



Henry Galt Siegrist Jr.

October 20, 1934 - September 28, 2025

Henry Galt Siegrist, Jr. of Queenstown, MD passed away September 27, 2025 at his home, Wye Ferry, at age 90 years 11 months and 6 days (or 90.933 he would say).

“Galt” is the son of the late Henry Galt Siegrist and Bettie Fell; brother of Sallie Sypher, Maggie Robbins, Betsy Petri; husband for 46+ years of Alicia Siegrist; father of Meg, Amy, Betsy, Lottie, Sloan; grandfather of Donald, Thomas, Bailey, Jake, Michael (d. 2013), Hank (d. 2022), Maria, Francis, Miles, Simon; and great grandfather of Issac; preceded in death by former spouse Nancy (d. 2024).

Galt was born in Trenton, NJ on October 20, 1934. He attended Bordentown NJ Elementary #1, Moorestown NJ Friends School (1952), Lehigh University (1956 B.A. Geology, 1953-1955 Lehigh University Mens Soccer, President Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity), Pennsylvania State University (1959 M.S., 1961 Ph.D Mineralogy and Geochemistry).

During his undergraduate years, he was employed by Anchor Thread, Grovesville NJ (1952); Jersey Maid Dairy, Bordentown, NJ (1953); Albert Jones Engineering survey of Garden State Parkway, New Gretna, NJ (1954).

Graduate degrees in Geology led to the positions of Research

Mineralogist/Chemist at Glidden Company, Baltimore MD (1961-1965); Professor in Agronomy and then Professor in Geology, University of Maryland College Park, MD (1965-1990); Professor of Geology, Water & Environmental Research Institute, University of Guam, Mangilao Guam (1990-2001); Director of Water & Environmental Research Institute, University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam (1997-1999).

In retirement from University of Maryland and University of Guam, Galt continued teaching as Adjunct Faculty, Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, MD (2010-2011); Instructor for the Institute for Adult Learning, Centreville, MD (2010-2024) teaching a different course every semester complete with maps, handouts, books, fossils, minerals and rocks.

When younger, Galt played soccer at middle school, high school, college and club levels. He continued with soccer as a respected and sometimes-winning coach at middle school and high school levels for both boys and girls; St. Johns School, Tumon, Guam (1992-1999); SS Peter & Paul, Easton, MD (2002-2009).

Also, a younger Galt played sandlot, high school and American Legion baseball. Since 1942, he was a rabid and often disappointed fan of the St. Louis Cardinals; since 1952 a follower of the Tottenham Hotspurs Football Club; since 1952 a fan of Lehigh University wrestling; since 2023 a season ticket holder of the Annapolis Football Club.

Throughout his time, Galt enjoyed body surfing on Long Beach Island, NJ, sloggling through creeks on Guam, and visiting outcrops, quarries, and mines anywhere to collect fossils, minerals and rocks.

With his wry sense of humor, one never knew if he was kidding or not (he usually was).

Interment will be on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 11:00 am at Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville, Maryland. Fellowship will follow the service at Kennard Cultural Center, 410 Little Kidwell Avenue, Centreville, Maryland 21617.

In lieu of flowers you may consider making a donation in memory of Galt to Compass Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, Maryland 21617 (info@compassregionalhospice.org).

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chesterfield Cemetery
406 South Liberty St
Centreville, MD 21617

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Michael and Sarah purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..



Michael and Sarah - October 18, 2025 at 09:52 AM

CY

“ Galt welcomed me with kindness and curiosity when I attended my first IAL happy hour! Truly was interested in who I am. Such a gift he possessed to make people feel comfortable!

Carrie York - October 17, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JA

I was at mfs, in nj with Galt. So sorry he isn't with. You anymore. Janet aaronson, class of 52. To

Janet aaronson - November 16, 2025 at 07:50 PM

SJ

“ Stavroula, Mike, and Jessica planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..

Stavroula, Mike, and Jessica - October 15, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..*



October 15, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..*



October 14, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ *I enjoyed getting to know Galt through the IAL classes he taught. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always brightened my day. We will miss him.*

Gayle Jayne - October 14, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..*



October 14, 2025 at 12:38 AM

FW

“ Faculty & Staff WERI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..

Faculty & Staff WERI - October 14, 2025 at 12:38 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..



October 13, 2025 at 08:43 AM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr.



Eastern Shore Dental Care - October 06, 2025 at 04:20 PM

DJ

“ Dr. John and Cheri Jenson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..



Dr. John and Cheri Jenson - October 05, 2025 at 10:49 PM

AL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



alicia - October 03, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..

October 03, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JS

“ I know Galt and Alicia from way back at the Univ of Maryland. Fond memories of hanging out and eating crabs at the Wye Ferry house. I have a picture of Sloan and my daughter Rachel at Calvert Cliffs when they were both about 4. Josh Sharlin

joshua sharlin - October 02, 2025 at 01:33 PM

LF

“ Lisa F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Galt Siegrist Jr..

Lisa F. - October 01, 2025 at 03:50 PM