



Chester Galinski

January 21, 1939 - September 23, 2023

Exeter - Chester “Chet” Stanley Galinski Jr - a family man with a bright, bubbly personality, infectious smile, gifted storyteller, and jokester joined his loving wife in heaven on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Chet was born to Chester and Lilian Galinski on January 21, 1939, where he worked on the family farm, Christmas Knob, in Clinton, NY throughout his childhood. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1958 and from Mohawk Valley Technical Institute in Mechanical Technology in 1960 and had a long, successful career at Business Services Company.

He met Barbara Franciose in 1957 and after a “long” engagement they married in Danvers, MA in 1962. They built a loving home at 19 Concord Blvd in New Hartford, NY where they raised their four children, hosting many gatherings with family and friends. To his grandchildren he was known as Booboo and Dziadziu.

Chet was a class officer in high school and an avid athlete, excelling in all sports, especially hockey, where he was offered a full scholarship to Dartmouth College in Hanover NH. He spent many mornings driving his son to practices and games. His love of the sport turned into him co-founding the New Hartford Youth Hockey Association, which is still around today, and he coached the first girls’ hockey team at New Hartford High School where his

daughter played. He was a hockey referee until he was 58 and worked the penalty box for New Hartford High School Hockey until he was 80 years old. He volunteered at St Thomas Parish, the Utica JC's and led the Kirkland Golf League for many years.

Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family; especially his grandchildren who have many memories of times shared with Dziadziu at 19 Concord – any day of the week one could count on a warm cup of coffee or cold beer and a hot breakfast - family and friends were welcomed and gathered there often. He enjoyed playing golf, visiting Cape Cod with Barbara, playing Pitch for quarters, Solitaire, horseracing, and telling stories.

He was predeceased by his wife Barbara and is survived by his children Chester S. Galinski III and Susie Niebuhr Galinski, Beth and Ray Farrell, Bonnie Galinski and Denis Sharp, Wendy and Derek DeLaMater, grandchildren Ashley Ryan, Chester Galinski IV, Kaitlyn Galinski, Emily Farrell, Raymond Farrell, Lily Farrell, Maddie Roth, Molly Roth, Owen Roth, Jacque DeLaMater, Ryan DeLaMater, and Eli DeLaMater and greatgrandchildren Ylva Galinski and Cameron Ryan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 2 at Holy Trinity Church, Utica, NY at 10 am, followed by a burial at St Mary's Cemetery and luncheon at Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro, NY.

Donations in Chester's name can be made to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Exeter, NH at <http://www.svdpexeter.com/make-a-donation/>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church
1206 Lincoln Avenue
Utica, NY 13502

Cemetery

DEC 2 (ET)

St. Mary Cemetery
13 Marvin Street
Clinton, NY 13323

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Chet for 30 years at civil service. He was one of the good guys. Always personable and lots of fun to be around. We became personal friends as well, spending many fun-filled times together. I know that being with Barbara again, they are having one helluva good time together. I have only the fondest memories of both of them. My sincerest condolences to the whole Galinski family. We have lost someone special.

FRANK CALAPRICE - November 18, 2023 at 04:29 PM

JK

“ Chet and I went to high school together we haven't seen each other in many years I guess. Very sorry to hear that he passed away. He was a great guy.

Jim Kirk - October 05, 2023 at 04:19 PM

MJ

“ I will always fondly remember you as a great coach, mentor, friend and gracious host to me and my family. My sincere condolences go out to the Galinski family and all those saddened by the passing of Mr. Galinski.

Mike Jerominek - September 28, 2023 at 07:09 PM