



## John E. Galvin II

January 8, 1932 - June 21, 2018

Heaven's Little League team got a new coach this week, as John E. Galvin, Jr., 86, went home to the Lord on June 21, 2018 in Chicago. Born to working-class parents on January 8, 1932, he was the oldest of 11 living in a cold water flat in Chicago's Back-of-the-Yards. He quit high school to help support his family as a telegram delivery boy, and remembered shaking Harry Truman's hand while delivering a telegram to him. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he attended University of Illinois at Navy Pier and Northwestern University.

John began his 40 year career at International Minerals & Chemical Corporation (IMC) in the late '50s, working in Systems when computers were first being used commercially. His keen intellect, strong management skills, diligent work ethic and street-smarts attracted management attention and he was sent to the Executive Program at University of Virginia. He was subsequently appointed VP and Treasurer, and retired from IMC in 1995.

John enjoyed life and enjoyed people. With an infectious smile and quick wit that brought joy to those around him, he impacted the lives of hundreds of boys as a youth baseball coach, treasured his weekly golf foursomes, and breakfast with friends. Whether he was fishing in Canada, walking the dogs with his wife, or telling bad jokes to his granddaughters, John took pleasure in each day.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Galvin; son John Galvin (Suzanne); daughter Linda Busdieker; grandchildren Julie Arrick (Steven), Stephen "Guy" Scott, Megan Galvin and Katherine Galvin; sister Rita Linoski; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at 10:30 a.m. until the service at 1:00 p.m., Thursday June 28, 2018 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue (Rte. 176 one block west of Milwaukee Avenue) Libertyville, Illinois. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Northwestern Memorial Foundation. For information: (847) 362-3009 or please sign the guestbook at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com)

# Comments

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“ I was Johns mailman for years. We would talk White Sox baseball and pretty much solve all the worlds problems in about ten minutes at the mailbox. He did have bad jokes but I loved this guy anyway. I miss him a lot.

**Mitch Knight** - May 28, 2020 at 12:43 PM

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“ I grieve John's death as a long time friend and co-worker at IMC. Memories and smiles abound of experiences with John - golf, Canadian fishing, Lake Beulah, company events and just days at the office. How fortunate I am to have known John for what must be half a century or more. He was a gem whose friendship I treasure. My sympathy to Debbie and "young" John and family.

**John Sonderegger** - June 29, 2018 at 11:10 AM

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“ I have fond memories of working with John when we brought IMC Fertilizer to the market. John was bright, well informed and well respected in the Financial Community. May God grant him peace. Dick Hedberg

**Dick Hedberg** - June 29, 2018 at 11:10 AM

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“ I had the great privilege of not only knowing John, but standing at his side for several unforgettable Glenview Little League seasons as we ran the Glenview State Bank team together. John taught those boys a whole lot more than just baseball, there were some really important life lessons mixed in with all the good times we had. And when I was just 23 years old, was the father of two of Johns grandchildren and discussed leaving my job to start a new business, John mentored me with countless things that led to a career of managing successful businesses. Now, nearly 45 years later, I am so thankful for the positive influence and impact that John Galvin had on my life. Stephen Scott

**Stephen Scott** - June 29, 2018 at 11:10 AM