



Dr. George Tipton Galyon Jr.

March 4, 1939 - May 4, 2020

Dr. George Tipton Galyon Jr, of Wappingers Falls, New York took God's hand and entered into Heaven after suddenly passing away on Monday, May 4, 2020. George, who was referred to by all of his friends and family as "Tip", is survived by his loving wife of 56 blessed years, Roxanne Hamill Galyon. He is also survived by his brother, Timothy Galyon and sister-in-law, Nancy. Tip cherished his three daughters and sons-in-law: Heather and Richard Menster, Sharon and Chris Hansen, and Kristen and Kevin Doyle; and his 6 grandchildren, Shannon and Evan Rose, Colleen and Jack Doyle, Sophia Menster, and Annie Hansen.

Tip was born March 4, 1939, in New York. He is the son of the late George Tipton Galyon Sr. and the late Ruth Browne Galyon. He spent most of his childhood living in Harrison, N.Y. and in Bermuda. Tip was an amazing man right out of the gates. Growing up, he worked hard holding many jobs, was a talented musician, was an accomplished athlete, and was a stellar student. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Lehigh University, Master's Degree from University of Pennsylvania, and Ph.D. from M.I.T. He worked for IBM in East Fishkill and Poughkeepsie, NY as a Materials Engineer for over 40 years where he created many patents. He was very active in his community and volunteered for the Fishkill Jaycees and served on the Wappingers Central School Board of Education for many years. Next to his wife and family, his loves were tennis, model railroading, completing the New York Times crossword, reading, Volkswagen camping, going to the beach, traveling, and genealogy. He published articles and books on a variety of topics related to trains and metals. He played tennis right up until the last week of life and prided himself on playing several sets with opponents much younger than him. He was the Vice President of The Olde Newburgh Model Railroad Club and attended weekly in addition to piddling around his own personal train club in the man cave in his basement. He spent abundant hours tracing down his family history and wrote a biography on his mother's family tree. Tip was a walking encyclopedia, giving even Google a run for its money. If you needed a question answered he had the answer within seconds and in 20 minutes you found yourself still listening to his response. Tip was an active church member of Hopewell Reformed Church and took pride in keeping the church lawns manicured.

Tip was a devoted family man, and their rock, who touched everyone that crossed his path and his memory will live on forever in their hearts. The family would like to extend their gratitude for all the thoughts and prayers to all those who loved Tip. Due to the Covid Pandemic, a private ceremony is being held at Tip's daughter's home in Hamilton, Virginia.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to: Hopewell Reformed Church, 143 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

Cemetery

Cremation/ Interment to be held privately at a later date.

Comments



“ So sad to hear of Tip’s passing, and awed to read his obituary and realize what a full, wonderful life this humble man lived. Tip welcomed my son Eli and me into the old Newburgh model railroad club When Eli was just seven or eight years old, and impulsive. Tip was incredibly kind and patient with Eli, and Eli was so proud when Tip allowed him to use the foam cutter, and taught him how to switch tracks, replace trucks, and fix hitches on his trains. He could have been dismissive Of what many other adults saw as an annoyance, but instead he was welcoming, And encouraged my son’s passion. His passion is no longer model trains, as Tip sadly predicted would happen as he grew older, but my son and I both retain such warm memories of how Tip nurtured his interest and role-modeled being a mentor. Make Tip’s memory be for a blessing.

Kim Sumner-Mayer - May 12 at 07:46 AM



“ Tip was a shining light in our church & will be missed by friends as well as family! Roxanne, we love, hold you & your family in prayer & know when you get home, your many friends will support you! Love, Judy Phillips

Judy Phillips - May 12, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ Thank you Ms. Phillips. Our mother is so blessed to have many friends in NY who will be of great comfort to her upon her return. Our dad just loved being part of this great church. He is surely enjoying eternal life in God’s arms.

