



John Edward Gallant

December 5, 1919 - March 18, 2019

John Edward Gallant, 99, died peacefully on March 18, 2019, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter, music and faith, and a lifelong devotion to family.

Son of Aubin and Mary Ann (Daley) Gallant, he was born and raised in Bradford, Massachusetts. In August, 1941, he wed Ellen Murphy, beginning a loving marriage that lasted more than 74 years until her death in 2016. Their marriage was an inspiration to all. No matter what problems they faced, they faced them together. They loved each other steadfastly and shared that commitment with their children, grandchildren, great-grands and great-great-grands, a legacy of security for life, bolstered by the faith they shared together.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, John joined the Navy, following his strong sense of duty to serve where needed. His electrical and mechanical skills led to work at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. Later, he served as electrician on the USS Hammann, a ship he had helped build, sailing the Murmansk Run on the North Atlantic until V-E Day. The ship was reassigned to the Pacific theater where he served until Japan surrendered in August, 1945.

John's postwar work included the Portsmouth Navy Yard and CBS Hytron. During the Korean conflict, he was recalled to Navy service on the USS Mellette. Following that, he owned a company that sold heating oil in the winter and tonic in the summer. Then, John spent almost ten years working for companies that manufactured vacuum tubes and integrated circuitry, helping spread the early growth of computers throughout the Midwest and the East Coast.

In 1963, John began a new career as a Realtor, then owner of Hall-Gallant Realty, Gallant Real Estate Counseling and Gallant Associates. For more than 50 years, until he was 95 years old, he was active in the real estate profession, serving in leadership roles in several professional associations, honored as Massachusetts Realtor of the Year and recipient of the Lions Club Melvin Jones Award, recognizing his years of service to the profession and the community.

Music filled John's life. He enjoyed seeing his growing family sing or play instruments, especially the organ. Whatever his mood, his heart spoke through the keyboard, filling the house with music. Favorite evenings involved family and friends gathered around the

organ, singing old standbys.

A lifelong Catholic, he was active in the Men of Saint Joseph Group of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Methuen. During his recent stay at the Prescott Nursing Home, he continued his tradition of reaching out to people, serving on the Residents' Board, participating in service projects, welcoming visitors and praising the staff members who cared for him and the other patients.

John was preceded in death by his wife Ellen, his parents, his infant son John Joseph, his sister Madeline Cecelia Walker, his brothers Albin Gallant and Maurice Gallant. He is survived by seven children: John David Gallant (Brenda), Sheila Aitken, Nancy Gallant (George Gardner), Mary Ellen Obreiter (William), Kathleen Baril, Virginia Toland (Daniel) and Julie Veilleux (James); and also by 17 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and another on the way, by his sisters-in-law Grace Gallant and Norma Gallant, and by numerous friends and family members who will miss his laughter, warmth, open heart and zest for life.

Friends and family are invited to attend visiting hours at John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. 122 Amesbury St. Lawrence, MA on Friday, March 29, 2019 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM. For more information or to send an online condolence please visit our website at: <http://www.breenfuneralhome.com>.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (St. Theresa Church) in Methuen on Saturday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. with interment following at St. Patrick Cemetery in Haverhill.

Cemetery

Events

St. Patrick Cemetery Haverhill, MA,	MAR 29	Visitation	04:00PM - 08:00PM
		John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - Lawrence 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA, US, 01841	
	MAR 30	Funeral Mass	11:00AM
		Our Lady of Good Counsel 22 Plymouth St, Methuen, MA, US, 01844	

Comments



“ Sincere condolences to John's immediate and large extended family on his passing. My wife Babe and I enjoyed visits and correspondence from John and Ellen over the years and I am sure John's rich legacy will forever be part of your lives. My sympathy to all. Your P.E.I. cousin.
Lewie Creed

Lewie Creed - March 30, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ John was a wonderful man who set the example of a life well lived. Family was always a first. He and Ellen were always so kind to his Aunt Aldona. My deepest sympathy to his wonderful family.

With much appreciation for all that he did, Debra Forbes Morrow, grand daughter of Mary Aldona Gallant DeBlois Newhall

Debra Forbes Morrow - March 29, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ I first met John in the early 70's at the start of my real estate career. I admired him for his integrity, caring demeanor, and his willingness to share his knowledge and experience with others. He was a positive influence on many people and I am glad to have had a friendship with John.
Chris Doherty

Chris Doherty - March 29, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Edward Gallant.



March 29, 2019 at 07:07 AM



“ To the Family of John Gallant. I was the Executive Director of the Lawrence Board of Realtors and then the renamed Northeast Association of Realtors. John was an amazing, kind and pioneer in his field. I had the utmost respect for him and cared deeply for him. He brought the concept of buyer brokerage to the Merrimack Valley when many couldn't comprehend the concept. My memories are fond and I am so sad to learn of his passing. God bless this man for the wonderful life that he led. With sincerest condolences, Kathy Boshar Reynolds.

Kathleen Reynolds - March 28, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Pastors John & Sarah and your friends at Faith Center purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Edward Gallant.



Pastors John & Sarah and your friends at Faith Center - March 28, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ We bought our first house, 17 Doane St Bradford. a house he and Ellen owned in 1964, they were the "salt of the earth", they held a second mortgage for us so that we could raise a family in a safe neighborhood, a true gentleman.
Jack Kuchar Hilton Head S.C.

Jack Kuchar - March 26, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Edward Gallant.



March 26, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ From: The Gallant (Moe and Grace's clan) Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Edward Gallant.



From: The Gallant (Moe and Grace's clan) Family - March 25, 2019 at 11:10 PM



“ Ulla Nost purchased the Pretty Please for the family of John Edward Gallant.



Ulla Nost - March 25, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ I will never forget John's sense of humor and kindness to my students at Prescott House. I was privileged to get to know him and be his honorary "Niece". My condolences and prayers to his wonderful legacy of a family.

Mary Gallant - March 25, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Edward Gallant.



March 25, 2019 at 06:36 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of John Edward Gallant.



March 24, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ To the entire Gallant family, I was so sorry to hear about your Father. We lost my Mum, Doris Walsh, who was down the hall from John at Prescott. She loved playing 45s with him. And, when they found out that his Father and her Mother came from the same little town in PEI....and from the same street....they called each other 'cousin '. Cheryl Walsh

cheryl - March 24, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ Dufour Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Edward Gallant.



Dufour Family - March 22, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward Gallant.



March 22, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Edward Gallant.



March 21, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Edward Gallant.



March 21, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ Love, Stephanie, Guenter, Patricia & John purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Edward Gallant.



Love, Stephanie, Guenter, Patricia & John - March 21, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



christopher - March 21, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ Dear Kathy and family..I am sorry to hear about John's passing. I hope time will help heal the loss. He was a blessed man to loved by many. Jeffrey Hart

Jeffrey Hart - March 20, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ John was such a good friend for my dad, Ed, at the Prescott House. What a wonderful gentleman! My family and I want to send our heartfelt condolences to all of you. He loved his family so much. I was happy to get to know him and have a few good rounds of 45s!
Cathy

Cathy Day - March 20, 2019 at 08:32 PM



“ Thank you, Cathy. Dad loved Ed and so enjoyed playing 45's with him at Prescott. It was fun to watch their playful banter. Thank you to Ed for being such a loyal friend. We will miss him.

Ginny Toland - March 22, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Oh, Cathy, your Dad was so good to our Dad. We will, indeed, miss him. Those games of 45s were the highlight of many a morning.

Nancy Gallant - March 27, 2019 at 05:52 PM