



## Dr. William J. Gauthier, Jr.

June 30, 2021

Dr. William Joseph Gauthier Jr., devoted husband of Faine B. Gauthier, passed away on June 30, 2021. He was born on July 9, 1931 in Boston, MA to William and Kathryn Gauthier. He is survived by his son CDR Christopher Gauthier USN (Ret), his wife Kathleen, his son LTC Timothy Joseph Gauthier USA (Ret), his daughter Ellen Yates and her husband Peter. "Bumpa" also leaves the keys to the Rock Cats Club House to his Grandchildren; Daniel Joseph, Madeleine, Matthew, Brigid, Coleen, and Therese. Bill was predeceased by his sisters; Eleanor Osborne, K. Louise Glynn, Elizabeth "Betty" Hough and his brother Edward "Ted" Gauthier. Many nieces, nephews, family and friends are also left to cherish his memory. A lifelong Boston sports fan and athlete, he was an active runner who proudly completed the Marine Corp Marathon in 1990 and regularly participated in the Manchester Road Race with friends and family into his 70s. After completing his bachelor's degree at Bridgewater State University, Bill, proudly served his country in the US Army. He then went on to complete advanced degrees in education at Central Connecticut State University and finally his PhD from the University of Connecticut in 1974. A lifelong teacher, Bill will be remembered by the countless lives he touched over his 50 years as a dedicated educator in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire. The family is grateful for the kind and compassionate care Bill received at Cherry Brook Health Care Center in Canton, CT over the last few years. His family will receive friends and family beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at the Church of

Saint Timothy 1116 N. Main St. in West Hartford CT. This will be followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am and interment in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield CT. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd.  
Bloomfield, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 6. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LR

“ Faine, Chris, Tim, and Ellen...Dad told me of Bill's passing. So very sorry. He was a great guy. So many fond memories of our families spending vacations together. So many silly stories that were always told between dad and Billy, I remember them all with a big smile on my face. Love, hugs and prayers to you all during this time. You will always remain a wonderful part of my childhood. Peace to you all  
Lynda (Knight) Russo

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**Lynda Knight Russo** - July 13, 2021 at 11:07 PM

PD

“ Having known Bill since I was a kid, grieve this loss and extend my sincere condolences to the family. I am sure you are very proud of his accomplishments. God bless you all.  
Pat Dwyer Dunn

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**Pat Dunn** - July 11, 2021 at 04:14 PM

PV

“ It was a wonderful experience to work with "Dr. G." on the Board of Trustees for St. Thomas More School. I respected him for his knowledge and enjoyed his wit. My condolences to Faine and the family on the loss of a great and generous man.  
Pam V.

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**Pam Vawter** - July 06, 2021 at 11:01 AM

VO

“ Dear Faine I was sorry to read of Bill's death. I am in RI and want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ! Sincerely, Ginny O'Brien

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**Virginia O'Brien** - July 06, 2021 at 08:58 AM

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“ *Mr. Gauthier had a profound impact on my life. As a teacher, he rekindled my interest in learning. An interest that had been diminished due to two years of uninspired teachers. As a coach, he taught me basketball skills, the importance of teamwork, and life lessons. As a role model, he was the reason I became a teacher and, I hope, had a positive affect on my students. I have had a very rewarding life, thanks to Mr. Gauthier, my seventh grade teacher and my hero.*

*Charles Renshaw, Class of 1960, Dr. Helen Baldwin School, Canterbury, Connecticut*

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**Charles Renshaw** - July 05, 2021 at 03:47 PM

BV

“ *Bob and Mimi Villanova purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. William J. Gauthier, Jr..*



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**Bob and Mimi Villanova** - July 05, 2021 at 09:53 AM

MS

“ *So sorry for your loss cousins.  
Mollie Maurer*

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**Mollie Sorenson** - July 04, 2021 at 11:25 AM

CH

“ *Faine, may the cherished memories you and Bill created help you during this time of sadness.*

*God bless you and your family with strength to endure this sorrow in your hearts.*

*Sincere sympathy!*

*Fondly,*

*Connie Hutter*

*Wethersfield paraeducator (retired)*

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**Connie Hutter** - July 03, 2021 at 08:22 AM

KS

*Dear Faine and family,*

*Barry and I have such fond memories of time spent with you and Bill. You certainly were “ the love of his life”! I can hear him saying,” my Faine”.*

*Please know we were away in Maine and did not see the obituary. We certainly would have been with you and your family on Tuesday, had we known. My Kate just saw the notice on Facebook , today.*

*Love and Prayers,*

*Kirsten and Barry*

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**Kirsten and Barry Sheehan** - July 09, 2021 at 10:55 AM

JP

*I was one of Bill's principals in Newport, NH. He had a great impact on my educational leadership style and I am still grateful for his mentoring.*

*RIP*

*Judy Pellettieri*

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**judith pellettieri** - July 27, 2021 at 08:57 AM