



Michael John Vincent Garvey

February 23, 1932 - June 21, 2024

Michael J. V. Garvey, 92, passed away peacefully at Village Veranda, Lady Lakes, Florida, on June 21, 2024. He was born on February 23, 1932 to the late Patrick and Lucy Harrison Garvey of Mamaroneck, NY, the eldest of their six children.

"Vinnie" (as he was known to his family and childhood friends) graduated from Mamaroneck High School and attended Iona College. He then proudly served his country for two years in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan. Upon returning home, he began working for the original New York Telephone Company (today's Verizon), starting in installation and repair, and working his way up to management.

Retiring after 33 years, he then became a top salesman with Jeep Chrysler Dodge in Greenwich, CT, where he worked for several years, putting a life-long love and knowledge of cars to good use.

Vinnie had a great mechanical aptitude. Self-taught, he virtually rebuilt the old Civil War-era family home on River Street in Mamaroneck. He used those skills as well in the repair and maintenance of many of the cars he owned over the years. He loved music of all kinds (but opera especially), and had a wonderful singing voice, performing with the Stamford Senior Songsters for many years. He enjoyed this immensely. He was a huge sports fan of baseball

(Yankees), football (Giants), and golf (playing and watching) were his favorites, but he liked them all. He also loved the beach, and especially, taking his boat out on Long Island Sound, which he found peaceful and relaxing. Vinnie had a special love for animals. His children were very fortunate to have grown up with pets (of all kinds!).

Vinnie also had great event organizational skills. He was called upon many times -> whether by the phone company, the American Legion (where he was a two-time Postl Commander), his high school reunion committee, his church, or other local groups -- to plan their parties and other events. He loved being with people, and was always willing to help out in any way he could.

He had a keen interest in current events, and especially politics (being very concerned about the direction of the country). For many years he enjoyed sending out his email "takes" on the state of things, never daunted despite occasional pushback!

He was a born optimist. He played the lottery for many years, convinced that one day he was going to hit it big, and then "take care of things for all of us!" While that never did happen, he was always generous (sometimes to a fault) with what he did have.

With all his talents and interests, what Vinnie loved most was his family, friends, Catholic faith, and country. He was a wonderful, caring son, father, brother, uncle, husband, partner and friend, and a true patriot. He will be greatly missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

He was predeceased by his wife, Muriel Sarles Garvey, mother of his two children, and his wife Cathy Prescott Garvey of Stamford, CT; and most recently, by his longtime dear friend and companion, Beatrice Cooke, also of Stamford. Also predeceasing Vinnie were his beloved sister and brother,

Helen Patricia Garvey Sullivan, and Lawrence Eamon Garvey.

He is survived by his daughter and son, Janice Badenhop and Vincent M. Garvey, of Larchmont, NY; his sister, Sheila Bliss, of Essex, CT; his two brothers, Terence P. Garvey (Carol) of The Villages, FL; and Kevin G. Garvey (Patricia) of Coral Springs, FL; as well as by many nieces and nephews. Also surviving Vinnie are his good friends, the Christensens (Beatrice Cooke's family) of Stamford, CT, and Nina Gutierrez, also of Stamford, who selflessly did so much for Vinnie (and Bea) over the past few years.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am on Monday, July 15, 2024 at St. Gabriel Church, 948 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT. This will be followed by a military honors ceremony and burial at Queen of Peace Cemetery, 124 Rock Rimmon Road, Stamford, CT.

To express condolences for the family online, please visit the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Peace Cemetery

124 Rockrimmon Road
Stamford, CT 06903

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel Church
948 Newfield Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry that I did not know when my cousin, Michael's funeral was as I had planned to attend. My mother, Kathleen Lang and I called him Vincent. He was a kind man. I remember him from my childhood. Happy dinners with him, Uncle Pat and Aunt Lucy and whoever else appeared. He had a wonderful family and of course, was like them. He always attended the Raise the Bar foundation fund raiser and was very supportive. My sympathies to his children, and his siblings, Kevin and Sheila. With love, Susie Perry van Rijssen

Suzanne Perry van Rijssen - July 18, 2024 at 01:08 PM

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“ Michael, as we knew him, will forever hold a special place in our hearts. It was a pleasure getting to know him. His strength and perseverance were admired. To his daughter, son and family members, please accept my sincere condolences with Michael's passing. - Leslie Cavaliere (niece of Beatrice Cooke)

Leslie Cavaliere - July 15, 2024 at 11:56 AM