



## Eric E. Halligan

November 14, 1929 - March 20, 2003

Eric E. Halligan, 73, of New Britain, died Thursday March 20, 2003 at his home. Born in Manhattan, NY, he was a resident of Canton until moving to New Britain 25 years ago. Mr. Halligan was a truck driver for the Suburban Sanitation Service of Canton for 35 years, and was employed by Murphy's Security in New Britain for the past 7 years. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Halligan is survived by his wife Starr Van Ballenberghe of New Britain; 3 daughters, Diane Papolio of New Britain, Karen Gagnon and her husband Kevin of Colchester, and Victoria Gabriele of Collinsville; a brother, George Halligan of California; a sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Kappel of Nebraska; 8 grandchildren, Michael Paul 26, Nathaniel 19, Anthony 13, Brandon 22, Heather 13, Shelby 11, Kayleigh 6, and John Luke 2; and a great granddaughter Marley 3. He was predeceased by 2 brothers, Harry and Darrow Halligan; and a sister Dorothy Kiernan.

A funeral service will be held during calling hours Tuesday evening 6 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square New Britain. Burial will be private. Carlson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory of Eric with his family on our online guestbook by clicking on "sign memorial guestbook" at the top of the page.

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ *My heart and prayers are with you all always. Love,Jo*

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**Jo** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *He was my grandpa and I loved him very much.I really didn't know him, But it was nice to have him around anyway. He had a ruff life and he deserved a rest from life. I'm positive hes in a much better place now. We all will him and we will all never forget the way he was.*

*LOVE,  
his grandson,  
Tony  
p.s. I'll miss you grandpa.*

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**Tony Gabriele** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Sinse grampa lived with me sometimes I hear him wlak by or something like that.It makes me think hes still in our house. The one thing I remeber most is that he loved to talk to people as others have said. He talked about every thing from school when he was young to New Yourk and how he loved the night life.I miss him very much, but I know now he is waching down on all of our family.*

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**Shelby Papolio** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ *My grandfather loved to talk, he did that very well, it seems like when people think of him they remember him talking. I remember at all of the Christmas Eve parties there wasn't a time when he would be talking to someone, anyone who would listen. As people have said before he would talk about NEW YORK!! There were times when I would listen and the stories he'd tell made me want to go out and see New York for myself.*

*Im glad I have my memories of him, and that they won't ever leave me.*

*He will be missed.*

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**Heather Papolio** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ I CALLED HIM DAD, HE CALLED ME NUMBER ONE DAUGHTER. DIANE WAS NUMBER TWO, KAREN NUMBER THREE, LIKE THE CHINESE.

MY FATHER WAS YOUR TYPICAL IRISHMAN STORY TELLER. ALWAYS THE STORIES. MAINLY THEY WERE ABOUT HIS EXCITING LIFE IN NEW YORK. OH HOW HE LOVED NEW YORK. IT WAS THE NIGHT LIFE, THE DANCING, THE GIRLS, THE ACTION AND YES THE FIGHTING.

HE ALSO LOVED UPSTATE NEW YORK. THE HUNTING, FARMING AND AGAIN THE DANCING. IT WAS AT A LITTLE DANCE HE MET MY MOTHER, STARR.

OF ALL THE THINGS HE LOVED IN LIFE IT WAS ALWAYS MOM. HE'D MOVE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY IF SHE WANTED, DO ANYTHING, JOIN ANYTHING. SHE WAS HIS LIFE.

HIS PASSIONS WERE TWO THINGS ONLY BESIDES MOM-- HARLEYS AND GUNS. GUNS, GUNS, GUNS, HE WORE A GUN TUCKED IN HIS PANTS TIL THE DAY HE DIED. WE GIRLS CALLED HIM "DIRTY ERIC" AFTER THE CLINT EASTWOOD MOVIES "DIRTY HARRY".

I HAVE LOOKED FOR MY DAD IN EVERY MAN IVE LOVED. HE WAS HANDSOME, EXCITING, PASSIONATE AND DEVOTED TO MY MOTHER. I'VE YET TO FIND THAT COMBINATION.

I LOVED HIM SO DISPIE OUR PROBLEMS. I'LL MISS YOU DAD TIL THE DAY I DIE. LOVE YOUR NUMBER ONE DAUGHTER VICKI MAY GOD FIND AND PROTECT YOU DAD

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vicki halligan gabriele - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Vicki, Karen & Diane,

*Memories are something we keep with us forever. I am so thankful that my memories of your Dad for the past 15 years are all good ones and that we did some special things together; Going to Charlie & Florence's 50th wedding anniversary, going to Washington D.C. for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial a really special memory and last June going on an Alaskan Cruise together. But you know, I don't think there's a time when I'm rushing to make a traffic light that I don't remember that Christmas Eve long ago, friend Ronnie was driving and we kept chanting, "Make that light! Make that light". We had him so shook that when we said turn right here, he went left! We had so much fun that night and I still have to laugh when I remember it. It's those special memories that we should always keep close to our hearts and never let them go. I know each of you have those types of memories. Hold them close, share them with each other and hold each other close.*

*Love,*

*Aunt Betty*

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**Elizabeth T. Kappel** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**William Richards** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM