



John Francis Galligan

January 25, 2024

John Francis Galligan, (Jack), 85, died January 25, 2024 at South County Hospital after a short illness in the arms of loving husband and best friend Andrew Wade Mack of 50 years. Born June 17, 1938, the only son of the late Henry Francis Galligan and Margaret Mary (Thurber) Galligan. He was predeceased by his sisters Frances Young, Peggy Galligan and Karen Galligan all of Cranston. Left to cherish his memory are his sisters Patricia Abbruzzese and Mary Forgue of Cranston, along with his special nephew Patrick Thibadeau and best friend Richard Place, along with nephews Richard Young, Robert Young, Steven Young, Joseph Forgue, Michael Forgue, Paul Forgue, Raymond Forgue and a niece Rosemarie Abbruzzese with many friends and associates of a life well lived. Jack was born in Providence, RI, grew up on the Amity Street of Providence where he attended the church as a young boy and was the ringer of the church bells. The family later moved to Blackamore Ave in Cranston, RI where Jack and his five sisters grew into their teenage years. Jack attended La Salle Academy, where shortly after graduation he was drafted and served in the US Army. He was stationed in New York City, honorably discharged, Jack returned home and started his long career as a Public Servant with State of RI. Jack was the co-founder and the first President of the Brotherhood of Correctional Officers Union (ACI), President of the local 528 ASFCME Union at the University of RI, Executive Board of Council 94, later Executive Board of ASFCME Chapter 94 RI retirees, he also served many years on the Rhode Island Retirement Board.

He was a past member of the Mt. View Association of North Kingstown, a member of the Quonset Davisville Navy Yacht Club at Allen Harbor in North Kingstown, Captain of his boat " The Lord Jim". After retirement, Jack enjoyed a long and happy life with good friends, neighbors, fishing and sailing on Narragansett Bay. A Memorial Service to honor his life to be planned at a later date.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *My condolences to you Andy, keeping you in my thoughts.*

Mina Rodriguez - February 05, 2024 at 03:46 PM

JD

“ *Was so honored to be invited to Andy and Jacks wedding, they did everything together.
The pictures show the fun they had.
Workers in Rhode lost a true friend in jack.
To this day workers have more rights and dignity because of Jack.
So I will play Joe Hill tonight , because I know I'll see Jack again.
Rest In Solidarity Jack , and thank for all you have done for workers rights!*

Joseph Michael Downey - February 02, 2024 at 01:17 PM

DM

“ *Jack was a wonderful guy. He contributed much to improve the lives of the workers through his union leadership. I have fond memories of past times spent with Jack and Andy.*

Deborah Miller - February 01, 2024 at 10:40 AM

CJ

“ *Connie M Jette lit a candle in memory of John Francis Galligan*



Connie M Jette - January 31, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JU

“ Thankful we got to visit with you both in August. Love you!



Julie - January 30, 2024 at 11:15 PM

AM

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Andrew Wade Mack - January 30, 2024 at 09:12 PM

AM

So many great times, Thank you for your Love ❤️

Andrew Wade Mack - January 30, 2024 at 09:14 PM

SF

In the years I worked for the state Jack was a fierce negotiator for the rights of the employees he represented and was never willing to compromise on what was right for the people he represented. I remember him getting time clocks removed from URI when he realized only the people he was representing had to punch in and no one else on campus had to. He called it "class distinction " and thru arbitration won the case. I haven't seen him in at least 30 years but he taught all of us who wanted to be active in representing people in unions how you could succeed! Rest easy Jack!

steve Fay - February 02, 2024 at 12:26 PM

PD

Andy: Please accept my condolences at the loss of your husband, Jack. I remember when I first came to the University in 1977 and was 'schooled' by Jack on labor issues. Many memories. I think that I might even had won one time. Best of luck negotiating with the Lord.

Paul DePace

Paul DePace - February 02, 2024 at 01:40 PM