Much Love, Tip’s daughters

Kristen Doyle - June 05, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ The simple act of meeting Tip was already creating memories. There was a palpable warmth in his smiling face and demeanor. And being with him meant you would be touched by his joyful and accepting nature -- always helpful and supportive. He will be remembered with love and appreciation more for his person than his remarkable accomplishments. And he will be sorely missed, especially by his wonderful family, who will be in my prayers.
May God bless and comfort them,
Judy Haefele Jensen

J Jensen - May 11, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ I know Roxanne and Tip through our church, Hopewell Reformed. I was so sad to hear this news and am keeping Roxanne and the extended family in my heart right now. Love, hugs and prayers go out to you.

Nancy Herrmann - May 09, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Tip was a valued member of our Model Railroad Club in NY. His passion and humor infected everyone, and I especially will miss him and his "roving camera moments! So sorry to hear this, condolences to his family and may God bless and keep you during this difficult time.

James Baker - May 10, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Vineyard Memories



Henry Kramer - May 08, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ I worked with George for many years when he was in the IBM Materials Lab. I enjoyed working with him and learned so much from his expertise. He continued his interest in materials after retiring from IBM and we continued to stay in touch for a number of years. My deepest sympathy to all of George's family and friends.

Marie Cole - May 08, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about Tip. He was a great tennis player and I loved being his partner. He will be greatly missed by all the tennis players. My deeper sympathy. Lori Sherman

Lori Sherman - May 09, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for Roxanne, the girls, and family. Tip was a very special man with great gifts. His love for Roxanne and his family was deep. His faith and that of his family will be a blessing as they face these next days, weeks, and years. May he rest gently in the arms of the Lord.

Jan P Bushey - May 09, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ Hi everyone! I made this video that has some of our favorite family memories with my grandpa. Check it out if you would like. Thank you all for sharing your kind words and memories.



colleen doyle - May 08, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ Oh God... Beautiful video from the family. Tip and Roxanne were tennis family to me. My sympathies and very fond remembrances...

dale lois - May 17, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Rest in Peace my friend. It was a pleasure knowing you.

Scott Meyer



scott meyer - May 08, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Such a perfect tribute to Tip's legacy!

Linda Tarant - May 08, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ Our condolences to the family. We know Tip from the train club he will be missed .

Terry uhl - May 08, 2020 at 06:18 AM



“ Roxane is my cousin. Our mothers were sisters. We have many family memories to share. Rox and Tip were just here visiting in Savannah 7 weeks ago. We are so glad we recently saw them. All this is hard to believe. Our best to the family. Tonnie and Mort Glick

Tonnie Glick - May 07, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Tip's family. I knew Tip through the Olde Newburgh Model Railroad Club and very much enjoyed his friendship over the years.

Thoughts and prayers to all who had the pleasure of knowing Tip.



Tom Donegan - May 07, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ I only met Mr. Tip a few times, but him to be a very sweet man. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife and family. God Bless you.

Ruth Mitchell - May 07, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ I am very sorry to here about the passing of Tip, I've only known him for a few short years and I can tell you that he was truly a nice man, he always was welcoming to me whenever you would show up to him he club and always had a "tip" to make your trains run better, like, weighting the cars or," you need some bullfrog snot for those drivers so They won't slip, I have some me if you wanna try it." I'll never forget him.

Christopher Leak - May 07, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ I met George when I was in college working on an IBM Shared University Research project. When I graduated, he hired me. I worked for and with George for many years. He was an unforgettable character. He was passionate about his daughters. I will always be grateful to George for all he taught me. My deepest sympathy to his family. God Bless you all.

Lynda Anderson - May 07, 2020 at 09:47 AM



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Mary Lynn Lavaty - May 06, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Vineyard Memories



Sarah Goff - May 06, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ I am so grateful for the summers we shared on Martha's Vineyard. They will forever be special memories for all of us. His memory will live on forever in our hearts. We hold all of you in our prayers - Sarah

Sarah Goff - May 06, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ I will miss so much about Tip, but I will forever treasure the many many memories I have from all the visits we've had throughout my entire life. There are no words to express my deepest sympathies.-Sheilagh

Sheilagh - May 06, 2020 at 06:50 PM



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Sheilagh - May 06, 2020 at 06:40 PM