



Clement R. Gagné, O.D.

January 14, 1929 - August 17, 2018

MURRELLS INLET, S.C. — Clement R. Gagné, Jr., 89, passed away peacefully at his home on August 17, 2018, following a 30-year battle with cancer.

Dr. Gagné was born to Clement R. Gagné (Gardner), Sr. and Lillian Helen Depelteau in Adams, Ma. on January 14, 1929. He studied at Notre Dame Elementary and Adams High School, and achieved the Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts program. He received his professional doctorate at the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry and did post-graduate studies at Ohio State University and New York University.

He married Eileen Anne O'Rourke of Philadelphia, Pa. in 1951. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary just weeks before his passing.

Dr. Gagné practiced optometry in Middlebury, Vt. for more than 45 years, the last few in association with Drs. Dan and Dianne Dapolito.

He was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve for 14 years, and served a term as Justice of the Peace in Weybridge, Vt. He served as president of the Vermont Optometric Association and the New England Council of Optometrists.

As a member of the Middlebury community, Dr. Gagné's activities included leadership roles in the Boy Scouts and the Lions Club, service as a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, and enthusiastic participation in programs at Middlebury College's Ralph Myhre Golf Course.

Dr. Gagné retired to Surfside Beach, S.C. in 1995. He was active in the Horry

County Literacy Program and volunteered at the Surfside Public Library. He was an avid golfer, participating until his final illness in the weekly Grand Strand seniors' tournaments.

Dr. Gagné enjoyed music and was himself an accomplished pianist. He was also a voracious reader. Nothing gave him more pleasure, though, than spending time with his children and their families, especially when he could arrange opportunities for them all to be together.

Dr. Gagné is survived by Eileen and their children Lisa (Carl Jordan) of Houston, Tx.; Kim (Nussy) of London, UK; Craig (Phyllis) of Athens, Ga.; Christopher (Sue) of Longmeadow, Ma.; Colin (fiancée Susan Rufai) of McMinnville, Or.; and Mark (Nancy) of Williston, Vt.; as well as by their 14 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by his sister Barbara and her husband Bill Greilich of Adams, Ma, and his brother Robert and his wife Rocio of Sonora, Mexico, as well as their children.

He was predeceased by his parents, his daughter-in-law Suzy Unruh Gagné, and his grandson Garrett Mather Gagné.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the caregivers from Lower Cape Fear Hospice Mercy Care,

Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel Friday, August 24. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 25 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Garden City. A Knights of Columbus Honor Guard is being provided by Grand Strand Assembly 2107.

A reception will follow mass at the Goldfinch Celebration Center. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Middlebury at a later date.

Memorials in Dr. Gagné's name may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice Mercy Care, 8216 Devon Ct., Myrtle Beach, SC 29572, to any troop of the Boy Scouts of America, or to The Garrett Gagné Memorial Fund at St. Lawrence University, 23 Romoda Dr, Canton, NY 13617.

To sign an online guestbook, please visit www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM.

St. Michael Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Dear Eileen & family,

We're so sorry to learn of Clem's passing...he was a fine man & a real professional. Thanks to him, I can see the keyboard to write this note! We're grateful for his service to our family through the years.

All your Vermont friends are thinking of you...we hope to see some of you again soon...

*Take care,
Dorothy & Jim Douglas*

Jim Douglas - August 24, 2018 at 07:36 PM

LP

“ Lisa and family,

So sad to hear of the loss of Dr. Gagne; he fitted me for my first pair of glasses ("...this should make your world a little brighter!"), and my family were all patients of his for many years.

No matter how sick our loved ones are, we miss them when they go.

With sympathy,

*Lynne Paquette
Middlebury, VT*

Lynne Paquette - August 23, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 23, 2018 at 02:14 PM

SB

“ *Mark, Nancy & Family,*
Sending our deepest sympathies to you during this difficult time.
May your dear Father rest in peace and may his memories live on in
your hearts forever. God Bless You and your family Mark. Love you,
Susan & Neil Brodeur (VT)

Susan Brodeur - August 21, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the*
family of Clement R. Gagné, O.D..



August 21, 2018 at 01:58 PM

LP

“ Dear Eileen,

You and your family are in my heart and mind, my condolences on the passing of Clem, a long time friend of mine from college days.

Sincerely, Louis Pietrandrea " Pete "

Louis Pietrandrea - August 20, 2018 at 01:33 PM