



Mr. Richard Ballou Gallaher, Sr.

August 20, 1922 - May 25, 2016

Richard Ballou Gallaher, Sr., age 93, left this world in the early hours of Wednesday, May 25, 2016, to live eternally with his Lord Jesus Christ. He was born August 20, 1922, to the late Ben Van Leer Gallaher and Helen Ballou Gallaher of Harriman, Tennessee. Richard was a deeply committed Christian and spent his life serving the Lord. Richard's home life was centered on the church and its work in the mission field at home and abroad. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Richard spent three years with the United States Army of Engineers during World War II, serving two years in the United States and one year overseas in Europe, the Philippines, and Japan. Richard returned to the University of Tennessee and graduated in 1948 with a master's degree in chemical engineering; he was a member of Tau Beta Pi. He thoroughly enjoyed his work with advanced nuclear reactors at Oak Ridge National Lab as a Development Engineer in the Technology Division. Richard received his Professional Engineer's license in 1975. Richard realized God had truly blessed his life and thanked God daily for His love and his loving family. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Helen Gallaher; sister, Margaret Gallaher Rives; brother-in-law, Sydney Rives; and son-in-law Jim Burns. He is survived by his beloved wife of seventy-two years, Margaret (Margie) Gallaher; son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Linda Gallaher, Jr.; daughter, Jean Van Leer Gallaher Burns; grandchildren Benjamin Gallaher and wife Sarah, Samuel Gallaher and wife Laura, Michael Burns and wife Sayward Lee and former wife Wendy; great-grandchildren Caleb, Abigail, Brittany, and Eliahana; and great-great-grandchildren Brynlee and, coming soon, Kasen. Funeral service will be held 2:30 PM, Tuesday, at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel with Reverend Rick Dunn and Mr. Phil Sartell. Family and friends will meet at Oak Ridge Memorial Park following the funeral service for a graveside service will full military honors by East Tennessee Veterans' Honor Guard. The family request that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Missions program at Fellowship Church, 8000 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37909. The family will receive friends from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, Tuesday, at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to www.rosemortuary.com.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel
6200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

MAY **Funeral Service** 02:30PM

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MAY **Interment to follow**

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Oak Ridge Memorial Park
1501 Bethel valley Rd., Oak Ridge, TN, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Rose Mortuary - May 28, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ Richard was a wonderful colleague and friend. He had a great sense of humor and was always ready to listen to his friends. All of Richard's advice was given with a Scriptural reference. Richard loved his Lord, his friends and his family, especially his sweet Margie. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.

Debbie Queener - May 31, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ Although we were not close friends, we enjoyed knowing Richard and sharing a little of the past few years with him, his wife and Jean. He was in truth a "gentle man" whose commitment to his faith and family, was always apparent. Rest in peace dear friend, may the good Lord comfort your family during this time of loss.
Alexander and Michel Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton - May 31, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ Dear Margaret; ---Want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family----appreciated you and Richard all the years in the small group.
Love, Joan (Mrs. George Peterson).

Joan Peterson - May 30, 2016 at 07:07 PM



“ So very sad to learn of Mr. Gallaher's passing. He was a kind & very friendly neighbor of ours across from East Drive. Always cheerful with a good word & smile for everybody in the neighborhood. We loved his homemade honey which seemed to ease our aches & pains.
For him could be said, "every man's death diminishes me, because I'm involved with mankind". Mr. Gallaher will be truly missed by family & friends for many years to come. Rest in peace dear friend, may the good Lord comfort your family during this time of loss.

Jack Cowen - May 30, 2016 at 06:56 AM



“ The most special and sweetest neighbor anyone would want to have and know. We have truly missed Richard and Margaret living next to us. He will be lovingly missed by our whole family. Steve & Bobbie Martin... Gabe, Leah & Cory

Bobbie Martin - May 29, 2016 at 10:33 PM



“ 23 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - May 29, 2016 at 03:51 PM



“ The little time I had with Richard, he was a pleasure. He will be missed but know he is with his Heavenly Father. Love and prayers Audrey Myers

Audrey Myers - May 29, 2016 at 08:45 AM



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Rose Mortuary - May 28, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ Jean, I remember how nice your mom and dad always were when we (as kids) were around. Never told us to go on or to go away. Your dad worked in your yard a lot keeping everything neat and well pruned. Even after you moved away, I would be walking my dog and he would always speak and ask about how things were going etc. He was a wonderful man, and I know you will miss him terribly. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, your mom, your brother, and other relatives. My God comfort

all of you during this time of loss. Remember we will be reunited one day with our loved ones. Cathie Sutton

Cathie Sutton - May 28, 2016 at 03:55 PM