



Michael J. Galarneau

August 6, 2025

Michael J. Galarneau, 87, of Cohoes, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of the late Lawrence and Gertrude Galarneau, and the brother of Lawrence “Jim” Galarneau (Mary) of Connecticut and the late Mary Wells of Cohoes.

A lifelong resident of Cohoes, Michael was a proud member of Holy Trinity Parish and a man deeply rooted in faith, family, and service.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Suzanne, with whom he shared many cherished years. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and a legacy of strong family bonds.

Michael is survived by his five children—Claudine Urban (Steven), Eric Galarneau (Mary Beth), Danielle Galarneau-Appell, Jennifer Lewis (Mark Ruchel), and Patrick Galarneau (Christina)—who were the pride of his life. He was the adored grandfather of William Johnson (Mackenzie), Stef Urban, Sabrina Appell, Alexander Urban, Kendric Lewis, Liam Galarneau, Ashlyn Galarneau, Logan Galarneau, Hadley Galarneau, Bailey Ruchel, and Graysen Galarneau, each of whom brought him immeasurable joy.

A graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and Hudson Valley Community College, Michael served honorably in the United States Army for two years,

achieving the rank of Sergeant. He carried the values of discipline, leadership, and commitment with him throughout his life and career.

Michael dedicated 42 years to the General Electric Company as an Instrumentation Specialist, earning the respect of colleagues and friends alike for his expertise, precision, and work ethic.

He will be remembered as a loving father, devoted grandfather, faithful parishioner, and proud veteran. His steady presence, sense of humor, warm heart, and unwavering support left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate funeral services at Holy Trinity Parish in Cohoes on August 13 at 12:30 p.m., with burial to follow at Saratoga National Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Michael's memory to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Kevin Costello for his care and support, and to Kate and Chris from Fresenius Kidney Care Westmere Dialysis Center for their compassion and dedication

Cemetery Details

Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY 12871
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/geraldbhso
lomonsaratoga.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/geraldbhso
lomonsaratoga.asp)

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity
122 Vliet Boulevard
Cohoes, NY 12047
<http://www.holytrinitycohoes.org/>

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Sorry for the loss of your Dad, Eric, Claudine, Danielle, Jennifer and Patrick.

Gary Hebert

Gary Hebert - August 22, 2025 at 08:32 PM

FF

“ From : Gertrude Mallette and family purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Michael J. Galarneau.



From : Gertrude Mallette and family - August 12, 2025 at 03:46 PM

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“ I was in your parents wedding party and came to understand their connection, I thought he had a quiet but strong dependable and reliable personality. I watched him and Susan with you children the joy of their lives.

Please accept my condolences to all of his family and friends 🙏

Diane Long (Valois) - August 12, 2025 at 08:47 AM

KD

“ My sincere condolences and prayers for you Claudine and your entire family

karen Donato - August 12, 2025 at 06:21 AM

MR

“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers to the family during this sad time. He will be missed by his Holy Trinity Church community. Praying for your comfort and peace.*

Mary Jane Roach - August 10, 2025 at 12:49 PM

MM

“ *Eric: My condolences to you and the rest of your family.*

Michael Philip Mansion - August 10, 2025 at 09:01 AM