



# Dale John Gallagher

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**D**ale John Gallagher, loving husband, father, brother, and friend passed away peacefully on January 4th, 2022, at the age of 84. Dale was born on November 4, 1937, and is the son of the late John and Mary (Monaghan) Gallagher of Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ.

Dale graduated from St. Rose High School in Belmar, NJ; earned a BA in philosophy and theology from Saint Charles Seminary in Baltimore, MD; and a master's degree in Social Work from Syracuse University. Dale served in the US Army for two years in Alaska, where he saw the Aurora Borealis and experienced the 9.4 magnitude Anchorage earthquake.

He was a licensed clinical social worker, a certified hypnotherapist and psychotherapist. He worked with the New York State Division for Youth for 25 years, always seeking alternatives to a punitive system that often left young men with few options. Dale saw the divinity in everyone, even when they could not recognize it in themselves, and he treated them with the respect that divinity deserved. He led by example, a humble facilitator, inspiring and empowering countless men and women to see themselves with the same compassion and empathy that he did. For many, Dale was the father they never had.

Dale believed in our potential to come together in community, to move beyond conflict, competition, and fear. He and his wife Nancy co-founded a chapter of the Association for Humanistic Psychology, in Syracuse, New York, convening a community that met monthly for over 40 years, exploring, and developing new models of trust and collaboration.

Those who had the opportunity to meet Dale speak of the peace he shared with them, the lovingness of his presence, the gentleness of his soul. He was an exceptional listener that gave his full caring attention with no strings attached. The profound impact of this was felt by all he touched. He wanted the best for all of us,



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and the suffering of others troubled him deeply. He marched for Peace and advocated for Justice throughout his life; in recent years the struggle to meet the crisis of Climate Change weighed heavily on him. He knew we could do better, he always had faith in the people...

Dale was a voracious reader, with a vocabulary to match, always generous with his knowledge, but never imposing it on others. He preferred dialogue to debate, and always had new learnings to share, if you were interested. His humble approach helped others to find their own way, to meet challenges in their own lives. His light moved through the world illuminating paths for those nearby, passing the flame effortlessly to them for the journey ahead.

Dale is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years Nancy, their son Thomas, and his sister Joyce Murphy. Dale is met in heaven by his twin brother Mark, who passed in 2020.



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**Joanne Verone** posted:

Dale: it has almost been a year that you became a Heavenly Angel. You are truly missed by all that knew you especially your beloved wife Nancy and son Thomas. When I look into the skies at night, I know that you and Mark are shining brightly in your new home. We felt fortunate to have known you. Your beautiful smile and caring ways are truly missed. You had a way of always making people feel special. You took the time to listen without criticism or judging. The way to keep you in our thoughts and hearts is to talk about you and all that you accomplished. You were a special man and you will always be remembered. Love, Joanne and John Verone

December 14 at 3:45 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Gallagher family.



February 2 at 7:40 AM



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**Marilyn Ryan** posted:

Nancy, you and Dale always brightened our day when you visited the pharmacy in Shoppingtown or a chance meeting at the Wescott fair. He was a kind soul and will be dearly missed . Sending hugs.Marilyn Ryan

January 9 at 5:44 AM

NG

**Nancy Gallagher** January 20 at 12:26 PM

My love, it's now January 20, 2022 and tomorrow I will pick up your ashes. With you in cremation went dolls, Jolly and Nunzi who have lived and traveled with us for almost 40 years. You were holding them in your arms. They were accompanying you in the heavens. Their ashes will also be here tomorrow. I have found a place in our home for the three of you, in your new form. I have been missing you and communicating with you as best I can and I hope to keep finding signals and signs bringing me closer to you everyday day. Thank you for the tape-recordings you left for me. Thank you for the love we gave and took and made. I will look for you in the stars and in the sunrise and I will find you forever in my heart. I love you, Dale, Jolly and Nunzi. I look forward to your return tomorrow to your earthly home until one day we can and will meet again in your new eternal home! I love you and I thank you for all the companionship and all the fun had and made along this journey called LIFE! I love you!

PK

**Pat Kingsbury** January 10 at 6:39 AM

I met Dale when I was 17 and not long after I came to live with them. From day one I was in awe of his wealth of knowledge on the human conditioning . We spent many a hour staying up late and talking. The first thing he taught me about was the "Johari Window! Dale was unselfish with his love. I cannot think of him without picturing his beautiful smile that illuminated every topic he spoke of. His voice was hypnotic and filled with excited .He was a great guide to self awareness. Dale was family . I loved him deeply. He will be with me now and again when we are join once again in our after life. Nancy and Thomas you were the loves of his life. He was always proud of you both. Thank you both for taking such good care of him. Love, Pat

DG

**Dan Gold** January 10 at 3:11 AM

Always enjoyed my meetings with Dale - could count on his willingness to listen and consider alternate view points. Will never forget him and his nonjudgemental and kind spirit. Dan Gold - former coworker

JT

**Jimbo Talbot** January 9 at 6:10 PM

In that Dale was already less verbal/mobil in the time since we first met, his presence, gentle spirit, warmth, smile and hugs are treasures I will hold onto. His intentions and beliefs are a legacy to live out, I have witnessed this in you Nancy and Thomas. One of the really GOOD ones has been released from suffering to shine brightly amongst the stars. Hugs and prayers for you.



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**Sindee Zavalas** January 9 at 4:01 PM

Dale was a kind, caring soul. My thought and prayers are with His family, especially Nancy.

BM

**Beth Miller** January 9 at 12:49 PM

Dale was a kind, wise and gentle person who made the world better just by being around. His warm hospitality and gracious smile created an atmosphere of peace for us who knew him. I am so lucky to have known Dale for the time I did. Nancy, please know that Loren and I send you loving thoughts at this difficult time... Beth Miller



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