



Joseph A. Gagnon

June 16, 1934 - January 13, 2023

Hampton - Joseph A. Gagnon, 88, was surrounded by his loving family, when he peacefully passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023.

Joe was born in Newport, RI and was the son of Alcide and Mary (Perrotta) Gagnon. He met the love of his life, Cynthia (Taylor) Gagnon and they were married in 1959. Their marriage spanned 63 years, filled with deep love, faith, and with a commitment to each other and to raising a family of five children.

Joe spent summers during his youth at Easton's Beach in Newport, RI with his parents and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He loved going down to the Newport Cliff Walk, "40 Steps" as well as Freebody Park across the street where he grew up. He graduated from De La Salle Academy in Newport, RI. He went on to Wentworth Institute in Boston, MA and furthered his education at Boston University. Joe worked for General Electric Company for 38 years in NY, PA, and MA in many managerial positions. He was a member of the 94th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army Reserves. He did a tour of duty in Korea in the 1950's.

A devout Roman Catholic, Joe was an active communicant of St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Danvers, MA for many years before moving to Portsmouth, NH where he was active at Corpus Christi Parish in Portsmouth and St. Theresa Church in Rye, NH. He was very active in activities with the

churches which included: tutoring inmates at the Middleton, MA prison; working in food pantries and soup kitchens. He was an actor in Newport, RI and Dover, NH. He loved to read to the students at St. Thomas School in Sanford, ME and did so for many years. He enjoyed sharing his faith with the students. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in Portsmouth, NH and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in South Berwick, ME. He was a pro-life member and would spend many hours praying near abortion clinics.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cynthia Gagnon, his son, Michael Gagnon and wife Laura of Londonderry, NH; daughter, Joanne Cusack and husband Thomas of Sanford, ME; daughter, Janet Hinton and her husband Carlos of West Warwick, RI; and son, John Gagnon of Naples, FL. He is also survived by his grandchildren Joseph and Jacob Gagnon; Hillary Swetz and husband Alex; Hannah Milani and husband Josh; Peter Cusack; Alejandro and Antonio Hinton. He was blessed to be the great-grandfather of five great-grandchildren: Gabriel, Marie-Therese, Hadara, John and Stella and a great-grandchild on the way.

His greatest joy was to be with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. When he was raising his own children, he loved swimming in the pool in the backyard and doing cannon balls or going on "mystery rides" which usually meant ice cream. He enjoyed his summers at Winnepesaukee Lake and camp. When he retired and became a grandfather he was lovingly called "Papa." He loved to cheer on his grandchildren at ballet recitals, soccer, field hockey, and basketball games. He would attend many Christmas concerts for his own children as well as his grandchildren, academic fair projects, and didn't miss a First Communion or Confirmation celebration or birthday parties. He is predeceased by his daughter, Marcia Gagnon, his parents, and his younger sister, who lived only a few days.

A special thank you to the staff at the Partridge House and Merrimack Valley Hospice Home Care Inc. for their compassion and commitment to Joe while he was under their care.

A time of visitation will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home/ Crematory at 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Theresa Parish, 820 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH. A reception immediately to follow at St. Theresa's parish hall. All are welcome. A graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider donating to St. Thomas School, 69 North Avenue, Sanford, ME 04073,

or, Sr. Nina Underwood, MMM, 179 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

or, The Carmelite Sisters' Holy Childhood Preschool, Att: Sr. Christine, 5 Wheatland St., Peabody, MA 01960.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall

CM

“ 3 files added to the album Newport



Christine Moitoza - January 24, 2023 at 09:59 AM

JC

*That looks like 40 steps in RI. A favorite place that my dad loved to visit! Thanks for sharing the pictures!
Joanne - one of Joe's daughters*

Joanne Cusack - January 24, 2023 at 01:45 PM

JC

Is this our cousin Tina?? 🤝💛💚💙💜

Joanne Cusack - January 24, 2023 at 01:52 PM

CM

Yes mam, 40 steps and first beach! xoxo Cousin Tina

Christine Moitoza - January 24, 2023 at 04:29 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the album Joe



Christine Moitoza - January 24, 2023 at 09:55 AM

JG

“ Cindy, so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband, Joe. Also sorry to have been out of touch for so long. Hope you have been well. May Joe rest in peace. Joan Ganotis

Joan Ganotis - January 24, 2023 at 06:35 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Gagnon.



January 23, 2023 at 09:58 PM

HB

“ Oh my sweet Joe, how you will be missed. I had the pleasure of being able to spend my days with you and Cindy and I couldn't be more grateful. You would light up the room with your sweet smile, always so positive no matter what life threw at you, you somehow handled it in a way I'll never forget. Because of you I've learned to love harder and look at life in a whole new perspective. Thank you for all the laughs and making my days so special. I will forever hold you in my heart, I know you're at peace now and looking down on all of us. Until we meet again, Rest In Peace. Sending my love to all family, thank you for sharing your Joe with me ❤️❤️❤️ He is truly loved by all who cross paths with him and his spirit will live forever.

