



David F. Gallant

April 29, 1939 - February 4, 2019

Beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away peacefully on February 4, 2019, at the age of 79. The son of the late Genevieve (Soltysiak) Gallant and Jerome Gallant was born April 29, 1939 in Saginaw, Michigan. He graduated from St. Andrew High School in 1957, and served in the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge. David married Jerilyn (Jeri) Mendel on December 2, 1961 and they were married for 57 years; she survives him. David was employed at General Motors for nearly 40 years until his retirement in 1998. Dave and Jeri lived in Saginaw for many years and in 1995 moved to their retirement home in Sanford, Michigan. Dave was a longtime member of St. Stephen Parish in Saginaw and a current member of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Sanford. While attending St. Stephen Church, he was a member and past President of both the St. Stephen Athletic Association as well as Nouvel Catholic Central High School. Dave was a lifetime member of Saginaw Field and Stream. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, bowling, coaching baseball and basketball for his boys and softball for his girls. Most of all, he loved time spent with his family.

Surviving besides his wife Jeri are three daughters, two sons and their spouses, Marie and Dale Western, Joyce and Dan Bobolts, Lynda and Gregg Blake, Ed Gallant, Frank and Annette Gallant; six grandchildren, Alexandria (Alex) Western, Kyle (Keri) Bobolts, Patrick Bobolts, Dani Blake, Tori Blake and Emily Gallant; two sisters and one brother, Elaine Robertson, Sue Cramer, Jack and Kay Gallant; sister-in-law Betty Gallant; and many nieces and nephews. Dave was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister-in-law, Tom Gallant, Wally and Barb Gallant; and brother-in-laws Larry Cramer and Jim Robertson.

David's family extends their gratitude and appreciation to Covenant Visiting Nurse Association hospice caretakers for the loving and compassionate care they provided.

Funeral Liturgy will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 8, 2019 at St. Dominic Parish-St. Stephen Catholic Church, 2711 Mackinaw in Saginaw. Rev. Fr. William R. Taylor will officiate with burial in St. Andrew Cemetery. Friends may visit at St. Stephen Catholic Church where the family will be present on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Our Lady of Grace Parish in Sanford or St. Dominic Parish in Saginaw.

Comments



“ My deepest sympathy to Jeri and family. Dave was a warm and loving guy and had the best caregiver. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Elaine Schnepf - February 06 at 09:33 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David F. Gallant.



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“ Uncle Dave was so tall that I remember he had to duck when he walked in and out of houses so he wouldn't hit the light fixture by the front door. We used to get together for Christmas parties, graduation parties, first communion celebrations, weddings and more. He usually had a smile on his face and was a good person. When I get asked why my boys are so tall I tell them about my uncle who was 6' 6". I will miss you, Uncle Dave -- Love, Peggy (Cramer) Casagrande

Peggy Casagrande - February 05 at 02:10 PM