted:

My Prayers are with you.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CJ

Chris An Bill Jewer posted:

Ed: Your dad is at peace now and I am sure in a happy place. I found it always helps to remember all the great times. That is one thing no one can take away as well as some of us are very lucky to be together with our loved ones for a good long time. Your own children are so lucky to look at their father and see their grampy so much in you. Our condolences to you and Rosemarie. Bill and Chris Jewer an Family

March 7 at 8:00 PM

NO

Noreen posted:

Mr. Gaffny..Big Ed.. I can't thank you enough for giving me such a special friend as Judy. While growing up all of our friend's parents were like our own. You and Mr. David, Mr. Collins, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Ratte etc.. were such an important part of our lives. Thank you for all your support and thank you especially for letting Judy drive me around in the T-bird !! We were cool.. May you rest in peace and I hope you are enjoying the company of all the Tower Hill families in Heaven.. You will be missed...

March 7 at 8:00 PM

JL

Jeri Lannan posted:

Ed, So sorry to learn of the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jeri (a friend from High School)

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NB

Noel Nightingale & Shirley Bedrosian posted:

Dear Jim, Pat & family Noel & I are very sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a very caring & loving man what I can remember from living across the street from you. His strength and courage was his main strengths. He loved life & his family. Our Love Noel Nightingale & Shirley Bedrosian

March 7 at 8:00 PM

KB

Kerry Bernier posted:

Hi Pat: I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I do hope you will remember all of the good times you and he had together in order to help you to grieve. Love, Kerry:)

March 7 at 8:00 PM

FJ

Fred And June Kix posted:

Judy and Dick, we are so sorry for your loss. We will not be able to physically attend the wake and services with you due to prior family commitments. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. With Deepest Sympathy, June and Fred Kix

March 7 at 8:00 PM

EG

Edward P Gaffny lii posted:

Rest in Peace Peep, I will always remember our conversations and your advice. Love, Ed

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward P. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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