



Donald L Gallagher

December 17, 1937 - October 4, 2014

Donald L. "Donny" Gallagher, 76, of Ridgely, MD passed away on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at his home. Son of the late Edward L. Sr. and Amelia Ludwig Gallagher, he was born at home in Ridgely on December 17, 1937. He graduated from Ridgely High School and attended the University of Miami, Florida, Un of Illinois, Chesapeake College, Westly College and Del Tech in Dover, DE where he acquired undergraduate degrees in History, Political Science and Computer Science. Donny was a Marine Corps Veteran and served from 1956 to 1964 on Okinawa, the Philippines, Thailand, Iwo Jima and SE Asia. In the cold war of 1957 he was among the first Marines to land in the Philippines after the death of their president Ramon Magsaysay to halt an attempt by the Hukbalahap guerillas to cause chaos in the government. He served with the 3rd Engineer Bn. on Okinawa, Marine Air Control Squadron 8 and 1st Marine Helicopter Squadron into Vietnam (HMM 362, Ugly Angles). In 1967 he began working for the department of Defense at Dover Air Force Base, DE where he retired in 1996. During his work at Dover he was an Aircraft Structural Mechanic on the flight line and in the hangers. After completing his Computer Degree in 1990 he became Manager of Small Computer Systems and the Hazard Materials section of Base Supply. At retirement he was System Manager of the Global CAPSI and CAPSII system that manages all cargo from Dover AFB going throughout the world. After retirement Donald was Network Manager for the Chesapeake Free Net (a local ISP) and Systems Administrator for The Delmarva Foundation in Easton,

MD where he retired in 2004. Donny was the Ridgely Boy Scout Leader from 1971 to 1978 and produced 12 Eagle Scouts. He took the troop on many camping and hiking excursions. Part of their summer program was hiking a section of the Appalachian Trail and the troop covered the trail from the Virginia, North Carolina border to the Delaware Water Gap in New Jersey, a distance of more than 760 miles. They also went to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and the winter jamborees. After a heart attack in 1983 Donny was diagnosed with an erratic heart rhythm and was given one of the 1st Implanted Cardiac Defibrillators in Maryland. He managed his handicap well and remained so active he was interviewed by the Baltimore Sun Paper for a Sunday Supplement and performed in a Television Commercial about Space Age Medicine and electronic miniaturization for the National Air and Space Administration. Donny was a member of the St. Benedicts/St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church and a charter member of Saint Joan of Arc council of the Knights of Columbus and Past Grand Knight, he was also a 4th degree Knight in the Father Joseph Mosley Assembly and Past Faithful Navigator. He was a life member of the Easton Shore Jousters, a member of the American Legion #29, the Saddle Friends Trail Club and the Bay Country Moose. A lifelong horseman and rider Donny and his horse Patches will be remembered for leading trail rides through Tuckahoe State Park and around the area. He is survived by his wife Linda Sherwood Gallagher whom he married in 1985, six children Shawn Gallagher, Kelly Gallagher, Casey Gallagher, Mike Gallagher, Josh Gallagher, and Angie Dennis, and many grandchildren. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by a brother Edward L. Gallagher, Jr, who died in 1997. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday October 8, 2014 at 10:00 AM in the St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Ridgely. Burial will follow the service in the Ridgely Cemetery. A visitation will be Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, Greensboro. Donations in Donny's memory are to St. Benedict's/St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, PO Box 459 , Ridgely, MD 21660.

