



John Paul Gallagher

April 25, 1929 - February 20, 2016

' John Paul Gallagher, longtime resident of Collinsville, passed from this life to his heavenly home Saturday evening, February 20, 2016 at the Claremore Veterans Center. He was 86 years of age. John was born April 25, 1929 at Lebanon, MO to John Elee and Mary (Thomas) Gallagher. He was raised and received his education at Golden City, MO. At the age of 17 ½, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving his country faithfully until retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant. On March 18, 1951, John and Ruby Fern Howard, were united in marriage at Lamar, MO. Do to his military service, they made their home at several military assignments. Upon his retirement, they moved to Collinsville where he worked for Spartan School of Aeronautics as an instructor and director and later as an aircraft inspector for American Airlines. John was a longtime member of Collinsville First Baptist where he served as a deacon and teacher. He was also a member of the Air Force Sergeants Assoc. and Good Sam RV Club, having served as state director. John enjoyed his family, especially his granddaughter and great grandson; traveling and was always "tinkering" with something. Those that survive include his wife of almost 65 years Ruby; one son Rod Gallagher of Tulsa; granddaughter Katy Gallagher of Silverthorne, CO and his great grandson Damien Gallagher. John was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, twin sisters and his daughter-in-law Vicki Gallagher. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 25, 2016 in the sanctuary of the Collinsville First Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Prock officiating. Burial will

follow at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens, Broken Arrow with full military honors rendered by the United States Air Force. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, they would prefer contributions to the First Baptist Church Church Building Fund, 1301 W. Main St., Collinsville, OK 74021 in John's memory. Arrangements and services have been entrusted to the Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. www.moweryfs.com'

Tribute Wall

BH

“ *'Johns faith was fulfilled this week, what a glorious homecoming he witnessed, carried on the wings of angels into the presence of the almighty. Good Job John, enjoy your reward. Fern, you were blessed with a "mans man". May God continue to bless your life and give you strength.'*

B Hoffman - February 24, 2016 at 07:18 PM

GD

“ *'So sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Love Betty & Geno'*

Geno & Betty Dunn - February 24, 2016 at 06:53 PM

DR

“ *'Fern:\r\nYou and your sweet dear husband were and are an inspiration to me. i was so touched while you both were in The Bridge class. Your love for the Lord and for one another is something I long to have! \r\nPraying God will give you comfort during this time. '*

Donna Rogers - February 23, 2016 at 08:36 PM

DR

“ *'Rod, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Prayers for you and your family.'*

Debbie Reed - February 23, 2016 at 03:24 PM

MR

“*'Fern and Family. So sorry for the loss of John. He was one of a kind and will be missed by all. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.. Message'*

Maxine Rowden - February 23, 2016 at 01:09 AM

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“*'Sry to hear of the passing of John. We knew John thru the Good Sams club. '*

Ty and Mary Tyson - February 22, 2016 at 11:46 PM

PG

“*'You and your family are in our thoughts and pray our Heavenly Father will comfort you through this time.'*

Pat & Sharon Gordon - February 22, 2016 at 10:28 PM