



# Martin Joseph Callaghan

August 3, 1943 - February 3, 2025

Martin Joseph Callaghan passed away peacefully on February 3, 2025, at his home in Gainesville, VA, at the age of 81 after a courageous journey with Parkinson's Disease. Born on August 3, 1943, in New York City, he was the son of the late Martin and Delia Callaghan.

Martin is survived by his loving wife of more than 56 years, Brenda; his sons Michael (Laurie) and Brian (Molly); his grandsons, Gabriel Callaghan and Timothy Callaghan; his granddaughter, Laura Callaghan; one brother, John (Doris); two nieces, Kristin and Kate; and many extended family members and friends. Martin's role as a father and grandfather was one of his greatest sources of pride and joy.

Educated at Regis High School in NYC, Martin went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. He continued his academic pursuits at Georgetown Law School in Washington, DC, and practiced law for over 35 years before retiring due to Parkinson's Disease.

Martin served at Queen of Apostles Church in Alexandria as a Eucharistic Minister; a volunteer with the Sons of St Joseph; and President of the school's Parent-Teacher Organization. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as a soccer coach and Little League baseball coach.

An avid reader, his large collection of books ranged from philosophy, religion, and history to mysteries and westerns. He was a fan of Turner Classic Movies and enjoyed attending plays and listening to a wide range of music. As a fan of the Buffalo Bills from his college days, he was still waiting for their first Super Bowl win.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 13, from 4-6 pm at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 14, at 10:30 am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Rd, Gainesville, VA. Burial will follow at Bright View Cemetery, 8265 Lunsford Rd, Warrenton, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area at [www.parkinsonfoundation.org](http://www.parkinsonfoundation.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Bright View Cemetery

8265 Lunsford Road  
Warrenton, VA 20186

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 14. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
8213 Linton Hall Rd  
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997  
(703) 753-6700

## Burial

FEB 14 (ET)

Bright View Cemetery  
8265 Lunsford Road  
Warrenton, VA 20186

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Siferol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinsons disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit w w w.aknniherbscentre .com)

susan baker - May 28, 2025 at 05:54 AM

JK

“ Sally and I got married in Milwaukee 59 years ago today. Marty was in law school and flew out to Dayton where I was stationed the day before on a Friday. I picked him up at the Dayton airport and drove to Milwaukee to get to church in time for the wedding rehearsal. We hit a snow storm in Chicago and stopped at a rest area on the tollway. One of us had a bottle of rye and we hit that with the sodas from the rest area and missed the rehearsal . WE met up with parents and wedding party later that nite for a party at Sally’s home. It was almost like everyone expected us to be late and high loaded .

john kelly - February 19, 2025 at 08:02 PM

JK

“ Marty and I were high school classmates and the closest of friends. He was best man at my wedding 59 years ago. He was the perfect blend of intelligence, warmth, understanding and kindness. I have never heard him utter a bad word about anyone. He made all his associates better men and the world a better place. For sure he is with the Lord.  
John Kelly

john kelly - February 18, 2025 at 08:04 PM

BC

Thanks for your kind words, John. Marty spoke of you often and seemed to dream about you frequently. (Vivid dreams are common with Parkinson's Disease.) He was a great person and partner and I miss him so very much. He had a difficult time with PD, especially after spinal cord damage and partial paralysis, but he never gave up. May he Rest In Peace. All the best to you and Sally and your family.

Brenda Callaghan - July 18, 2025 at 06:29 PM

PD

“ *A wonderful and thoroughly admired high school mate and the most tenacious basketball player we had. RIP, Marty. The world is a lesser place.*

Paul Diczok - February 18, 2025 at 07:35 PM

BC

*Thanks for your kind words, Paul. I remember seeing the comment under Marty's photo in his HS Yearbook, "Basketball's Mack the Knife." May he Rest in Peace.*

Brenda Callaghan - July 18, 2025 at 06:48 PM

JD

“ *Happy memory of Martin who accompanied his late father Martin Sr. on a trip ti Ireland in the late eighties. I had the honor of taking them to visit a few locations in Dublin and Wicklow. May his dear gentle and generous soul find eternal rest with his parents in the Heavenly Home. John & Mary Duffy Dublin and Mayo Ireland.*

John Duffy - February 17, 2025 at 05:59 AM

DF

*Rest in peace Marty. I remember you as quiet, witty, ambitious. Your soul has found its reward. Dan Flanagan*

Dan Flanagan - February 18, 2025 at 06:58 PM

BC

*Thank you for your kind comments, Dan. I pray that Marty is Resting in Peace.*

Brenda Callaghan - July 18, 2025 at 06:52 PM

BC

*Thank you, John and Mary, for your generosity during the trip Marty and his father took to Ireland. They had fond memories of their visit. Thanks also for your kind words. I miss Marty every day since his passing and pray that he is resting in peace with his dear parents. God Bless you and your family.*

Brenda Callaghan - July 24, 2025 at 03:42 PM

AC

“ *Angelo C. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martin Joseph Callaghan.*



Angelo C. - February 13, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martin Joseph Callaghan.*



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February 10, 2025 at 08:39 AM