



Salvatore Anthony Galante

September 7, 1928 - June 7, 2021

Salvatore Anthony “John” Galante of Mount Joy, Pennsylvania — who always said, “Have a great life!” — entered life eternal with Our Lord on Monday, June 7, 2021. He was 92.

Born on Sept. 7, 1928, in Easton, Pennsylvania, he was the oldest son of Liboria “Leo” and Adelina “Mary” (Di Raimondo) Galante. The family spent his early childhood years in Staten Island, Harlem and New York City.

Mr. Galante graduated in 1946 from Central Needle Trades High School in New York City. He then enlisted in the Coast Guard and was honorably discharged from his military duty in 1949.

After attending hairdressing school, he began his career in Patterson, N.J. Eventually, he opened and was sole owner of Sir John’s Beauty Salon in Teaneck, N.J., for more than 20 years. His clients included singer Pat Boone and his wife Shirley, along with their daughter and future singer Debbie Boone. During this time, Mr. Galante also served as president of the New Jersey Master Hairdressers Association.

In July 1970, Mr. Galante married the former Clara Lofgren. Mr. and Mrs. Galante celebrated their 50th anniversary in July 2020.

In 1973, a move to New Hampshire also resulted in a career change for Mr. Galante, when he and his wife bought and operated a quaint New England country store in Swanzey. There, the Galantes raised their family in a beautiful area and were active in all their school and church events. Faith and family celebrations were always Mr. Galante's No. 1 priority, and he cherished time spent with his family.

In 2010, Mr. and Mrs. Galante moved back to Pennsylvania, settling in Mount Joy.

Over the years, Mr. Galante was active in parish ministry as a eucharistic minister and in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He sang in church chorus and with the Four Seasons Singers in Rapho Township.

Son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend. His legacy of love enriched all our lives and he'll be forever in our hearts.

In addition to his wife Clara, Mr. Galante will be celebrated and missed by his son Steven Galante and his wife Robin Weiner Galante of Skokie, Illinois; daughter Shari Young and her husband Douglas Young of Glen Rock, Pennsylvania; daughter Julie Leno and her husband James Leno of Redington Shores, Florida; and son-in-law Martin Nolan of Fitzwilliam, N.H.

His world revolved around his six grandchildren: Melanie Moran (and her husband Kevin Moran) of Pittsfield, Massachusetts; Lorraine Nolan of Swanzey, New Hampshire; Arielle and Joseph Galante, both of Chicago, Illinois; Kira Connor (and her husband Kyle Connor) of Clarksville, Tennessee ; and Ashlin Surman (and her husband Matt Surman) of Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

His two great-granddaughters Reese and Hanna Moran were the light of his

life.

Mr. Galante was preceded in death by his daughter Denise Nolan, still-born son Andy Galante and brother Vincent Galante.

He is also survived by two nieces and a nephew, and June Galante, mother of Denise and Steven.

Mr. and Mrs. Galante spent many happy years travelling throughout the United States, along with trips to Canada, Italy, Japan and several European cruises in Hungary, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Italy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 629 Union School Road, Mount Joy on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before Mass from 10 AM to 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John Galante's name may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 173 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Previous Events

Family and Friends

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary Mother of the Church Parish
629 Union School Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Clara an family,
We are sorry to hear about John’s passing and we fondly remember him for his humor at our Sunday’s mornings coffees. He was always ready and willing to help other people.
Klaus and Christine Bayr

Klaus Bayr - June 13, 2021 at 08:55 AM

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“ I remember Mr. Galante’s face so clearly. It was always evident in Mrs. Galante’s classroom how important her husband and family are to her and them to him. He was always there to help when the class needed something, and I remember seeing him at Mass as a Eucharistic Minister. He will be missed.



Miranda Goodale - June 12, 2021 at 08:39 AM

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“ Dear Clara,

Among the many fond memories that I have of John, one is that he was always the positive beacon in the room and he could always light up a gathering. He was a jolly Senior King at the Elizabethtown Fair and merrily regaled his court.

One of John's hair styling clients, Pat Boone, had a Heavenly song: "Everybody's Gonna Have A Wonderful Time Up There". Now that John is up there, there will be nonstop fun.

Bless you and your family, Clara. You will always be in my prayers.

Thomas E. Safko

Thomas E. Safko - June 11, 2021 at 01:44 AM