



John P. Galligan Jr.

August 5, 1945 - February 6, 2018

John Patrick Galligan Jr. (72) died peacefully in the early hours of February 6, 2018 at Hospice House, Bloomington, IN.

He was born in wartime Washington, DC, son of Constance Marie (Brady) and John Patrick Galligan Sr.

John grew up in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. He graduated from Croton Harmon High School as senior class president and salutatorian.

He graduated from The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA and married the love of his life, Vivian Malone, two weeks later. They were married 50 years. After graduation a full scholarship, to a three-year accelerated Ph.D. program in experimental psychology, brought them to Emory University. After a year John declared he never wanted to see another white rat.

They returned to Brooklyn, NY and John began his career with Otis Elevator. He worked in Human Resources - moving from New York City to Mahwah, NJ, East Hartford and Farmington, CT and ultimately Bloomington, IN. He was universally respected as a fair and honest negotiator. His wide-ranging understanding and knowledge of complex contractual agreements benefited many employees. He retired in 2006.

He served on the Board of Directors of Bloomington, Hospital for nine years. John's Weimaraner/Chocolate Lab – Mabel - was his constant companion. She took him on many adventures – unimaginatively called walks by some. John was an enthusiastic golfer. His sense of humor was legendary.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian Malone Galligan, his two terrific children –

John Galligan III (Bethany Robinson) of Bloomington and Caitlin Galligan of Naples, FL , young granddaughter Magnolia Galligan and step-grandson Will Stevens. Maggie was a light of John's life, apple of his eye, heart of his heart, bubble blowing companion and chief barista. His sister Susan Galligan Walker (Hank Walker) of Willimantic, CT and nephew Timothy Walker of Cumberland, RI and family also survive. His parents, John P Galligan Sr and Constance Marie (Brady) Galligan, as well as his brother, Paul Martin Galligan, predeceased him.

John's last days were made comfortable by the caring and wonderful staff of Hospice House. We thank them. Arrangements are private
Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice House or The Gift of Life Transplant House, Rochester, MN. Online condolences made be left for the family at www.allenscares.com.

Tribute Wall

JU

“ *JudyDiTommaso lit a candle in memory of John P. Galligan Jr.*



JudyDiTommaso - February 14, 2018 at 09:02 AM

SW

Hi Judy, Thank you so much for your comforting gift of lighting a candle in memory of my brother John. He was the best. I hope all is well with you. Thank you so much. Love, Sue

Sue Walker - March 01, 2018 at 01:05 PM

SD

“ *I had the pleasure of serving with John on several committees at Bloomington Hospital. He was an absolute delight. His sense of humor is legendary. He will be greatly missed. May God give you rest and peace during this time of loss. Steve Deckard*

Steven Deckard - February 10, 2018 at 05:04 PM

MW

“ So sorry to read of John's passing on to a life with Christ. During the years I worked with John at Otis Bloomington, he was always a ray of sunshine in the HR dept. He was a special person who would help everyone who came to him with questions. He was such a kind smiling soul and knowledgeable administrator who made you feel special as he took the time to answer questions. My prayers to his family and thanks for sharing him with his Otis Bloomington family.

*Mark Wulf
Bloomington, IN*

Mark Wulf - February 09, 2018 at 01:59 PM

KT

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a wonderful guy with a great sense of humor, and such a pleasure to work with, and our go to guy in HR, with his vast knowledge. I had the pleasure of meeting his son John when he married Bethany. John was so proud of him, and his family, and Magnolia.. Keeping his family in our thoughts and prayers. Heaven truly got another angel! Fly high my friend!

Korki Tharp - February 09, 2018 at 01:04 PM

NR

“ I am sorry to hear John passed away so soon. I knew John at Otis in Farmington ct. and also saw him at Bloomington when i visited. I saw his first bay some where. I also called and talked with him after he retired.

Wish he is happy in heaven.

*K. Narasimha Reddy
34 Volpi Rd Bolton CT 06043*

Narasimha Reddy - February 09, 2018 at 10:30 AM

JD

“ Dear Vivian and Children,
So sorry to hear of John's passing. Our condolence and sincere sympathy. John was one of my all-time favorite people. Our paths crossed many times, especially after our move to Mahwah, NJ and Farmington, CT and later after John's transfer to Bloomington. No matter what the occasion John always brought smiles, laughter and humor to our get-together's.
We will miss him.
Sincerely,
Jeanne & Ralph Droste
Avon, CT

Jeanne and Ralph Droste - February 08, 2018 at 01:22 PM



Caitlin
Galligan

Thank you, his laugh was the BEST!

