



John Callahan

May 3, 1944 - April 4, 2019

John Gill Callahan passed away peacefully at his home in Chestertown on April 4, 2019. Gill is survived by his beloved wife, Jan; son, Josh; daughter-in-law, Jacqueline; and granddaughter, Alexandra, as well as sister, Lynn and brothers, Rory, Brian and Michael, and the younger generation Kim, Maris, Derek, Meagan, Eliza, Ryan and Kristin. His brother Kevin predeceased Gill in 2014.

Gill lived life with gusto and became an international traveler at an early age. Gill and his family lived in Karachi, Pakistan, where his father, John P. Callahan, was a New York Times foreign correspondent. On their return from Pakistan, the Callahan family moved to Brooklyn Heights, NY, and summered in Amagansett, Long Island, where Gill was a lifeguard and accomplished surfer while attending Southampton College. Gill then transferred to Godard College in VT, developing a passion for skiing which he continued to enjoy in Europe.

Adventure was Gill's middle name. Prior to his four decades of service with American Airlines, Gill was the Chief Purser on the SS United States and a purser on Grace Line passenger ships sailing between South American and Caribbean ports and the US.

Gill, in recent years, was often called "Jack" due to his close resemblance to

Jack Nicholson, for whom Gill was asked to be the occasional movie stand-in. Often mistaken for the actor, Gill with his characteristic good humor willingly obliged them with the never ending requests for selfies.

Gill was an inspiration to all who were fortunate to know him for his wonderful sense of humor, warmth and the courage and dignity with which he faced his illness.

A Celebration of Gill's life will be held in Chestertown, MD, on Saturday, June 8, 2019, from 1 pm - 4 pm. Kindly RSVP to Jan Callahan at jangill@atlanticbb.net.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 100 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Callahan*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Callahan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Callahan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Debra Blanchfield lit a candle in memory of John Callahan*



Debra Blanchfield - April 12, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John Callahan.*



April 12, 2019 at 08:10 AM

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“ *Jan, our deepest sympathy to you. We will miss his warm smile and chats at dinner.*

Betta Fraccaroli - April 12, 2019 at 07:48 AM

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“ *Jan, sending you my deepest condolences.*

Annetta Graves - April 10, 2019 at 11:09 AM