



## Stanley J. Galenski Jr.

September 20, 1951 - August 28, 2020

Stanley Joseph "Gotch" Galenski Jr. 68, of Florence, passed away at home on Friday August 28th with his loving wife Bonnie of 48 years, by his side.

He was born on September 20th, 1951 in Northampton to the late Stanley J. and Helen (Berchulski) Galenski Sr.

As a lifelong Northampton resident, he attended Northampton schools, graduating from Northampton High School in 1969. He went on to attend Westfield State College where he received electricians training. Stanley later pursued a career in the industrial refrigeration industry, spending nearly 40 years as a plant engineer at Pioneer Cold in Chicopee, MA. His hobbies included metal fabrication, masonry, and woodworking. He was a jack of all trades who often used his expertise and ingenuity to help others. He loved fishing and target practice and had a fondness for animals. He could often be found feeding the fish in his custom-made koi pond or relaxing on the deck with his dog Roxie.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife; Bonnie (Mandeville) Galenski of Florence, his son; Kristopher Galenski and his wife Katie of Westhampton; his daughter; Jennifer Galenski and her longtime partner Timothy Dunphy of Williamsburg, his grandchildren; Taylor, Jackson, Quinn and Mason. He also leaves behind his sisters; Susan Waisner of Georgia; Deborah Nuttleman and her partner Charles Parnell of Florida; Carolyn Kittredge of Easthampton; Holly Quigley and her husband Michael of Baystate; his aunt Louise Berchulski of CT, his sister in laws; Kathy Quigley and her husband Stephen, and Lori Davis, all of Florence, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins.

Besides his parents, he was also predeceased by many loved ones.

He always enjoyed family vacations to the beach and his trips to Ireland but was most content at home with his wife Bonnie. He will forever be missed by his family and friends. Calling hours will be Thursday, September 3rd from 4 to 6 PM at Drozdal Funeral Home, 120 Damon Road, Northampton, MA 01060. A service will begin promptly at 6PM. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Stanley's name to: Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locust St., Northampton, MA 01060 or to Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104, <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, masks and social distancing are required at all times. For

more information, or to leave a message of personal condolence, please visit [Drozdalfuneralhome.com](http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Drozdal Funeral Home

120 Damon Rd, Northampton, MA, US, 01060

**SEP** **Service** 06:00PM - 06:30PM

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# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Bonnie Galenski** - September 06, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ In our younger days

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“ Our younger days.

**Bonnie** - September 06, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ Our younger days.

**Bonnie** - September 06, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ How young you were and so darn adorable as a couple!! Great photo. Brings back many fond memories of our youth!! Debbie

**Deborah Bouley** - September 07, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ I love this picture

**Katie Davis** - September 08, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ I love you bonnie forever you gotch were happiest i love you

**Janine kozlakowski** - September 12, 2020 at 04:06 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Stanley and Bonnie Galenski



**Bonnie Galenski** - September 06, 2020 at 10:02 PM

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“ My brother Butchie,  
So many great memories  
Always will be in my heart.  
Miss you....  
Holly

**Holly** - September 04, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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“ To Bonnie and family, my deepest heartfelt sympathy on the loss of a wonderful Man. my thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. Stanley was truly and kind and caring Human, when my husband passed away Stanley was so kind and caring to my Son (Ronnie) who worked with Stan at Pioneer. Ron Looked up to Stanley and Loved him so much, I pray that all your love and wonderful memories help you through this difficult time. May God keep you all in his loving care.

**Dale Stevenson** - September 03, 2020 at 07:16 AM

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“ Being Bonnie's youngest sister, Gotch has been in my life since I was about 6 years old. I'd like to share a couple of my memories of him.

When I was a kid, on Sunday nights, we had popcorn. I insisted that I make the popcorn and I proceeded to burn the hell out of it and the smell turned his stomach. I never stopped hearing about this and it took him a long while before he would eat popcorn again.

Every summer, he bought sandals at Caldor. He'd say, "C'mon kid" and I'd hop in the car to go with him.

