



Russell Douglas Gavitt

September 23, 1938 - July 30, 2022

Russell (Russ) Douglas Gavitt, 83, of Salisbury, NC, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at home surrounded by his wife and children.

He was born on September 23, 1938, in Torrington, CT, to the late Russell and Evelyn Douglas Gavitt. He was a member of Centre Presbyterian Church in Mooresville. Russ was a Boy Scout, Eagle Scout, and Scout Leader for over 70 years. He received his Scouting Silver Beaver and Wood Badge awards. Russ enjoyed a 30-year career with 3M when he retired as a Sales Executive specializing in Government Sales within the Industrial Products sector. Never one to sit still, he then focused on personal investments along with his passion for travel and photography. He and his wife traveled both the US and internationally in pursuit of that shared passion. His hobby turned into a business where he sold his work at various art shows and gift shops in Davidson, NC.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy Hamilton Gavitt; children, Elizabeth Testa (Gus), Donna Policz (Jamie), Linda Bristol (Alan), David Gavitt (Cheryl); brother-in-law, George W. Hamilton; grandchildren, Kevin and Jason Testa, Alexandra and John Patton, Brittany Bristol Brown, and Will Bristol; and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bruce Gurdon Gavitt.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 27 at the Chapel at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 (or) JAARS, PO Box 248, Waxhaw, NC 28173 (or) Boy Scout Troop 173 c/o Nena Bleckley 129 Sink Farm Road, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Gavitt family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Receiving Friends

AUG 27. 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Roberts - August 27, 2022 at 03:15 PM

AB

“ Well done good and faithful servant. You will be missed but
WELCOME HOME! Amy Brotherton

Amy Brotherton - August 27, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Russell Douglas Gavitt.



August 22, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Russell Douglas Gavitt.



August 22, 2022 at 09:36 AM

KA

“ James and I will miss you greatly. You were more than our leader/guide. You were our friend. You will have to watch James's Eagle Ceremony from Heaven. We love you
Katherine and James Allan



Katherine Allan - August 20, 2022 at 11:53 AM

LB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lea J Beazley - August 18, 2022 at 11:46 AM

LB

Russ speaking at my son's Eagle Scout Ceremony. He was definitely devoted to Scouting!

Lea J Beazley - August 18, 2022 at 11:48 AM

LB

My condolences to Nancy and family. You will be missed, Russ!

Lea J Beazley - August 18, 2022 at 11:52 AM

RT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robert Tolles - August 16, 2022 at 12:17 PM

NW

“ *Nancy and family, So very sorry to hear of Russ's passing. He was such a kind man and always had a smile on his face. You are all in my prayers.*



Nina Wall - August 08, 2022 at 11:06 AM

RK

“ *2 files added to the album Russ in the aerospace community*



Robert Kern - August 07, 2022 at 09:58 AM

RK

“ *At 3M, we all knew Russ as the one who gave true meaning to "3M Innovation" with his never-ending applications for 3M products and technologies to benefit the aerospace community, 3M was in his blood and served to benefit not only customers but also to inspire other members of the 3M community to reach out and achieve their true potential.*

Russ will be missed by all who knew him, especially by his family with whom he enjoyed life to its fullest.May he rest in peace - In the old Latin phrase, "Requiescat in pace"!

Bob & Karen Kern

Robert Kern - August 07, 2022 at 09:48 AM

TI

“ Condolences to Nancy and family. Your husband/Dad took a young Aerospace marketer and showed him the ropes of navigating government sales.....I am forever in his debt for the real-time training and fond memories. Russ enjoyed life and cherished his family.

Tom Ihbe - August 05, 2022 at 04:41 PM

JT

“ Rest In Peace old friend.

Jerry Tieben,

Fellow worker at 3M

Jerry Tieben - August 03, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Douglas Gavitt.



August 03, 2022 at 08:50 AM

AP

“ May you find comfort knowing that Russell is in a beautiful place and no longer suffering. He is never gone from your heart therefore he is with you forever.

anna pattison - August 03, 2022 at 08:02 AM

MB

“ *Sending our love to Nancy and the family.*

Terry and Teresa Boyer



Mr-Mrs Terry L Boyer - August 02, 2022 at 02:27 PM

JR

“ *Ian and June Robb send their condolences to Nancy and the family.*



June Robb - August 02, 2022 at 12:34 PM