Hannah Burke - January 20, 2023 at 10:19 PM

JC

Thank you Hannah for your heart-warming words! Our dad was the sweetest!! I'm so glad he made an impact on you. Thank you for sending your love to all of us! We appreciate it! 🧡💛💚💙

Joanne Cusack - January 24, 2023 at 01:50 PM

SV

“ Our sincere condolences to Cindy and family on the loss of Joe. Cindy and Joe became great friends of my mom, Peg Sawyer, when she moved to Dover. I remember all the stories of the good times and especially laughter you all had. Connections to Vermont friends and stays at her camp meant the world to her. Thank you for being her friends. Godspeed Joe to your place in Heaven.
Susan and John Vaillancourt

Susan Vaillancourt - January 20, 2023 at 01:15 PM

CG

Thank you Susan for your special remeberances of your Mom's time spent in Danvers. She was a very special lady and we loved her very much, and still do.

Cindy

cindy gagnon - January 22, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Gagnon.



January 20, 2023 at 10:02 AM

BR

“ Joe was one of the nicest men I had the pleasure to know and proud to call him a Brother Knight. He was devoted to our Blessed Mary and a strong advocate for saving the life's of the pre-born from the horror of abortion.
He loved his wife Cindy and was devoted to caring for her constantly even with his own health issues.
Joe, God Bless and rest in peace.
Bill R.

Bill Ruger - January 17, 2023 at 05:03 PM

JM

Joe was a great supporter of 40 Days for Life Greenland. He gave generously of his time to attend campaign meetings and Rally's- bringing the DD coffee and donuts, and helping set up and take down. I could always count on his timely presence. Even with deteriorating health, Joe continued to show up for prayer vigil hours outside the local abortion center, with his little stool which he used when he could no longer stand for lengths of time. He often got teary eyed as he prayed for the babies and mothers. He loved to hear about the births of my grandkids- and shared the joy of the births of his great grandkids. What a welcome he will receive from all those babies he prayed for, whose earthly lives were cut short! Rest In Peace Joe, you good and faithful servant. Jackie - former 40 Days for Life leader.

Jackie McCoy - January 17, 2023 at 05:47 PM

JC

Thank you Jackie for your kind words for our father. He was truly the best father we could ask for and a friend to all.

Joanne Cusack - January 18, 2023 at 01:16 PM

MC

We in Dover were privileged to have Cindy and Joe living with us for several years, being active in our couples Bible study and at St. Joseph's Church. The Gagnons also helped with Seacoast Birthright's Flower sale. Mary Ann Cooper

Mary Ann Cooper - January 19, 2023 at 01:21 PM

CG

Thank you Bill, I do appreciate your kind words.

Cindy

cindy gagnon - January 22, 2023 at 04:01 PM

CG

Somehow this was supposed to be a response to Bill Ruger. Sorry Mary Ann , I'm not to savey using this new computer.

Cindy

cindy gagnon - January 22, 2023 at 04:07 PM

FC

I have just come across this now. My condolences Cindy do you and your family. I remember fondly your house and playing with the kids, and your lovely pool. I recall seeing Joe come home from work, and I knew my dad wouldn't be far behind. Faith Caverly, I lived across the street.

Faith Caberly - April 18, 2023 at 05:25 PM

BR

“ 4 files added to the album Joe



Bill Ruger - January 17, 2023 at 04:52 PM

JC

Thank you Bill for sharing these pictures of our father. He was the kindness and sweetest person!

Joanne Cusack - January 18, 2023 at 01:18 PM

MR

“ *He was one of the best people I know and was blessed to share summers with him and Mrs Gagnon. He was always busy, fixing things, building doing anything with and for Mrs G. Yet never too busy to say hello, do the Wave to departing friends, lend a hand or make you smile and laugh. He really was "TADA". He was a power of example, a man who lived his faith. Shannon and I learned a lot about life and relationships just knowing him. Prayers and healing energy to you all. Once the pain of earthly loss lessens, how wonderful you will all have so many powerful, wonderful memories.*

mary radley - January 17, 2023 at 02:36 PM

JC

Thank you Mary for the memories! He will be missed but we have a part of him in all of us!

Joanne Cusack - January 18, 2023 at 01:17 PM

CG

*Thank you Mary for this wonderful remembrance that you have of my Joe. Oh, how he loved using "Ta-Da". I had forgotten how he would use it when we were at camp.
Thanks for this reminder, Mary.*

cindy gagnon - January 22, 2023 at 04:16 PM