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Richard James Gallagher, 68, of Leesburg, Virginia passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Born on June 22, 1956, in Auburn, New York, Richard was the beloved son of the late James M. Gallagher and the late Mary Cunningham Gallagher.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary Lu Belote, and his cherished children: Daniel Gallagher and his wife Lauren Gallagher of Tamaqua, PA; Dr. Christine Gallagher Schneider and her husband Dr. Jared Schneider of Danville, PA; and Laura Gallagher Goldman and her husband Justin Goldman of Bethlehem, PA.

He also leaves behind his dear sister Susan Gallagher Scott, wife of Keith Scott of Vancouver, WA, and his treasured grandchildren, Evelyn Marie Gallagher, Madelyn Elle Gallagher, and Graham Goldman. Additionally, he is survived by his stepchildren Aimee Belote Martin and Robert K. Belote and his wife Carrie; his step grandchildren Johnathan Belote and Benjamin Belote as well as his close friend Frank Bredimus.

Rich spent his high school years in Pleasantville, NY where he formed lifelong friendships. He deeply valued those connections and enjoyed rekindling them at his Pleasantville High School reunion in 2024.

Known to his friends as the “grill master”, Rich took great pride in cooking for family and friends, often braving snowstorms just to fire up his grill or smoker. He loved sharing his knowledge of grilling, ensuring others could enjoy the art as much as he did.

A dedicated volunteer, Rich devoted many years to Marine Parents, supporting families and service members, starting when his son, Dan, was deployed as a Marine and continuing after his return.

Rich’s warmth, humor, and generosity will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His family and friends will gather for a celebration of life, with details to be shared on Facebook at a later date.



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TS

Trudy Eddie Stuart posted:

I am so so sad today, reading this. Rich (or as I called him Mr Gallagher, and he always told me please call me Rich) did our taxes for the last gosh 15 years. I always looked forward to talking with him each year. He always put a smile on our faces. We were put in touch with him from another great man Bob Walters. 2 amazing men. Our hearts hurt for the loss of a great man! Prayers to the entire family. Please let us know when celebration of life happens so we can honor his legacy. Trudy and Eddie Stuart (aka Stuart Sealcoating)

March 3 at 6:12 AM

AM

Aimee B Martin posted:

Rich was truly like a second father to me, always watching over me with a protective spirit. He had an incredible willingness to lend a hand whenever I found myself in need, and his guidance was invaluable, especially when he taught me how to navigate driving safely in difficult weather conditions. I'll always cherish the time he spent with my son, patiently helping him overcome obstacles with gentle encouragement. Rich had a special talent for training and calming even the most strong-willed dogs, using his soothing voice to bring out their best. He had a remarkable ability to make me laugh, always sharing his funny sayings that brightened my days. His kindness and warmth will always be remembered.

February 26 at 11:12 AM

BB

Bob Barnes posted:

Rich was one unique guy. He was very generous and loved to share his love of bar-b-que, coffee, liquors, wines, with everyone. He was famous for his pictures of meat smoking efforts in the middle of snow storms. We were glad to have shared time with him in Leesburg, Williamsburg, Hilton Head, and maybe other places. His son Dan is a great legacy for him to have fathered.

February 26 at 10:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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