



Catherine V. Gallagher

February 27, 1953 - February 18, 2020

Catherine V. Gallagher, 66, of Monmouth, IL passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL surrounded by her loving family. She was born February 27, 1953 in Oak Park, IL.

Catherine was a graduate and one of the original students of Hope D Wall School. She was a swimmer in the Special Olympics. She worked and resided at the Warren Achievement Center in Monmouth, IL. She loved bowling, collecting many different things, and she had a wonderful sense of humor.

She is survived by her five siblings, Julie Marchesi of Mission Hills, KS, Mary (James) Nardone of Aurora, IL, Helen (Larry) Simpson of Holland, MI, JoAnn (John) Hoscheidt of Aledo, IL, Peter (Mary) Gallagher of Raleigh, NC; thirteen nieces and nephews, Tim (John) Marchesi, Chris (Billy) Rudicile, James (Debbie) Nardone, Elizabeth (David) Baker, David (Jen) Nardone, Scott (Jeanine) Gallagher, Kate Glaze, Michael Gallagher, John (Alexandria) Simpson, Maggie (David) Hauser, Kelly (Gabe) Barta, Julie (Josh) Craig, Lisa (Patrick) Van Cleave; twenty four great nieces and nephews; her longtime caregiver Shirley Dehle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and June (Buchanan) Gallagher; her brother, Timothy Gallagher in infancy; and her brother-in-law, Robert Marchesi.

Visitation will be on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 11:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Holy Angels Church at 12:00 PM; Fr. Dean Smith will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Catherine's family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Catherine's name may be made to the Warren Achievement Center 1220 E. 2nd Avenue, Monmouth, IL 61462 or the Advocate Charitable Foundation Adult Down Syndrome Center, 3075 Highland Parkway Suite 600 Downers Grove, IL 60515

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Morning Prayers

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Funeral Mass

FEB **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine V. Gallagher



Daleiden Mortuary - February 20, 2020 at 01:08 PM

HS

*My Sweet Angel,
A life as your sister has been a lifetime of experiences like no one could ever imagine. People who know us think that I may have taught YOU a lot! What they don't know is that you taught me more! I want to thank you for some of my favorites!*

Thank you for teaching me how to ruin window shades, you, me & Jo got them all down!

Thank you for teaching me how to decorate the walls with Julie's lipstick!

Thank you for singing Jingle Bells to me, Larry & the kids while stoking the fire with the bevels.

Thank you for reading Go Dog Go with me last summer!

Thank you for sharing one potato chip with each of my friends from college.

Thank you for having Bowling birthday parties!

Thank you for hiding your open coke cans in all the drawers of my house!

Thank you for steering me toward being a teacher!

But mostly thank you for the laughter, the tears, the unending, unconditional love only you know how to give!

My heart is broken because I miss you so much !

I love you so much and forever you are in my heart and always will be part of me!

Xoxoxo Helen

helen simpson - February 20, 2020 at 03:00 PM

LM

Thank you for sharing you beautiful memories 💕🌸

Luanne Manny - February 20, 2020 at 06:32 PM

CJ

So beautiful Helen! It was a pleasure to spend time and care for Cathy and your Mom at Johns wedding. I think we laughed an awful lot. Such innocent joy she brought to the room. From her sayings ,to her actions we were always in stitches. What a special Gal.❤️

Rest In Peace beautiful girl!

cindy johnson - February 20, 2020 at 08:24 PM

JH

What do you say when your heart and soul leave for heaven? When someone so beautiful in the simplest of forms fills your life with unimaginable beauty? We know one thing for sure. You filled our hearts with gold and our souls with glory. It was an honor to be by your side❤️. Thank you Cathy...Thank you.

JoAnn Hoscheidt - February 21, 2020 at 12:47 AM

KB


That was such a loving tribute to her Helen. The video was simply beautiful. I am going to leave the words part to you and Mom❤️

Kelly Barta - February 21, 2020 at 07:18 AM

JL

I love reading how special she was and how much she meant to you all. I wish I had known her. Let the wonderful memories help you through this tough time. Thinking of you...

Jane Locascio - February 21, 2020 at 11:14 AM

 Judy Bauer

I am so sorry for your loss. Helen, I know you were close with Cathy and those many wonderful memories that you made together will be forever Yours. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Judy Bauer - February 21, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JN

“ Cathy,

You always were very special to me, I remember you for over 60 years. The fun you always brought to us, and remember all the trips you made out the side door before anyone new you left and bringing back coke, and newspaper coupons.

We will always talk about you because of your sweetness, and the kindness you had for all your cousins and the laughter you brought with every visit to our house.

