



Lon Galli

September 4, 1949 - December 13, 2025

Mr. Lon Charles Galli, age 76, came to the end of a long and joyful journey on Saturday, December 13, 2025. It was a journey that encompassed the joys, disappointments, rewards, and heartaches of a full rich life, sustained by faith and family.

Mr. Galli's journey began in Manitowoc, WI on September 4, 1949 having been born to the late Ferdinand A. Galli and the late Pearl J. Wagner Galli. He graduated from Manitowoc High School in 1967 and furthered his education at the University of Wisconsin on a full academic and baseball scholarship. He was drafted his senior year of college by the Minnesota Twins baseball team and played at Wisconsin Rapids and then for the Charlotte Twins. While playing for the Twins, during the All-Star break, Lon met the love of his life, Sandy Johnson, at their apartment complex. At the time, Lon didn't have a television and asked Sandy if he might watch hers while she was out with friends. What began with a simple request quickly became something more. Just 6 weeks later, they were married on August 30, 1972. Together they forged a living and raised a family. In 1979 they welcomed their daughter, Dana Ryan, into the family, their only daughter and the second love of his life.

Lon was a hard worker with a strong work ethic. After moving to Conway in 1972 he began working for his father-in-law, Mr. J. K. Johnson, building houses and after that began working for the Horry County Code Enforcement

Department from which he retired in August 2016.

Mr. Galli loved sports and played softball in Conway, Aynor, and Myrtle Beach leagues. He also played in ASA and USSSA softball leagues on weekends. He loved bowling and had many 300 games over the years. In later years he traveled cross country several times in their motorhome with Sandy, Dana, and his devoted canine companion, Esso Gomez. He lived his life with dignity, faith, quiet determination and measured pride.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Sandy J. Galli; his daughter, Dana R. Galli; his sister, Gina M. Srenaski and husband Steve of Madison, WI; his brother-in-law, J. K. Johnson, Jr. and wife Sherri; his sisters-in-law, Linda J. Goodyear and husband Wayne, Ginny J. Rabon, Betty J. Allen and husband Larry, and Chummy J. Richardson and husband Ted; and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends.

Funeral services, officiated by Rev. Rocky Taylor, will be held at 3:30PM Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to Salem Baptist Church, 4008 Salem Road, Aynor, SC 29511.

Please sign the online guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Funeral Service

DEC **16**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
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Tribute Wall

CB

“ Sandy and Dana, I am SO sorry to hear about Lon. I am a little late in finding out. I remember Sandy talking Lon and projects they worked on together. I know Lon will be missed greatly by all. Every time I saw him he seemed like a great big teddy bear and always smiling! There is nothing else that can be said for the grief but I'll be thinking about you both!

Christy Norman Britton - December 18, 2025 at 09:57 AM

SO

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for the passing of Lon. It was an honor to have known him and been able to have worked with him in Horry County. He was the kind of guy that you just wouldn't forget if you ever got to spend any time with him, and although we didn't spend but a few years working together, I will always have fond memories of him and his magnetic personality. Lon was a great guy and a father and husband that his family can be proud of. Rest in peace Lon, until we meet again.

Sandy Oliver - December 16, 2025 at 04:30 PM

VV

“ Sandy I'm so very sorry about Lon. Sending love and prayers during this difficult time. ☐❤

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Vera Vaughn - December 16, 2025 at 02:22 PM

DS

“ I first crossed paths with Lon during our freshman year at the University of Wisconsin, when we were both members of the Badgers baseball program. Although freshmen weren’t eligible to compete at the varsity level back then, Lon and I went on to start for Wisconsin throughout our varsity careers. He was an exceptional pitcher, widely known for throwing the sharpest curveball in the entire Big Ten Conference.

Lon’s impact on the field was undeniable. During our varsity seasons, he earned the honor of team MVP twice—a reflection of both his talent and leadership. Whenever Lon took the mound as our starting pitcher, there was an unshakable sense of confidence across the team. We truly believed victory was within reach every time he pitched.

What made Lon even more special, however, was who he was beyond baseball. His MVP recognition wasn’t just about performance—it was about character. Lon was genuinely admired and respected by everyone on the team. He had a way of bringing people together, and his presence made the experience unforgettable.

I’m incredibly grateful for the memories we shared. Not only was I fortunate enough to be his catcher, but we also shared a home during our junior and senior years, living together on Oakland Street and Spring Street in Madison. Those years were filled with moments I’ll always cherish.