As time went by, they had Kris and being a young teen, I would babysit Kris at their apartment. Gotch wasn't afraid I may have a party but whenever he left he would always say, "don't wear out my Gene Pitney album" because I listened to that thing over and over.

Soon after, my nickname came. He started calling me "dime" because I was always on the phone.

As I got older, on Saturday nights, Gotch, Bonnie, Billy, Bob and I often went junk fishing down the CT river betting who would catch the biggest catfish. Hung out there for the night listening to oldies and drinking some beer. One time, we found an abandoned shopping cart and at the time we thought it would be so funny to put it in our parents yard. We drove to their house and parked on an adjacent street and wheeled it over, laughing the whole time. The next morning, my Dad didn't think it was very funny.

Gotch used to go up to my Dads house every Saturday morning for coffee and to shoot the breeze. After my Dad passed, he would come over to my house often on Saturday mornings. We would drink coffees until they turned into Coors Lights and talk about all kinds of things. I always found it easy to talk to Gotch.

When my husband, Bob, passed away in 2017, Gotch lost one of his best friends, and I lost my world. During the following couple of years, I would call Gotch, sobbing, when something stopped working, malfunctioned or I just didn't know what to do. I knew he would know how to fix whatever it was. He would say, "I'll be right there." After time had passed, Gotch spent weekends at my house to go through all Bobs tools and other various "stuff" that guys collect, with me. I had no idea what was what and there was a ton of it! Another time, Gotch went out and bought little tags and came up and went thru all the shut off valves in the cellar, marking them and tying the tags around them as we went along, so I would know what was what.

I regret not having seen him recently due to Covid and knowing he didn't always feel well lately. I can only be thankful that we spoke on the phone recently for quite a while.

I know how much he loved Bonnie, and his kids, Kris and Jen and his grand boys, TJ, Jax, Quinn, & Mason, and his sisters and how much they loved him. I am devastated for all of them.

Don't worry, Gotch, Bonnie will have lots of support from us all through her new journey. I know you have already found comfort from those that welcomed you to your new life.

I love you and will miss you, Gotch. Thanks for everything!

"Dime"



“ David and your entire ABMM Financial Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Stanley J. Galenski Jr..



**David and your entire ABMM Financial Family** - September 02, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ Your Friends @ the VFW purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stanley J. Galenski Jr..



**Your Friends @ the VFW** - September 02, 2020 at 09:53 AM

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“ My dear husband, I just couldn't let you leave this world without one more note. I am totally devastated losing you. We have been in each other's lives for so long that there isn't hardly anything that isn't a memory between us. You have been my strength, security and love for as long as I can remember. I always felt safe with you by my side. You were my protector and I never feared anything as long as you were there. I am so scared now that my life will change forever without you in it. Ever since we were teenagers riding around in the car we use to have a special star and until this day when we saw it you would say" there's our star Bonnie". You would do anything for me and I know how much you loved me as I did you. The most important thing in our marriage besides love was the fact that we had total trust in each other. Whenever one of us would leave the house neither one of us ever had to worry about one of us straying. We has complete confidence in each other. That's why I always felt safe. We had our ups and downs like any marriage but knew we would always be together. I miss you so much and feel so vulnerable not having my strong man here with me. I saw you getting tired but I never thought you would be gone so soon. My heart is broken. I will love you forever. Until we meet again, I know when I see our shining star I will know it is you looking after me, loving me, and protecting me. Thank you for always being there for me , the kids and grandkids. I love you so much, miss you so much. I do believe we will be together again. Your very sad, loving wife, Bonnie

**Bonnie Galenski** - September 02, 2020 at 02:38 AM

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“ Bonnie, so sorry to hear of Gotch's passing. Well now Frank has someone fun to hang out with. We really had some great times together! Always, Deb

**Deborah Ernest** - September 01, 2020 at 10:02 PM

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“ Bonnie, Kris and Jenn & all of the grandchildren-

I want to say how sorry I am to the three of you, although I already have many of times, I will still be saying it. I remember growing up and having dinners with you all, when mom and dad would be working and nannie and papa must not have been around at the time (maybe on cruises). I remember the mashed potato boats you would have Kelly and I make so we could pour gravy over them..and that's where I learned that from and will never not think of that every time I have mashed potatoes!! Makes me smile!

