



Mary Louise Gallagher

September 5, 1932 - October 21, 2025

Heaven welcomed Mary Louise Gallagher, 93, of Tinton Falls NJ. Formerly of Ridgewood, NJ, on Tuesday, October 21st. Born in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Thomas and Getrude Shields, Mary Louise is a proud graduate of The Mount where she established friendships that lasted a lifetime. She was known for her kind heart, faith and curiosity.

Mary Louise, lovingly known as Mimi to her family, had a love for the theater, experienced joy in finding a good bargain, and took pride in perfecting her laundry routine. She enjoyed spending time with her loved one's, she never missed a chance to stay in the know and truly enjoyed being part of everyone's lives.

Mary Louise is predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Gertrude Shields; her brother, Thomas Shields; her daughter, Christine Schechter; and her husband, Matthew P. Gallagher Jr. She is survived by her children, Maureen Gallagher-Raschen Matthew Gallagher, and Sheila Gallagher; her grandchildren, Corey and Molly Schechter, Kyle and Kevin Raschen, and Meaghan, Mary Kate, and Grace Gallagher; as well as three great-grandchildren, Austin, James, and John Raschen.

Above all, Mary Louise cherished her family. She leaves behind a lifetime of beautiful memories, love, and laughter that will continue to comfort those who loved her most. Her faith was her guiding light, and she is now reunited with her loved ones in eternal peace.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Saint Catharine's Cemetery & Mausoleum

1100 West Chicago Blvd.
Sea Girt, NJ

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall

LW

“ ML , as we fondly called her was my Mom’s friend for many years. Our parents were couples friends since the early 70’s. So many fond memories of every day life and big trips too. ML used to bring Irish Sofa Bread to my parents house in Ridgewood every St Patty’s day. They used to talk about growing g old together, rocking on a front porch somewhere, preferably near the ocean. My parents moved to AZ 10 years ago to be closer to me and they kept in touch by emails & texts. ML loved to hear about mine & my sisters families and vacations. My parents will miss her my sisters & I will miss her. She was a great frodnd to all of us. May she rest in peace.

Laura Kaspar Wardwell - November 02, 2025 at 06:56 PM

AG

“ Sad to hear of Mrs. Gallagher's passing. She with Mr.Gallagher were good neighbors to our family. Living off a main road, I remember in growing up trying to learn how to rollerblade. They allowed my sister and I to use their driveway. I remember their smiles.
Adam Gabrielle

Adam Gabrielle - November 02, 2025 at 02:00 PM

KG

“ Remembering our dear neighbor Mary Louise, who along with her husband Matt, were a delight and blessing to have next door to us. They were very supportive of our children (April and Adam) during their growing years, and just wonderful people to have known. They were like family. We were sad when they weren't neighors any longer; first with loosing Matt to heaven, and then Mary Louise when she moved to Tinton Falls. We did have a lovely visit with Mary Louise in her new home and dinner in Asbery Park, a few years back. Now thinking of her, we wish we had visited more. We remember both Matt and Mary Louise fondly now and always. With love, Kathy and David Gabrielle

Kathleen & David Gabrielle - October 30, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Gallagher.



October 23, 2025 at 04:57 PM

TS

“ A godparent promises to be there for a child throughout his/her life... I am in my 60's now, and every year I still get a message from "Auntie" Mary Louise on my birthday. She obviously took that responsibility to heart. I'm so grateful that I had one last chance to spend time with you last year. Thank you for all of your love, Aunt Mare.



Tom Shields - October 22, 2025 at 10:40 PM

AP

“ To Maureen, Matt, Sheila, family and grandkids, I am so grateful your Mom was a forever part of the Fagan/O'Brien/Post family. She cared so much for Uncle Matt, all of her kids, grandkids, the Shields, so many friends. I will miss her but I know she is at peace and free now. She meant everything to Mom/Aunt Justine. Ann Post

Ann Jennifer Post - October 22, 2025 at 12:05 AM

AP

“ 2 files added to the album Cousins Dining-Memories



Ann Jennifer Post - October 21, 2025 at 11:58 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Gallagher



Bongarzone Funeral Home - October 21, 2025 at 08:35 PM