Caitlin Galligan - February 09, 2018 at 10:47 AM

VG

Thank you so much for the kind words. It's nice to remember the good times. Vivian

Vivian Galligan - February 10, 2018 at 08:54 AM

TH

I am sorry to learn of John's passing. His picture captures how I remember him from 50 years ago, with an Irish grin. May he rest in peace. Tom Hogan H.C. '67

Tom Hogan - February 15, 2018 at 10:55 AM

JP

Capitaaaaan John,

I am going to miss Capitaaaaan John. He was the Capitan of our indestructible Golf Team in Bloomington. He was one of the nicest guy I have ever met in my life...always helpful and always smiling. I have known John for over 17 years....practically for the last 17 years we have been playing golf. I worked with him at OTIS. My heartfelt condolences to Vivian, his daughter and son John Jr. I am sure John will make god smile when he arrives in Heaven...He will make heaven a better place.

Salute to you Capitaaaaan...Jay Pansare

Jay Pansare - February 21, 2018 at 03:29 PM

NW

“ *So very sorry to hear this sad news. I had the pleasure of working with John in HR at Otis for many years in NYC, Mahwah, and Yonkers. John was my mentor. By example he taught me how to deal with people and stressful situations with compassion and humor. He was loved and respected by everyone who came in contact with him. Prayers to Vivian and family.*
Nancy Wrede, Naperville, Illinois

Nancy Wrede - February 08, 2018 at 10:19 AM



Caitlin Galligan

Thank you for kind words Nancy.

Caitlin Galligan - February 09, 2018 at 08:30 AM

VG

Nancy - John thought the world of you ! I have so many good memories of our time with you in Mahwah. Thank you for thinking of us. Vivian

Vivian Galligan - February 10, 2018 at 08:51 AM

LF

“ Love Wayne Malone & Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of John P. Galligan Jr..



Love Wayne Malone & Family - February 08, 2018 at 10:08 AM

WM

“ Uncle John was always so nice to me...from my earliest memories when I was a little boy up to the last time I saw him a little over 1 year ago. I wish I came to know him better and was able to be around him more. One of my favorite memories was traveling to Orlando with him and Bib to visit Nana & Pa and going to Disney when it was still in planning stages. He leaves behind a great family and a great legacy. I miss him.

Wayne Malone - February 08, 2018 at 09:59 AM



Caitlin Galligan

Thanks Uncle Wayne, please keep in touch

Caitlin Galligan - February 09, 2018 at 08:32 AM

CP

“ I am so sad to hear of John's passing. He was always so helpful and friendly to me during the time I had the pleasure of working with him at Otis Elevator. His smile and pleasant personality were a tribute to the way he loved to assist all the employees there. RIP John and Fly with Christ!!! Carol Puckett

Carol Puckett - February 08, 2018 at 09:26 AM



Caitlin Galligan

Thank you for your kind words Carol

Caitlin Galligan - February 09, 2018 at 08:33 AM

VG

Carol, thank you . He was a good man and we will miss him so much.

Vivian Galligan - February 10, 2018 at 08:55 AM

JK

“ *Had the good fortune and privilege of working with John for more than 30 years. We all relied on his knowledge and advice while having the added pleasure of his great sense of humor, My deepest sympathy goes out to Vivian, Caitlin, John and the Galligan family.*

John Korzec

John Korzec - February 08, 2018 at 09:15 AM



Thanks Mr Korzec. We will all miss him.

Caitlin Galligan - February 09, 2018 at 08:33 AM

VG

John, you were a kind and good friend to John . I will never forget the help you gave us. Vivian

Vivian Galligan - February 10, 2018 at 08:57 AM

BB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of John’s passing. I worked with him for many years. He was a delight to work with, not only for his sense of humor, but his vast knowledge of the job. My condolences to his family, so very sorry.*

Bea Burns - February 08, 2018 at 08:52 AM



Thank you Bea

Caitlin Galligan - February 09, 2018 at 08:35 AM

VG

Bea, thank you . It is so comforting to know that John will be remembered. Vivian

Vivian Galligan - February 10, 2018 at 08:58 AM

CH

“ *You have my deep sympathies. I had the pleasure of working with John for many years at Otis. Always a smile and sense of humor. He was a wonderful supporter of people and really cared. He will be missed.*

Chiara Perry

Chiara - February 08, 2018 at 04:57 AM



Thank you Chiara, his smile was the best!

Caitlin Galligan - February 09, 2018 at 08:36 AM

VG

Chiara, thank you . John's sense of humor and kindness were so wonderful. Vivian

Vivian Galligan - February 10, 2018 at 09:01 AM

BS

Karen and I are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. John was a truly good friend and we enjoyed many laughs together, whether at work or on the golf course. I will miss him very much!

Bob & Karen Stryker - February 10, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John P. Galligan Jr..* ”



February 07, 2018 at 09:50 PM