



Lillian Gallagher

January 20, 2016

Lillian McNally Gallagher, 94, of Palm Beach Gardens went to be with her Lord peacefully, surrounded by her family in Loxahatchee, Florida on January 20th 2016. Lillian was born on November 16th, 1921 in Brooklyn, NY to Francis McNally and Lena Cerencioni.

Lillian worked in the Aerospace industry at Bendix in Teiterboro New Jersey for 28 years and went on to work for the United Auto Workers as a benefits specialist for over 9 years. She was a graduate of Holy Trinity High School, Hackensack New Jersey. She attended Penn State University. She was a member of Women of the Moose 2010 in Palm Beach Gardens, Executive Board Member and Secretary for the Palm Beach and Treasure Coast UAW Retiree Center, Member of VFW. Volunteer for the PGA Senior Tour for 18 years. Lillian was a communicant of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Lillian was cranky and could be mean but she loved her family and Jesus. She gave to many charities through the mail. She did not like to be alone but she didn't want to live with anyone. She loved to dance and go to parties. She was a terrible cook but she could pick apart a meal at the finest restaurant complain to the waiter but always ask for a To Go Bag. She could find something wrong with anything or anyone. She never forgot and she never forgave but when she loved you she loved you forever and with her whole heart. She was half Irish and half Italian but in her mind she was 100% Irish.

She had dark brown eyes but she had her graduation picture altered to make her eyes blue because if you were Irish you had blue eyes. She believed our family was related to the Kennedy's. She would look at pictures of us and find similarities to the Kennedy's. She stole things from hotels because she felt like she paid for them. She gave the oddest gifts. She would make clothing out of bathing suit material with zig zag stitching. Pajama pants where the crotch ended at the knees. She gave plant cuttings, fruits and vegetables and extra large boxes of food from Costco. She always had a bag of yarn and knitting needles. The yarn never matched and the colors were weird but she always was knitting something. She made hats scarfs and blankets, Christmas ornaments, eye glass cases, coats for dogs. Her arthritic hands were always busy. She had issues and she had her own ways as we all do but she loved her family, she was generous to all of us. She lived her life having fun, bowling, dancing, volunteering, campaigning, she believed in her Union and she bought American.

Lillian is survived by her grandson Shawn Sr (Lynnette) Reid, granddaughter Robin (Brian) Nichols, great grandchildren Shawn Reid Jr, Megan (Greg) Vanderweile, Kyle Walker, Raymond Walker and Kelsey-Jo Reid, great-great grandchildren Avery and Dakota Vanderweile, sister Ellen (Bob) Halstead, niece Cathy Mazzola, niece Maureen (Steve) Kartrude and nephew James (Leeann) Dolan. Lillian was preceded in death by her husband James Gallagher, daughter Sheila Reid, sister Frances Demartini and granddaughter Allison Reid.

A memorial service will be held at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home 250 Center St Jupiter Florida on Monday January 25 2016. The viewing will be held from 3-5 pm with a service starting at 5pm.

Tribute Wall



“ I loved her I am her granddaughter Kelsey-Jo LILLIAN Reid and I am very happy that I got to be a part of her life. It might have been a small part but I'm just lucky to be in it! I love you grandma fly high

lynette reid - October 31, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ Lillian Gallagher

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



who is this?

lynette reid - October 31, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ Dear Family of Lillian, My mother, Jeanne Pfaff, and Lillian were close friends for decades. Lillian was always a part of my life growing up in NJ. She and Jimmy were frequent guests at our summer home in Rockaway Point, NY. Lillian was truly a member of our family, there for most of the occasions families celebrate - birthdays, graduations, weddings, etc. It was so hard to tell her when my mother died in 2009. She and I kept in touch, but regretfully, not enough. I am so saddened to learn of her passing. Jeanne Pfaff Cappello

Jeanne Pfaff Cappello - Naperville, IL - July 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Thinking of Lillian makes me smile! I spent a few years at the Women of the Moose with Lillian. As all have mentioned, she was somewhat irascible, but what stood out to me was her wonderful dry sense see of humor and her quick wit. Her twinkling Irish eyes always gave her away. A very special lady whom I will always remember as a spirited friend.

Robin Williams - Titusville, FL - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ It was the highlight of my trips to the UAW meetings to see, speak and listen to Lillian. A truly adorable woman who wasn't afraid to speak her mind...whether you cared for her opinion or not. She was a little spark plug! It saddens me to learn of her passing but feel comfort in the fact that she's giving the business to keep all the people up in heaven in line. If there are donuts in heaven...Lillian is passing them out one at a time....she'll only give you 2 if she likes ya.

Colleen Allen - Detroit, MI - Coworker - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Lillian. I did however read Cerabino's article about your dear grandmother. Here's to a Life So Beautifully Lived and a Heart So Deeply Loved!Cathy V-L

Cathy V-L - Lake Worth, FL - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Rip Gram. Heaven is going to be much more colorful now.

Lisa McAdams - Nutley, NJ - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Miss Lillian, I will miss you very much. I really enjoyed our time we spent together, just wish I said it more often. I remember if I didn't get outside fast enough, you would lay on that car horn, boy was that horn loud !!!!! But you made me do my Sunday obligations whether I wanted to or not, you always kept me accountable. For that and many things I'm grateful. Thank You Miss Lillian, I will always love and miss you. Ruthann Peanut White

Ruthann white - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Lillian. Words can not express the love shared with you and Ellen. You have molded my life in so many ways. Even delaying your own destination in the WOTM so that I could advance--Having your caring heart and arms about me when I suffered my losses of my son and husband. And letting me cry on your shoulder when my house burned down. Can not begin to say how much you have done for me. Always showing me what true friendship means--just wish that I had made myself more available to you in your need My family all express their love for you as you have shown every one of them the same love and devotion that you bestowed on me..May God Bless each and everyone of your loved ones--you have shown all of us the true "Light" of life. Love Lucia

Lucia Leidig - Lake Park, FL - January 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May the God of tender mercy comfort you at this sad time. Psalms 40:1

A friend - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“Wow! What a life Nanny had!!! So many memories.....and now she's reunited with Grandpa Gallagher who I'm sure will tell her she's "looking good!!!", Sheila and Allie and of course, her Bendix crew to start the shenanigans as they did so many years ago.....RIP Nanny Gallagher.....and dance like no one's watchin'.....give My Allie such big loves ... til we all meet again at that big pool in the sky! XOXO

Debbie Sedor - Lake Havasu City, AZ - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM