



Margaret Mary Gallagher

September 24, 1940 - July 22, 2022

Margaret Mary Gallagher (known as “Peggy”) passed away peacefully at the home she shared with her sisters on July 22, 2022, at the age of 81. She was surrounded by many loving family members in the days before and at the time of her passing. Peggy is survived by her sisters Mary and Bridget “Gert” Gallagher, Catherine “Kathleen” McCarthy, Evelyn Sheehan, and by her brother Francis Gallagher, and her sister-in-law Rosemary Gallagher. She was predeceased by her brothers Patrick and John, and brothers-in-law William McCarthy and John Sheehan. Peggy was a beloved aunt to 17 nieces and nephews, 55 grand-nieces and nephews, and an ever-growing number of great-grand-nieces and nephews.

Peggy was the youngest of eight children born to John and Mary Ellen Gallagher near the town of Tubbercurry in County Sligo, Ireland. She emigrated to East Dearborn, Michigan as a young woman. Initially, she lived with her older brother Patrick, who was also her godfather, and with her sisters. Peggy and three of her sisters including Kathleen later settled in Dearborn Heights and lived in three homes within a two-block radius. She and her sister Gert lived happily together for many years, and, in recent years, were joined by their sister Mary. Mary was Peggy’s godmother, whom Peggy trusted as a second mother. Throughout the years, the four sisters have been a much-admired tandem team in all endeavors. Peggy had the most devoted of friendships with all her older siblings.

For many years Peggy worked as a dietary aide at the former Mount Carmel Hospital in Detroit. Those people blessed to know her knew Peggy to be a humble and unassuming person. She had a quiet personality, and was not one to put herself forward, yet she was always very generous with her time and energy. She would always look for an opportunity in every circumstance to step up and help in any way needed. On the home front, she enjoyed keeping busy and showed aptitude in so many areas – cooking delicious meals, painting the house as meticulously as any professional painter, styling her sisters’ hair as beautifully as any professional hair stylist, and giving her nieces and nephews driving lessons!

Peggy used to enjoy visiting family and just chatting. She would rarely show up without bringing with her some small gift, or treat, or baked good for whomever she was visiting. She was unfailingly thoughtful in such small ways. She had an impish and self-deprecating sense of humor and a sweet smile which endeared her to those who knew her even slightly. Peggy was an enthusiastic storyteller. She was extraordinarily observant, with a phenomenal memory for detail and the ability to recall, verbatim, conversations that had taken place many years ago; as well as the dress of persons involved, and amazingly detailed chronicles of circumstances and situations.

Peggy was a deeply faithful Catholic, with a special devotion to Blessed Solanus Casey, and the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Her frequent attendance at Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and daily recitation of the Rosary have long supported her loved ones and others.

The final few weeks of Peggy's life were marked by disheartening health concerns which she endured with stoic resignation, without any complaint or self-pity. Her courage, humor, and graceful determination in the face of adversity served as an inspiration to her loved ones who were with her. During this time, she drew great comfort from her deep and abiding faith. Peggy aspired above all to fulfill God's will in her life. May she rest in eternal peace in the tender and loving care of Our Heavenly Father.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. Instate 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church (formerly known as St. Sebastian Catholic Church), 3965 Merrick Street, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125 until the time of the Requiem Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchins or to St. Patrick Fathers.

The Capuchins
1820 Mt. Elliott Street
Detroit, MI. 48207
313-579-2100
www.thecapuchins.org

St. Patrick Fathers
8422 West Windsor Avenue

Chicago, IL 60656-4252

USA

1-773-887-4741

www.stpatrickfathers.org

Please take a moment to share a memory or a story about Peggy or to leave a condolence for the Gallagher Family on Peggy's Tribute Wall. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Peggy Gallagher please visit our Sympathy Store

Cemetery Details

St. Hedwig Cemetery

23755 Military Street
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home
2640 Monroe Boulevard
Dearborn, MI 48124

Rosary

JUL 26. 6:00 PM (ET)

Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home
2640 Monroe Boulevard
Dearborn, MI 48124

Instate

JUL 27. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
3965 Merrick St.
Dearborn Heights , MI 48125

Mass

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
3965 Merrick St.
Dearborn Heights , MI 48125

Tribute Wall

LP

“ *My heart is heavy to hear this news. As the former Music Minister at St. Sebastian Church, I was blessed to see Peggy, Gert & Mary, “the Irish sisters”, each week at mass. We always had a chat before mass began. They would share with me their memories of Ireland. We shared many, many stories. My mother was a Brennan and my step-dad a Gallagher. I will always remember her gentle kindness. May God hold her in the palm of his hand and may her memory be a blessing to those who loved her.*

Peace,
Linda Maureen Phillips

Linda M Phillips - July 28 at 10:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Mary Gallagher.*



July 26 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Mary Gallagher.*



July 25 at 10:12 PM

BC

“ *On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Margaret. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of her life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Gallagher family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Margaret.*

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - July 25 at 10:10 AM

CS

“ We are deeply saddened at the loss of Peggy, our dear aunt. We will cherish the time we last had together on our visit to Detroit before Christmas 2021 when you were so full of life. You will be missed by your family on earth but I know you will be welcomed in Heaven. John, Catherine Sheehan, and family

Catherine Sheehan - July 24 at 06:40 PM

PM

Peggy was the sweetest Godmother and Aunt that a person (Patrick) could have. I will cherish fond memories of my childhood with Peggy. She was a very kind and unselfish person. She was one in an incredible trio of remarkable aunts that will never be forgotten. I will hold memories of her close to my heart.

Patrick (Patty) McCarthy - July 27 at 08:13 PM