

George T. Callahan

July 29, 1921 - June 26, 2022

George T. Callahan, 100, of Shirley, MA, died Sunday, June 26, 2022, at the Elisabeth Norse Rodgers Veterans Hospital in Bedford, MA. He spent only a few days in hospice and was blessed to have remained at home with family and his beloved dogs until the near end.

Born in Somerville, MA, on July 29, 1921, he was the eleventh of thirteen children born to George and Mary Agnes (Croke) Callahan.

A devoted family man, and U.S. Army officer who proudly served his country for 30 years (and through three wars including WWII, Korea, and Vietnam). George retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1971. During his time in service, he and his family traveled extensively, taking postings at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Gainesville, FL; the Panama Canal Zone; the U.S. Army War College in Cumberland County, PA; Fort Benning, GA; Fort Richardson, AK; Fort McPherson, GA; Fort Monroe, VA; the U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran; and Fort Devens, MA – where he originally enlisted and eventually retired.

The word “retired” didn’t apply to George who never satisfied to rest on his laurels. In his post-military career, he dabbled in numerous enterprises including hospital administration; hotel and restaurant ownership; as the Director of the Model Cities program in Lowell, MA; real estate; auctioneering; and house “flipping”. He often said he couldn’t understand how anyone could

retire and then do nothing, as he believed that was the road to an early demise.

He is survived by three sons, George Callahan and his wife Mary of Carver, MA, Mark Callahan of Shirley and Peter Callahan of San Francisco, CA; his daughter-in-law Betts Callahan of Homer, AK and Linda Cahoon-Lambros of Yarmouth, MA; five grandchildren, Annya Pedreschi and her husband David, Patrick Callahan and his wife Heather, Carrie King and her husband Bobby, Aren Callahan and Lindsay Callahan; eleven great grandchildren, Anna Grace Pedreschi, Jack Pedreschi, Eoin Pedreschi, Morgan King, Jameson King, Madison King, Maisie Callahan, George Callahan, Alaina Callahan, Maritza Callahan and Evelyn Callahan. A twelfth great grandchild is expected any day.

He was the last remaining sibling of a large and boisterous family, including Helen "Lala" James, Thomas "Tommy" Callahan, Joseph "Joe" Callahan, Edward "Teddy" Callahan, Ruth "Chickie" Wing, James "Buddy" Callahan, William "Wewe" Callahan, Ada Callahan, Bernadine "Bernie" Shields, Phillip "Philly" Callahan, Lilian "Lil" Montalto and Francis "Franky" Callahan.

He was also predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Helen (O'Malley) Callahan as well as his sons John Callahan of Homer, AK, and Timothy Callahan and his wife Catherine of Wakefield, RI.

The family invites relatives and friends to calling hours from 4-7 PM, Friday, July 1, 2022, at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road (Rt. 2) in Ayer, MA. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, July 2, 2022, at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix St. Shirley. Burial will be at Center Cemetery in Shirley.

Immediately following burial, the family invites all to gather at the Bull Run restaurant, 215 Great Rd.

(Rt. 2) in Shirley

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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice Care Unit, VA Bedford Healthcare System, CDCE (135), 200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA 01730.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I will never forget the honor of meeting George when I did his portrait. It was a magical day.

RIP Sir. I'm sure your Wife is there waiting to greet you.

My condolences to the Family



Bret Bahe - July 02, 2022 at 10:10 AM

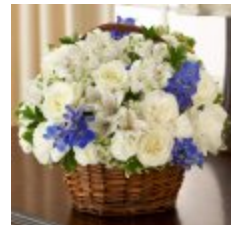
AG

“ Uncle George, you will be greatly missed. I have many fond memories of you and Aunt Helen's weekly visits to my Nana Nora in Southie. We would eat Veal Loaf Sandwiches with dill pickles. You always had many wise-cracking jokes. I treasure those memories. Rest in Peace.

Alana Greene - July 01, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of George T. Callahan.



July 01, 2022 at 08:26 AM

DP

“ Annya, David, Anna Grace, Jack and Eoin and all of Pop’s family and friends. With the passing of Pop we will miss a great man who has made a very positive impact on so many lives. While celebrating his life, we are also sad that he is no longer with us. We are thinking of you all. Lots of love from your New Zealand Whanau; Damian, Carmel, Zara and Harry.

Damian Pedreschi - June 30, 2022 at 02:15 AM

DL

George - Thanks for your many years of service to our country. Thanks also for hosting the summer gathering of extended family where we met you years ago. David & Sari Linnehan, Morristown NJ (grandson of Helena Callahan Power).

David Linnehan - June 30, 2022 at 10:49 AM

MD

“ As the local Veterans Officer, George always amazed me with his knowledge and dedication to our country. He was especially proud of his military rank display and I was proud that he shared it with me. God rest your soul LTC.

Mike Detillion - June 28, 2022 at 07:32 PM

AD

“ Dear Annya Dave and family. I remember meeting your Grandpa years ago when we visited. He was a true gentleman and kind soul and his beautiful wife your Grandma Helen she was a beautiful gentle lady. Rip George. Thinking of you all love Alva Ger and the boys xx

Alva Doyle - June 28, 2022 at 05:11 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear of his death, you are in our thoughts and prayers,

Mignon Moore, Dmetri and Linda - June 28, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of George T. Callahan.



June 28, 2022 at 01:35 PM

JE

“ I'm so very sorry to hear that George has passed. He was truly one of a kind and I will miss talking with him.

Jackie Esielionis - June 28, 2022 at 12:01 PM

BF

“ Betty & Vincent Pedreschi & Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of George T. Callahan.



Betty & Vincent Pedreschi & Family - June 28, 2022 at 10:02 AM