Cemetery Details

Ridgely Cemetery

P.O. Box 746
Ridgely, MD 21660

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home
106 W Sunset Ave
Greensboro, MD 21639
(410) 482-8914

Mass

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Benedict's Catholic Church
408 Central Avenue
Ridgely, MD 21660

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald L Gallagher*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Donald L Gallagher*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Donny was a great mentor and I owe him a lot for his support when I was a young IT airman at Dover AFB in the mid to late 90's. Without it, I doubt that I would of made it. I'm happy that I was able to make his retirement send off a special one. Love and condolences to him and his family.*

Matthew Lesnewski - October 08, 2014 at 07:18 AM



“ *Wanda Shorts lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Wanda Shorts - October 07, 2014 at 09:45 PM

Amber
Fisher

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Josh and the family through this difficult time!!!*



Amber Fisher - October 07, 2014 at 08:55 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Lynch Morris lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Nancy Lynch Morris - October 07, 2014 at 05:30 PM

FP

“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Frank and Tish Palmatary - October 07, 2014 at 02:30 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 07, 2014 at 09:42 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald L Gallagher.*



October 06, 2014 at 11:12 PM



“ *u will b missed by all Donny.*



Mary Harris - October 06, 2014 at 07:29 PM



“ *You were a dear friend of Rich's... I know the 'grunt' was waiting for the 'jarhead'...there is a party in heaven tonight.*



Denise Williams - October 06, 2014 at 06:31 PM



“ *Marcia Rostien lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Marcia Rostien - October 06, 2014 at 04:24 PM



Our thoughts and prayers to all your his family from the Rostien family.

Marcia Rostien - October 06, 2014 at 04:26 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L Gallagher.*



October 06, 2014 at 02:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L Gallagher.*



October 06, 2014 at 02:19 PM



“ *Anita Coronado lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Anita Coronado - October 06, 2014 at 10:46 AM

PM

“ Patrick Linda Murphy sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald L Gallagher



Patrick Linda Murphy - October 06, 2014 at 07:47 AM

MP

“ Michelle Pepper lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher



Michelle Pepper - October 06, 2014 at 07:32 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L Gallagher.



October 06, 2014 at 07:16 AM

AM

“ April And Zachary Minion lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher



April and Zachary Minion - October 06, 2014 at 07:01 AM

RJ

“ *Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell - October 06, 2014 at 06:52 AM

MF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family through this difficult time. God bless you.*
-- *Mike & Karen Patrick and family*



Mike & Karen Patrick & Family - October 06, 2014 at 02:41 AM

SR

“ *Stacey Renshaw lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Stacey Renshaw - October 05, 2014 at 10:03 PM

DL

“ *Dottie & Richard LaPlaca lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Dottie & Richard LaPlaca - October 05, 2014 at 09:54 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Joyce Hollingsworth - October 05, 2014 at 08:23 PM

PS

“ *Peggy StatesEdwards lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Peggy StatesEdwards - October 05, 2014 at 06:58 PM

PS

Linda and family: My deepest sympathy to you and your family. It was a pleasure to have known Donnie in the past years. I certainly have some outstanding members from the jousting field. I read Donnie's obituary and what a busy man he has been. You have to be so proud of all the continued education Donnie seeked. He was a man of knowledge. He will truly be missed my many. May God be with you during this very diffcult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Peggy States Edwards and Carlton

Peggy StatesEdwards - October 05, 2014 at 07:02 PM

KW

“ *With Heartfelt Sympathy and Prayers, may God's grace console you and give you peace.*



Kathy Wood - October 05, 2014 at 06:52 PM

FV

“ Fred And Vickie lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher



Fred and Vickie - October 05, 2014 at 06:12 PM

PC

“ Patsy Christopher lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher



Patsy Christopher - October 05, 2014 at 03:08 PM

PC

you have so much to be proud of in this man....I thank you Donny for your service to our country RIP and may PEACE be with your family

Patsy Christopher - October 05, 2014 at 03:11 PM

AB

“ Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher



Agnes Blades - October 05, 2014 at 12:41 PM

AB

So sorry for your loss, I knew Donny from a long time ago, he was a great man.

Agnes Blades - October 05, 2014 at 12:44 PM

DP

“ *Doug And Peggy lit a candle in memory of Donald L Gallagher*



Doug and Peggy - October 05, 2014 at 11:14 AM