I remember how we used to bowl with you on your birthdays, and how much fun it was watching you throw the ball down the lane and maybe even close to a strike.

Your smile when Jamie gave you dollar bills for your birthdays, and watching you open Christmas presents just hoping you would get Coupons and then the big smile would come up.

Cathy I love you, and will always miss you

With Love

Jim

James A Nardone - February 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM

MN

“ My sweet girl, how I will miss you! You taught us all how to love unconditionally, you taught us patience, how to be strong, to persevere and to always have a sense of humor. You were the BEST of us. We will miss you terribly and when we are together again there will be tremendous joy and happiness. Because of you I will always remember what happens when "You Give A Mouse A Cookie" and the sweetness of your smile.

I Love You!

Your Sister,

Mary Nardone



Mary Nardone - February 22, 2020 at 12:54 AM

KS

“My deepest sympathies Gallagher Family!” I’m in Arizona and unable to be there. I’ll always remember how pleased Cathy was to know that my name was Kathy too and she would religiously go through that chant time and time again. Loved it. Your parents were hero’s with her and the Development that came after. What a wonderful life she had. God Bless! love, Kathy (Housh) Sampson

Kathy Sampson - February 21, 2020 at 03:51 PM

“ *St. Peter: Welcome to the orientation Cathy.*

Cathy: Thank you.

St. Peter: So this is your brother Timothy. And your Mom, Dad and Bob Marchesi.

Cathy. Howard !

St. Peter: And this is Batman, and Dorothy from Wizard of Oz - they have been looking forward to meeting you.

Cathy: Oh my!

St. Peter: So, you are done with earth. But those on earth are not done with you - the funeral is soon, but those are usually remarkably human events.

Cathy: Well, my family was remarkably human - sounds like a good fit.

St. Peter: Oh I see your beginning to come out of your role and resuming your true self as a guardian angel. Correct?

Cathy: Yes. The Gallagher's were a lot of work, but a lot of love. I like the new system of one guardian angel taking care of a whole family. That sitting on the shoulder on one (often boring) person and whispering was so 15th century.

St. Peter: It was really a numbers problem. Once there were too many humans, we tried to convince the other angels to convert to guardian angels.

The cherubim and seraphim ignored us and kept smiling and singing. The thrones and dominations said they would rather go to Hell than earth - they saw how Jesus was treated.

Cathy: Peter? Did you write this?

Yes Cathy, thanks for everything.

Peter Gallagher - February 21, 2020 at 02:10 PM

PJ

*To our Gallagher cousins: Thanks to you all , your parents and Cathy for teaching us so much about the power of love, the value of tenacity, the appreciation of each unique life and the importance of family ties. We will miss Cathy and love you all.
Rob, Pam, Pat and Judy*

Pamela Jacklin - February 22, 2020 at 12:13 AM

RM

“ *Sorry for your loss*

Ronnie Myers - February 21, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Catherine V. Gallagher.*



February 21, 2020 at 10:12 AM

CB

“ Truly sorry to hear of the passing of Cathy. Julie spoke very highly of her beloved aunt. Our thoughts are with Julie and her family as they navigate this difficult time. Sending love, sympathy and strength to Cathy's loved ones.

Sincerely,
The Springfield Clinic Marketing & Communications Team
Zach, Colby, Ashley, Mary, Angela, Nic, Matt, Mandy, Maggie,
Rachel & Liz

Colby Baumberger - February 20, 2020 at 09:33 PM

HS

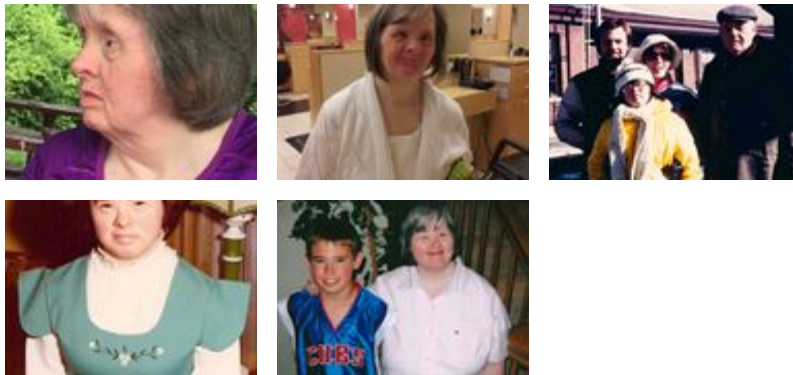
“ Helen Simpson lit a candle in memory of Catherine V. Gallagher



helen simpson - February 20, 2020 at 02:17 PM



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