



## Thomas "Duck" Gauches

August 3, 2016

Thomas "Duck" Gauches, 71, of East Hartford passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at a local healthcare facility. Tom, a lifelong resident of East Hartford, was the son of Pearl (Descault) Gauches and Zigmund "Zig" Gauches who predeceased him. He was a graduate of EHHS Class of 1963, star athlete, 1st team all-state basketball and the baseball captain. While attending Central CT State University, he continued his love of sports playing baseball and basketball. An avid golfer Tom was a member of the EH Men's Golf Club for many years. He enjoyed following UCONN men and women's basketball and was a big Red Sox Fan. A loving husband, he is survived by his beloved wife Kathy Geci Gauches. He also leaves his brother Joseph Gauches and his wife Kathy of Glastonbury, his sister in law Patricia (Geci) and her husband Thomas Menger of Randolph, VT as well as a brother in law and wife, Jerry and Bette Geci of Litchfield. Known as "Uncle Duck" he leaves several nieces, nephews and a loving friend and cousin Fran "Bernie" Andrews. Tom was employed at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for 25 years where he developed many close friends. Upon retirement from P&W, he was co-owner with long-time friend Ernie Hutt at Augie and Rays and Ernie and Tom's Dairy Hut. A memorial mass in his honor will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 13, at St. Paul's Church, 2577 Main St. Glastonbury. As Tom gave so generously to others during his lifetime it was his wish that his body be donated for medical research. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Assoc. 135 Parkinson Ave.

Staten Island, NY 10305. Online condolences may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Church (Glastonbury)

2755 Main St.

Glastonbury, CT 06033

<http://stpaulglastonbury.org/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy, I am so sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I remember being a cheerleader at EHHS when he was an athlete. He was quite an athlete! Bill and I send our condolences to you and his family.*  
*Dianna Fournier Troy*

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**Dianna Troy** - August 11, 2016 at 01:53 PM

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“ *Kathy, I was deeply saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Our friendship began at P&W and continued with many great conversations at Augies. He will be missed. Sincerely,*  
*Rich Ramondetta*

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**Rich Ramondetta** - August 10, 2016 at 05:55 AM