God bless you, Lon. You will never be forgotten.

Dan Skalecki

Dan Skalecki - December 16, 2025 at 12:09 PM

JM

“ James, Katie, and Ben Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lon Galli.

James, Katie, and Ben Miller - December 16, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lon Galli.



December 16, 2025 at 11:19 AM

CB

“ Many years ago while working as a young teller for a local bank, I had the pleasure of meeting Lon, and he was one of my favorite customers. Always kind and patient...just a great guy. Fast forward many years later and I had the wonderful blessing of working in insurance with his wife, Sandy, who became one of my dearest friends. And of course, meeting Dana was a highlight as well. I love this precious family, and because they have made so many wonderful memories together, I pray it will bring them comfort during this time of sadness. Lon, thank you for being a great husband, father and friend to many people.

Carol Boatwright Burroughs - December 16, 2025 at 08:26 AM

CH

“ Lon, Sandy and Dana have been our Beach neighbors for almost 25 years so with that said they are not just our neighbors. They are family to us. We love them and it broke our hearts when Lon was first diagnosed but we all knew God had this and he was not yet done with Lon Galli. We are so thankful and honored for the time we had with him and will cherish precious memories. Rest in peace our Dear Friend until we meet again. Sandy and Dana we love you guys and are here for whatever and whenever you need us.
Larry, Chi-Chi and Murphy



Chi-Chi Hodges - December 15, 2025 at 09:26 PM

JA

“ Janet & Perri Anne purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lon Galli.



Janet & Perri Anne - December 15, 2025 at 05:13 PM

RT

“ Sandy I'm sorry to hear about Lon , I enjoyed many nights playing softball with and against him. I will definitely keep you and Dana in my prayers .

Ricky Tindall - December 15, 2025 at 04:12 PM

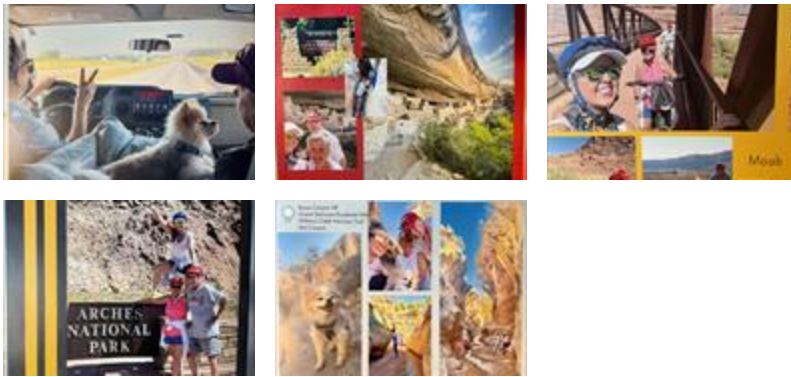
EC

“ Emily C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lon Galli.

Emily C. - December 15, 2025 at 02:25 PM

DA

“ 29 files added to the album Lon Galli



Dana - December 15, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lon Galli.



December 15, 2025 at 09:18 AM

KC

“ Katie Coble purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lon Galli.



Katie Coble - December 14, 2025 at 11:09 PM

KC

“ *Katie Coble planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lon Galli.*

Katie Coble - December 14, 2025 at 11:09 PM

CC

“ *Corey & Colleen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lon Galli.*



Corey & Colleen - December 14, 2025 at 08:40 PM

CC

“ *Corey & Colleen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lon Galli.*

Corey & Colleen - December 14, 2025 at 08:40 PM

PS

“ *Mrs. Sandy and Dana- I am so sorry for your loss. Sending up prayers for the family to find peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

Pamela Smith

Pamela Smith - December 14, 2025 at 07:10 PM

DW

Ginny, I'm so sorry about your brother in law Lon. You and your family are in my prayers. Hugs, Diane

Diane Wase Watson - December 15, 2025 at 05:38 PM

PT

Sandy and Dana, two beautiful ladies. I send you my love and condolences on the loss of Lon. "May Lon's Memory Be Eternal and we are wishing you both a long, healthy and happy life."...Peter Thevaos

Peter Thevaos - December 15, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lon Galli.*



December 14, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DD

“ *'There are no words for how hard this is, and I'm so sorry.*

Diane and Dorothy Dailey - December 14, 2025 at 05:28 PM