



Dr. William Jerome "Jerry" Callan

May 31, 1943 - January 17, 2025

Dr. Callan, a cherished individual known for his quiet, selfless, astute and very witty personality passed away on January 17, 2025. He was 81 years young and passed at his home in Millbrook, Alabama from natural causes. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa at 132d Wing Air Force Base on May 31, 1943. Throughout his childhood he attended various military schools all over the world. He graduated from high school in Hawaii and began his college career at the University of Hawaii. He later transferred to the University of Arkansas where he received his Bachelor of Science degree, and from there went to the University of Georgia receiving his Doctor of Microbiology. During his college career and for some years to follow, a total of 25 years, he was an active member of the Alabama National Guard. In 1967, he began his career with the Alabama Department of Health, Bureau of Clinical Laboratories as a microbiologist. He left in 1971 and went to the University of Georgia to get his Ph.D. In 1974 he returned to the lab and was promoted to the Assistant Laboratory Director. During this time, he was also a Professor of Science for Auburn University at Montgomery. In 1987 he became the State Health Director for Alabama. He remained in this position until his retirement in 2008. He was a Godly man who always had a passion for science, all things space related, painting, computers, music, animals and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor Vernon Callan and Anne Marie Callan. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sharon Gilliam Callan; his children, Aimee Callan Pugh (Craig) and Micah W.B. Callan; his grandchildren, Craig Chandler

Pugh (Kylie), Callan Cade Pugh (Autumn), and Annabelle Houston Pugh. Along with his great grandchildren Eleanor Catherine Pugh and Mary Callan Pugh. A celebration of life will be held at Frazer Church where he was a longtime member, teacher and volunteer, on Thursday, January 23rd at 2pm. Visitation will be held from 1-2pm in the East Sanctuary. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Auburn University at Montgomery <https://www.aum.edu/advancement/ways-to-give/>. Please donate to the AUM College of Sciences in memory of Dr. Callan. Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

Cemetery Details

Alabama Heritage Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Frazer Church
6000 Atlanta Hwy
Montgomery, AL 36117
(334) 272-8622

Church

JAN 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

JAN 23 (CT)

Alabama Heritage Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Sharon,
So sorry to hear about Jerry. Remembering all the good times that we had over the years connected with APHL.
Sending our sincerest sympathy and blessings to you and your family.
Dave & Carol Carpenter

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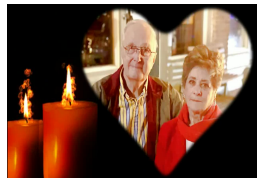
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“ When I first got out of college and went to work for the State Health Lab , I had no idea what path to take ! Jerry became my mentor and more importantly my friend , I could not have achieved what I did in my career without Jerry's support . Godspeed , Sharon ! RIP Jerry !

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Thoughts and prayers for you 🙏🥰 Susan Piwetz

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“ *Sharon, it's always been a pleasure to know Jerry & you he was always loved & admired by Judy. GOD BLESS.*

Karen Hull - January 20, 2025 at 08:26 PM