



Raymond Galant

August 29, 1929 - January 27, 2021

Raymond Galant, 91, of Boca Raton, Florida, died on Wednesday, January 27, from complications of Covid-19.

He was a journalist, veteran, sports fan, horse-racing enthusiast and rancounteur.

Galant and his college sweetheart, the former Shirley Gable, settled in the Washington, D.C. area after his discharge from the Army in 1953. He worked a series of reporting and public relations jobs, and in 1961 joined the late Louis Rothschild, Jr., to publish Food Chemical News, a newsletter that grew into a leading source on food regulation and safety. As a journalist, he fought vociferously for enforcement of the Federal Open Meetings Act and was a longtime member of the National Press Club and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Raymond Galant was born to immigrant parents in Mahanoy City, Pa, where he lived over his parents' clothing store and liked to say he grew up in the local pool hall. He was the first member of his family to attend college, getting a journalism degree at Penn State, where he later endowed a scholarship for communications students from Schuylkill County, Pa.

The Galants raised three children in the Virginia suburbs, where he was an

active member of Temple Rodef Shalom. In addition to northern Virginia and Boca Raton, where they retired, the couple also spent time in Manasquan and Livingston NJ.

Galant was a long-suffering Chicago Cubs fan and a member of the Emil Verban Society, a Washington-based club of Cubs' superfans. In 1988, when Media General announced it was dropping Chicago's WGN, which carried the team's games, Galant organized a protest group that got the decision reversed.

Galant is survived by Shirley, his wife of 67 years, his children -- Debbie Galant of Clifton, N.J., Mark Galant of Vero Beach, Fla. and Ellen Galant of Vienna, Va. -- plus four grandchildren, Margot and Noah Levinson and Kendall and Tyler Galant. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association and the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation.

Cemetery Details

King David Memorial Gardens

7400 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA 22046

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Galant*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *You will be missed Mr. Ray! My condolences from Norma's Juffo family 🙏.*



Cristiane May - March 05, 2021 at 12:34 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Galant's passing. Manny and I send our thoughts and*

Julie Mahorney-Saenz - February 07, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *I remember going to Mahanoy City to see Shirley and Ray when I was a child. We lived in Pottsville, Pa. Went with Bonnie, Aunt Ida, and my mom (Estelle Liner). I remember the clothing store downstairs and playing in the store with Bonnie. My condolences to the family. -- Marilyn Liner Chasanow Madden*

Marilyn Madden - February 05, 2021 at 03:40 PM

AS

“ We send our condolences to the family of Ray in memory of the good times we spent with Shirley and Ray as neighbors in Costa del Sol. Ray was a true gentleman.

Ann and Stanley Seeb

Ann & Stanley Seeb - February 03, 2021 at 11:51 AM

DG

Thank you so much.

Debbie Galant - February 03, 2021 at 12:32 PM

JL

“ One of the high points of any week at FDA Washington was having Ray visit on his reporting round for the Food Chemical News. Ray always had a new and amusing story to share, and it was good to share FDA news with him. We were friends and I remember one great dinner with our wives that we shared at a Chinese restaurant in DC. Ray and Lou provided a perfect service to all with their attention to FDA matters. Ray also was an important part of his community and will be missed by all of his friends.

John Lupien former FDA food and drug officer, 1965-70.

John Lupien - February 01, 2021 at 12:38 PM

DG

Thank you so much for sharing.

Debbie Galant - February 02, 2021 at 06:17 PM

RL

“ I have great memories of spending so much time with you and the family Uncle Ray when I was growing up From your first house in VA where we played tether ball to so many times on Duncan Dr Then to have you again so close in NJ and again when we moved to Fl I'll never forget all the teasing I got when I would say in my Philly accent Terrible!! I'll treasure all the times over the years we shared so many great times and memories Now we have you to watch over all of us too Love you Uncle Ray

Robin Litvin - January 30, 2021 at 12:04 PM



Ray, thanks for taking a chance on a young, inexperienced reporter way back in the day. My time with you at Food Chemical News is something I'll always cherish, as it set the course for many wonderful experiences in my life. You were kind, compassionate, and funny as hell. We need more like you. Rest in peace.

Brendan McDonell - January 30, 2021 at 01:17 PM

SR

The Cubs lost their biggest fan Uncle Ray, but your extended family list it's biggest mensch. Your memory is a blessing for the lives you touched. We are Penn State. Love From NoVA, Steven.

Steven Rochlis - January 30, 2021 at 01:38 PM

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Ellis Rottman - February 01, 2021 at 06:14 PM

DG

Thank you, Robin, Steven and Ellis.

Debbie Galant - February 02, 2021 at 06:18 PM

DG

Oh and Brendan, too. Thank you for sharing that story.

Debbie Galant - February 02, 2021 at 06:18 PM