



## John "Jean" L. Gagnon

April 27, 1935 - August 5, 2025

West Newbury, MA – John “Jean” L. Gagnon, of West Newbury, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in St. Adolphe, Manitoba, Canada, on April 27, 1935, a son of the late Joseph and Josephine (Leclerc) Gagnon.

John shared 66 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Cecile (LeFrancois) Gagnon. At the age of 8, John and his family immigrated to the United States and settled in Salem, MA. He graduated from St. Joseph’s Academy with the Class of 1954. As a young boy, he enjoyed delivering newspapers—an early sign of his dependable and hardworking nature. Following graduation, John proudly served in the Naval Reserves until 1961.

He began his working years as a candy maker at the Salem Old Fashioned Candy Company and left in 1970. He later built a career as a furniture salesman and retired in 1997 at 62 years old.

John had a deep love for his family and found joy in simple pleasures, especially growing vegetables in his garden to share with those he loved. He will be remembered for his calm, cool, and collected demeanor, as well as his encouraging and charismatic spirit.

In addition to his wife Cecile, John leaves behind his children: Denis Gagnon,

George Gagnon, Donna Robinson and her husband Keith, Marie Mundy and her husband James, and John Gagnon and his wife Melissa. He also leaves his brother Leon Gagnon and his wife Georgette, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

John was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Josephine, as well as his siblings Ernest Gagnon, Theresa Cloutier, Denis Gagnon, and Peter Gagnon.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 on August 16, 2025 in the St. Ann's Church, 300 Main Street, West Newbury, MA. Family and friends are respectfully invited.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann Church  
300 Main Street  
West Newbury, MA 01985

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Deepest condolences to the Gagnon Family. I had the honor of working with John for 26 years at Levitz Furniture. John was kind, humble, such a gentleman and liked by everyone.*

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**Debbie Grasso** - September 17, 2025 at 08:17 PM

EH

“ *George  
Sorry to hear about the loss of your father.  
Our condolences to you and your family.  
Ed & Deb Horton*

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**Ed Horton** - August 14, 2025 at 03:45 PM

PC

“ *George,  
Sorry to hear of your fathers passing, sending my condolences to you and your family.*

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**Peter Carbone** - August 13, 2025 at 09:26 AM

TJ

“ *I met John many years ago at St. Ann's Catholic Church. John was always willing to help out with projects at the church and served as a usher for many years. It was certainly a pleasure to know John, he was a real gentleman and always had a smile on his face. Very proud of being of french heritage. John was a great guy that I was lucky enough to know.*

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**Ted Jones** - August 11, 2025 at 01:09 PM

HE

“ Our condolences to the Gagnon family! 🙏 We will say a special prayer for Jean on August 16th. Cousin, Henriette (Leclerc) & David Milette, daughter of Adrien & Eva Leclerc from St. Adolphe, Manitoba, Canada

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**Henriette** - August 09, 2025 at 10:43 AM

RD

*My deepest condolences to the Gagnon family! I worked with John at Levitz Furniture. I really enjoyed working with him! He was so nice and liked by everyone! So sorry to hear of his passing!*

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**Rosemary Diskin** - October 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM