



## John Francis Gannon

July 17, 1932 - October 15, 2019

John Francis Gannon of Centreville, MD, passed away on October 15, 2019, at his home. He was 87.

Born on July 17, 1932, in Centreville, MD, he was the son of the late Thomas Connolly Gannon and Katherine Nellie Connolly Gannon. He was a graduate of Centreville High School and enlisted in the US Navy in 1949, serving on The Casa Grande until 1955. On November 3, 1955, he married Catherine Kramer of Cambridge, MD.

Following his discharge from the US Navy, John worked with his father as a carpenter and together they built many homes and barns in the Centreville area. He then went into the hardware business and opened Price and Gannon with Howard Price in 1959. Through the 1960's, he was a member of the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Department. In 1970, John decided to leave the hardware business to do the job that he most loved, farming. He and his wife, Cathy, had purchased Dungannon Farm in 1965. They began the grain business and eventually added a chicken house, sheep, cattle, horses and turkeys. Over the years, the animals left the farm and John expanded the grain farming and purchased a second farm. When Cathy retired from her nursing career, John decided to retire also and bought a second home in VA, where they lived until she passed in 2013. John decided to return to Centreville to be close to his family.

John is survived by his daughter, Catherine "Teri" Wood (Victor) of Centreville, MD; sons, John "Jay" Connolly Gannon of Centreville, Thomas Kramer Gannon (Dottie) of Centreville, MD; grandchildren, Vicki Wood Dean (Brad); Joyce Wood;, Connolly Gannon; Adam Gannon, Catherine Gannon, Dottie Alexander(Dale), Jennifer Gannon; great grandchildren, Bryan Hatch; Victor Dean; Barley Dean; and sister in law, Ann Davenport. He was predeceased by his wife, Catherine E. Gannon; daughter in law, Debbie Gannon; siblings Betty Woodford; Dottie Gohr and Thomas Gannon. Also, very special to him were his caretakers, Vilese Tomlinson and Jennifer Linkins, who took such loving care over the last year.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, from 1-3 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, where a service will begin at 3 pm. Burial will follow in Chesterfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Compass Reginal Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617

# Cemetery Details

## Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

OCT **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Francis Gannon* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - October 22, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ *John Francis Gannon* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Francis Gannon* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Francis Gannon* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Lynda Justice lit a candle in memory of John Francis Gannon* ”



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**Lynda Justice** - October 23, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Francis Gannon.*



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October 23, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Francis Gannon.*



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October 21, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ *Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**Tim and Esther Blackiston** - October 21, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**Frank and Tish Palmatary** - October 21, 2019 at 02:00 PM

TB

“ *Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**Tim and Esther Blackiston** - October 21, 2019 at 01:58 PM

KS

“ *So sorry for your loss. With Deepest Sympathy, Kathy Spry*



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**Kathy Spry** - October 20, 2019 at 05:59 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - October 19, 2019 at 11:46 AM

GP

*To the Gannon Family: We loved Johnny. He was our neighbor for many years when we lived on Purple Martin Road. Always made sure our driveway was opened during a snow storm or blizzard. Would stop by in his truck just to chat or walk across the field with his dog to our house. We always enjoyed the sheep and he was so proud of them. I always made sure I went up and spoke to him when he returned to Centreville, as he had forgotten who we were, but that was fine. I would say, we loved you and your family as our neighbors. He would laugh. He loved my goodies I would take to them during the holidays. A great neighbor and friend who will be missed. Know that our prayers and blessings are with you at this time. You had a great dad and he will be missed. The memories will never be forgotten. God bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - October 19, 2019 at 11:53 AM

SW

“ Sue Wolff lit a candle in memory of John Francis Gannon



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**Sue Wolff** - October 18, 2019 at 08:27 PM

KC

“ Kay Councill lit a candle in memory of John Francis Gannon



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**Kay Councill** - October 18, 2019 at 08:27 PM

JB

“ *Janine & Keith Benefiel lit a candle in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**Janine & Keith Benefiel** - October 18, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ *So sorry to hear, Teri. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



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**Laurie Haas** - October 18, 2019 at 05:31 PM

KD

“ *Kay Dinkle lit a candle in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**Kay Dinkle** - October 18, 2019 at 02:27 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - October 18, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *I will miss my neighbor. He always had a smile and a wave. He always came outside to talk when he saw me and my dog walking down the street. A kind and gentle man. Much love and prayers to all of his family. God Speed Mr. Gannon- we will miss you.*



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**Kim Conley** - October 18, 2019 at 10:23 AM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**June Clark** - October 17, 2019 at 09:47 PM

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“ *John was and is one of the true Gentleman that graced our lives. It gave him great pleasure to get you with one of his zingers such as, You know you can't send a letter to Washington from here? Ofcourse you would say yes you can. Then he would grin and say no you can't because Washington is dead. He was and always will be not only my Brother-in-law and will always be my friend.  
Rest in Peace John  
Ann*

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**Ann Davenport** - October 17, 2019 at 04:11 PM

AD

“ *Ann Davenport lit a candle in memory of John Francis Gannon*



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**Ann Davenport** - October 17, 2019 at 04:00 PM