



John Lawrence Gallaher

April 16, 1947 - January 31, 2018

John Lawrence “Larry” Gallaher, 70, of Quinton passed away January 31, 2018. He was born and raised in Waynesboro, attended both RPI (now VCU) and J. Sargent Reynolds. Over a 26 year career, Larry wore many hats for New Kent County, a county he was deeply proud of, dedicated to, and honored to serve. In 2006, Larry retired as the fire chief of New Kent. He also served two terms as President of the Virginia Emergency Management Association.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Janet; son, Justin Gallaher (Michelle); daughter, Jessica Ayers (Jason); step-son, Josh Hazelwood; grandchildren, Ryan and Alissa; as well as a brother, Rich Gallaher (Janet); and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends 3 to 5 PM Sunday, February 4th at St. Peter’s Parish, 8400 St. Peter’s Lane, New Kent, VA 23124. A memorial service will be held 2 PM Monday, February 5th, also at St. Peter’s with inurnment following in the church cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to St. Peter’s Parish Book of Remembrance (address above); or to NK Fire & Rescue, PO Box 209, New Kent, VA, 23124; or Bon Secours Hospice.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Parish Church Cemetery

8400 St. Peter's Lane
New Kent, VA 23124

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Parish Church
8400 St. Peter's Lane
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Memorial Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Larry was the motivation for a paid fire and EMS system in New Kent. He recognized the steady growth of the county and strain it was putting on our volunteer departments. Thank you Larry for your service and for being a good friend. May you rest in peace. We will take it from here.

Todd Shumaker - February 04, 2018 at 01:01 PM

BW

“ Janet, I am so sorry to learn of Larry's passing. My deepest sympathies.

Becky West - February 03, 2018 at 05:23 PM

WL

“ RIP "Roy" - we certainly had some wonderful days at WHS. Janet, Pat and I were sad to hear of Larry's death. We send our condolences and prayers for you and your family.

Wendell Lucas - February 03, 2018 at 11:42 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss!



Thomas & Libby Widgeon - February 03, 2018 at 06:07 AM

TT

“ Aunt Janet, We are deeply saddened by his passing. We are truly sorry for this sudden and tragic event. We are however, so thankful for spending time with y'all and have those memories to keep. Love you and we are praying for y'all!

Tessa Timberlake - February 02, 2018 at 12:56 PM

FR

“ In the 1980s, I was just a young man working midnight shifts as a dispatcher for the New Kent Sheriff's Department. It was then that I met Larry, as he wore many New Kent hats, especially emergency response hats, during which he dedicated a significant portion of his life to helping others.

I was no exception to his generosity. I faintly remember one day moaning about how to improve my career options. Without hesitation, Larry suggested I apply to work with him in the building inspector's office. I interviewed with the Board of Supervisors, and was fortunate enough to make a significant change in my life.

Larry was a positive role model, and an educator who helped me transform from a child to a man. I am so very grateful for his patience and kindness. As I formed my own family, we headed in different directions. However, I have always been tethered to him in my thoughts, which remains unchanged, for I will continue to keep him close at heart throughout my life. I will miss his clever humor, accompanied by a raised eyebrow and a devilish trademark smile.

Lee Dail

Friend - February 02, 2018 at 10:38 AM

DS

“ Larry was one of a kind, a mentor to me, he always told me to go for it, reach for the stars and never under sell myself. Sorry for your loss, and also sorry for New Kent County loss.

Dean Simmons - February 02, 2018 at 09:41 AM

PN

“ Janet So sorry to hear about Larry. Prayers to you and the family.

Patricia Norman

Patricia Norman - February 02, 2018 at 08:58 AM

IC

“ So sorry for your loss. Larry was my neighbor for years and we had lots of laughter when he was around. I know you will miss him, but you have lots of good memories to have when a bad day comes around. Blessings for each of you. Love, Irene

Irene Crump - February 01, 2018 at 10:33 PM

HW

“ Janet and the family are in our prayer's during this time of loss. I considered Larry to be a friend for the years I knew him. May God give you comfort during this time.

Henry and Joyce Ward

Henry Ward - February 01, 2018 at 09:11 PM


Jessica
Laurin

“ I love you Dad!

Jessica Laurin - February 01, 2018 at 07:04 PM