There were also times that Kelly and I would sleep over and you know me (never talking to anyone)! Well I remember the very first night I actually spoke a word to Gotch! I was sitting at the breakfast bar, it was dark out and the dimmed kitchen lights were on. Gotch was talking to me and I actually answered him! From that point on, I continued to talk and we then moved on to k possum and k weasel nicknames for Kelly and I, which stuck for a long time and that's something we will never forget!

Thank you being a wonderful aunt and godmother to me and we will all be with you through all of this as you were when we lost my dad and everyone else in the family. Much love to all of you!

I'll be here to help in whatever way I can!

Love Katie, Crys, Ian, Lucas and James

**Katie Davis** - September 01, 2020 at 04:09 PM

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“ We have shared so much over the past 40 plus years living in the same house. Painting the house, watching thunderstorms on the porch and many daily tasks that come with owning a home. Gotch had so much knowledge on the improvements that we made. His peaceful place was on his deck with a few beers near the pond he built and loved. We will be here always for you, Kris and Jen. Love you all so very much!

**Kathy and Steve** - September 01, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stanley J. Galenski Jr..



September 01, 2020 at 07:35 AM

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“ My dear Gotch, our bantering back and forth,was so much fun,no one will ever fill your shoes we both were really good at it!! I loved you as soon as you started dating my Bonnie,so many years ago.I remember when you were teens babysitting Michelle,and when we got home you two had unscrewed a light,But knowing my Bonnie. I knew she would behave.i was her mentor, you got a real kick out of that. I'm really going to miss the hell out of you.When you are reading this,you'll be laughing your ass off. Im so saddened that you won't be around when I come over. Don't worry I'll keep my eye on Bonnie for you. love you!God bless you!

**Tina Obrien** - September 01, 2020 at 01:03 AM

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“ I remember growing up and my folks would take my brother, Jack and me and we would drive to Bay State and pick up Aunt Helen and all the kids and either go to Greenfield or some place not too far for an afternoon of swimming and having fun. My sympathy and prayers go out to Bonnie and Stanley's (Butch's) children, family and sisters.and friends. Wishing him a peaceful journey. Love, Cousin Pat Galenski Lamphear

**Patricia Galenski Lamphear** - August 31, 2020 at 07:33 PM

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“ Deborah A. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Stanley J. Galenski Jr..



**Deborah A.** - August 31, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ Dear Bonnie, and all of your family,  
I am SO SORRY to hear of Stanley's passing!!! My heart goes out to all of you as you adjust to this sudden loss. I do believe (after experiencing this myself recently with Dave's passing) that your husbands presence will be there to support you through the days and months ahead in ways that you can not yet know or imagine, and your tears only mark his absence from you but your celebration of him affirms his presence around you!! A great friend told me " to hold him in your heart until you can hold him in Heaven "!! Sending love and prayers for YOU, your entire family, Diane Punska

**Diane Punska** - August 31, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ Such sadness in mine and Jeff's hearts. We know how truly difficult his loss will be for his family. We loved him and will miss him. Holly/Jeff

**holly** - August 31, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ Bay State boy, great person, always loved Bonnie, so sorry for his families loss,

**Jimmy F** - August 31, 2020 at 07:24 AM



“ so terrible to hear the sad news about Gotch's passing away  
I grew up "next door" to the Mandeville family and Bonnie is one of my oldest friends my heart is breaking for you, Bon  
Jill Czerapowicz Burlingame

**Jill P Burlingame** - September 01, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ Our hearts are breaking for all of you. There are no words that can ease your sadness. We're sending you all virtual hugs and will be with you in spirit tonight. OXOX <3 Sharyn & Chuck

**Sharyn Trombley** - September 03, 2020 at 01:15 PM