



Mr. Joseph Grafton Gall

April 14, 1928 - September 12, 2024

Joseph Grafton Gall of Baltimore, MD died at his home from heart failure on September 12, 2024 at the age of 96. Joe was a 1945 graduate of the Woodberry Forest School in Virginia, earned his B.A. from Yale University in 1948, and his Ph.D. in Biology from Yale in 1952.

Joe began his professional career as an Assistant Professor in the Zoology Department at the University of Minnesota from 1952 to 1963. In 1963, he moved to New Haven CT to accept an appointment as Professor in the Biology Department at Yale University. In order to continue his bench research with less administrative responsibilities, he moved in 1983 to the Carnegie Institution's Department of Embryology in Baltimore. Throughout his research career, he additionally mentored students, taught undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and others at U. Minn., Yale, the Carnegie Institution, and as an adjunct faculty member in the Johns Hopkins Department of Biology. He retired from research in 2020 at the age of 92. His research focused on illuminating the structure and functions of the cell nucleus and its organelles, for which he received numerous awards. He was noted for being an early champion of women in science. For more information, see <https://carnegiescience.edu/news/joseph-gall-father-modern-cell-biology-dead-96>.

The things most important to Joe in his life were his family, interpersonal

relations, and scientific integrity. He was interested in everything, had broad knowledge of science and the history of biology and optics. He was insightful, kind, good-natured, generous, and beloved by all.

He was preceded in death by his brothers John C. Gall, Jr. and Howard S. Gall. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Diane M. Dwyer, his first wife Dolores Gall, his sister-in law Carol Gall, his son Lawrence F. Gall (Nancy Barrer), his daughter Barbara G. Eidel (Stewart Eidel), and his three granddaughters Jennifer Barrer-Gall (David Bedar), Lillian Eidel, and Shelby Eidel.

In lieu of flowers, friends may support the Life Sciences Research Foundation (lsrf.org) and BioEYES (www.bioeyes.org) in Joe's memory.

A funeral will be held at the Church of the Redeemer, 5603 North Charles St., Baltimore 21210 on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 2 p.m. in the main sanctuary. A memorial service to celebrate his life and scientific contributions will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Upperville VA.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Redeemer
5603 N Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ *My sincerest condolences to Joe's loving spouse and the entire surviving family members of Joe. I only knew Joe but for the briefest of time, but the vibrance and grace of his spirit were immediately evident. May he rest in peace.*

Jimithy - September 26, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SE

“ *Sharyn Endow lit a candle in memory of Joseph Gall*



Sharyn Endow - September 20, 2024 at 05:43 PM

GV

“ *We lived across the street. Our daughter was very young and adventurous. She found things in the stream by the Bryn Mawr School and would take them to Joe to figure out what they were. He was a marvel. Jars of things from the stream would appear with a little girl on the doorstep and he would always take her in and tell her what it was, how it grew and what it would become. No one could have been better!*

Gloria K Vanderhorst - September 19, 2024 at 05:25 PM

DD

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Diane Dwyer - September 18, 2024 at 03:12 PM

SE

Diane, thank you for sharing your family photos of Joe. His life was filled with science and family, and his words and actions touched so many people. May his memory live on and guide others. Sharyn

Sharyn Endow - September 20, 2024 at 08:17 AM

EC

During his lifetime Joe Gall generated a large amount of quality work in diverse scientific subjects that few other people can approach. His observational skills were extraordinary as were his abilities to arrange the observations into logical patterns. His colleagues and his many students greatly benefited from his exceptional breadth of knowledge and his character. My sincere condolences to Diane, his children and their families.

Ed Cohen

Ed Cohen - September 23, 2024 at 07:36 AM

JH

Diane, So sorry to hear about Joe. My thoughts are with you and your family. Jennifer Hayes

Jennifer Hayes - September 23, 2024 at 11:06 AM

DR

Dr. Diane Dwyer: I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your devoted husband. I hope that your cherished memories bring you comfort and strength, not only in this moment but in all the days to come. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Delores Rich - September 23, 2024 at 11:29 AM

EP

Diane, Thinking about you and your family. Elizabeth Platz

Elizabeth Platz - September 24, 2024 at 08:38 AM

AA

*Dr Dwyer I am so sorry to hear your beloved husband Dr Joseph passed away.
.My thoughts and prayers are with your family. during this difficult time.*

Afaq Ahmad

Afaq Ahmad - September 24, 2024 at 09:40 AM

SE

Praying for the Gall family today

Stewart Eidel - September 26, 2024 at 09:51 AM

MV

*During dog walks with Diane and Joe, I learned so much about the natural world. We would talk about various animals and insects. Even a blade of grass became interesting. Joe was so kind, smart and enthusiastic about all things great and small. And Diane shared his many interests encouraging even further discussion. The world is a better place because of Joe. I will miss him.
My prayers, Diane.*

Marty Vint

Marty Vint - September 26, 2024 at 01:37 PM