



Russell V. Gagne

February 27, 1933 - December 26, 2019

Russell Vincent Gagné, 86, of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 26, 2019 with family by his side. Russ was born February 27, 1933 to the late Charles Raul Gagné originally from St. Zacharie, Quebec, Canada and Antoinette Gagné, originally from St. Isadore, Quebec, Canada. He is survived by his wife Joan Marie Gagné (Doherty) whom he married on May 5, 1956; his children Charlie Gagné of Dexter, Jeannine Allen (Adrian) of Grosse Pointe Farms, Tom Gagné (Tiffani) of Ferndale, and Marielle Gagné of Ypsilanti; his grandchildren Nicolaas Allen, Andrew Gagné (Ella), Joshua Gagné (Baylie), Jonathan Allen (Elizabeth), Emily Gagné, and Michael Gagné. He is also survived by his beloved sister, Charlotte Sutton of New Hudson. Russ was long time employee of Ford Tractor and its successors and lived in Livonia, Troy, and Bloomington, Minnesota during his career. He and Joan travelled the world during their 62 years together, including a stint in Germany while he was in the Army. He loved racing his 91 Ford Taurus SHO at various venues across the country with Joan as his navigator. He was a member of St. Andrew the Apostle of Catholic Church of Saline. Friends are invited to celebrate Russell's life on Friday, January 3, 2020 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home in Saline. A funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, MI, with a viewing starting at 9:00 A.M. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. To sign Russell's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or

directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 West 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033
<http://cfcsdetroit.org/locations/holy-sepulchre/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Luncheon

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Graveside Service

JAN 4. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Russell V. Gagne*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Joan and family,
From the first time I met you and Russ at St. Andrew Catholic Church, I could see the love you had for each other and your love for Jesus Christ. You both were always so kind and asked about my family. We prayed for each other through many joys and sorrows. Russ will be truly missed.
Love and blessings to you all. Sue Mulka*

Sue Mulka - January 07, 2020 at 08:06 AM

MD

“ We're very sorry to hear about Russ. He was a good friend and will be missed. Please accept our condolences and prayers.

A wise person told me that it is good to share fond memories at a time like this. I met Russ, and Joan, through our common interest in the Taurus SHO. Those were great times when our SHO triumvirate of Russ, Bob Jacobs, and I would meet up at the annual convention. You know you have good friends when you haven't seen them in a while but you can pick up right where you left off. That was Russ.

A picture is worth a thousand words. Here are some pictures from the 2004 SHO convention in San Francisco.



Milton Dill - January 04, 2020 at 12:16 AM

LM

“ Dear Russ was my sponsor as I converted to the Catholic Church- he and Joan were the absolute representation of grace and love. May he Rest In Peace and may the Gagne family know how much he was respected, loved and adored.



LeeAnn McKeon - January 03, 2020 at 08:27 PM

MD

“ Milton and Claire Dill purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell V. Gagne.



Milton and Claire Dill - January 03, 2020 at 01:11 PM

PT

“ Paul and your Salesforce Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell V. Gagne.



Paul and your Salesforce Team - January 03, 2020 at 10:06 AM

LB

“ Laurent Beaudoin sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell V. Gagne



Laurent beaudoin - January 02, 2020 at 04:43 PM

MT

“ Michelle Boyajian, Mark Hoensheid and Team purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Russell V. Gagne.



Michelle Boyajian, Mark Hoensheid and Team - January 02, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell V. Gagne.



January 02, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ Mareike Allen and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Russell V. Gagne.



Mareike Allen and Family - January 02, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell V. Gagne.



December 31, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ Love, Chuck Doherty & all the Doherty Cousins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Russell V. Gagne.



Love, Chuck Doherty & all the Doherty Cousins - December 31, 2019 at 03:27 PM

KM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Gagne’s passing. My husband grew up with the Gagne’s as neighbors. I met Russ and Joan while going through RCIA at St. Andrew’s 10 years ago. Hearing of Russ and Joan’s faith and wisdom was so reassuring and their love of God so evident. On a recent visit roughly two months ago, Russ and Joan were so thrilled to see our young children (1 and 6), they spent almost an hour talking and showing the kids around their house. We will miss the impromptu chats after mass and seeing him out mowing his lawn. We pray that God grants Joan and her family peace at this difficult time.

Kelsey Miller - December 29, 2019 at 08:00 PM

CS

“ Dear Aunt Joanie, Charlie, Jeannine, Tom and Marielle:
You’re in my thoughts and prayers.
Your cousin, Chuck Sock

Chuck Sock - December 28, 2019 at 02:18 PM

SN

“ Too many great memories to pick just one. Russ was loved by Bob & I and will be greatly missed. Am sure he and Bob are looking down on us and smiling.
Love,
Sharon

Sharon Nightingale - December 28, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Russell V. Gagne.*



December 28, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ *Marielle, you were a wonderful daughter to your parents and I know how much you will miss your wonderful dad. I pray that loving memories comfort you and your family always.*

Amy Garber - December 27, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ *Marielle, sending you and your family love and peace during this difficult time.*

Anne & Mark Hoeffler

Anne Hoeffler - December 27, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ *I knew Russ back in the Ford Tractor days in Finance and as a participant at the FTO Manresa retreats. I am sorry to hear of his passing and I send you my condolences on behalf of the FTO retirees. I will have a Mass said for him at Holy Name Catholic Church in Birmingham. God be with you at this time. Mike Brennan*

michael brennan - December 27, 2019 at 02:18 PM

SZ

“ Our deepest Condolences to that Cagne family our prayers are with you 🙏
Stan & Tina Zielinski

Stanley Zielinski - December 27, 2019 at 11:20 AM

RG

“ So many special moments which are now beautiful memories. Our family and theirs have been intertwined over 30 plus years. Russ has gifted us with his calm presence. He always made us sense his strength and gentle spirit when we were together. We know the Lord is welcoming home...but we will miss him.

Ron & Anne Green - December 27, 2019 at 11:15 AM

BJ

“ We had many good times with Russ and Joan over the span of about 20 years. It was our cars that first brought us together. Russ and I both have the same special Ford, a 1991 Taurus SHO. His is white and mine is black. We attended a number of SHO conventions together all over the country. There are many memories of us on the race track with Joan and Debbie cheering us on. Russ's stories about working for Ford always added to the events. Visiting The Henry Ford Museum and the Rouge Plant with him was really special. We visited each others' homes on occasion (the Gagne's in Michigan and us in New York). The time we spent together was always entertaining and lots of fun. Even after we stopped attending the SHO get-togethers, we stayed in touch by phone, having hour-long conversations about all sorts of topics. Russ always enlightened me in some way. Last August I was fortunate to spend a morning with Russ on a trip to Michigan where we were able to catch up in person. I'll miss him, but know he is in a good place, probably still behind the wheel of some Ford.



Bob Jacobs - December 27, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Tom Gagné - December 27, 2019 at 09:41 AM

SZ

*Our deepest condolences to the Gagne family our thoughts and prayers are with you
Stan and Tina Zielinski*

Stanley Zielinski - December 27, 2019 at 11:12 AM

TP

I worked Russ at Ford Tractor. He was highly respected by all. He loved FORD MOTOR. I recall he spent multiple years as Chairman of the Ford Community Relations Committee in the Minneapolis area. He was so very proud of his family.

Tom Pezzetti - December 27, 2019 at 12:53 PM

SK

With sadness I send my condolences to the Gagne family. I was part of the RCIA team at St. Andrew along with both Russ and Joan for several years. I will always remember his love of the Catholic faith and sharing it with others, and other involvements of his time and talents at St. Andrew. A faithful servant has been called home to his eternal reward! Suzanne Krisak

Suzanne Krisak - December 27, 2019 at 12:58 PM

CG

Dear Aunt Joanie & Gagne cousins....I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Russ. We had great vacations & memories together. I pray for peace & love for all of you. I'm sure mom has welcomed him with open arms.❤️



Cheryl Doherty Goins - December 28, 2019 at 02:56 PM