



Margaret Patricia "Rita" Gallagher

September 19, 2019

Margaret Patricia "Rita" Gallagher (née Roarty) of Oradell, New Jersey, passed away on September 19, 2019 of natural causes. Rita was born and raised in her beloved Corkey, Manorcunningham, County Donegal, Ireland, and graduated from Loreto Convent in Letterkenny. With her husband, Pat Gallagher, she immigrated to Australia in 1960 and then, in 1963, to the U.S., where they resided in Bergen County, New Jersey, for more than 55 years, 45 of them in Oradell. Rita served as a teacher's aide for Bergen County Special Services for more than 25 years and was active with Saint Joseph's Minor (Gaelic) Football Club in New Jersey for several years, when her sons Patrick and Paul played on the organization's teams. She was selflessly devoted to her family and loved chatting with family and friends over a cup of tea, reciting poetry, and, from the dining room window in her sister's home in Portnoo, watching waves in the Atlantic Ocean crest and fall. Rita's vivaciousness, charisma, and sweetness will be missed by those who knew and loved her, particularly her family. She was predeceased by her son Glenn Cormac Gallagher. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Pat Gallagher of Oradell; her eldest son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Laura Gallagher, and their children, Patrick and Caitlin, all of Oradell; her youngest son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Kristin Gallagher, and their children, Colin and Keira, all of Long Valley, NJ; her daughters, Lee and Heather Gallagher, both of New York City; and many family members in Ireland, including her brother and sister, Leonard Roarty of Manor and Eileen Burke of Portnoo. May God grant eternal peace, love, and joy unto dear Rita. Family and friends are welcome to visit on Sunday, 2-6pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell. A funeral service will commence on Monday, 9am at the funeral home followed by a 10am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's RCC, Oradell. Private cremation will follow.

Cemetery

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Corner of Crooks Blvd & McClean
Avenue
Paterson, NJ, 07503

Events

SEP 22 **Visitation** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

Oradell

268 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell, NJ, US,
07649

SEP 23 **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

St. Joseph's RCC

300 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ, US, 07649

Comments



“ Hi Pat, so sorry for your loss. Rita was a lovey woman and I have fond memories of talking with her in the kitchen in Oradell. I only heard recently , I'm sure she's in heaven with my mum having a cuppa tea and smiling . God bless, Scott Campbell & Kelli Campbell, Brisbane Australia

scott campbell - February 29 at 11:47 PM



“ Dear Pat and his family
I am very sorry for your loss. My heart is with you today.
Rumiko Carroll

Rumiko Carroll - September 22, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ Aunt Rita - found a way of sharing stories, and listening, all the while her delightful smile captivated the moment. May her journey continue to the arms of our dear Lord. Much love to Uncle Pat and the whole family. R.I.P.

Rosemary Irvine and family

Rosemary, Rob,Robert, Bridget, MaryGrace - September 22, 2019 at 01:22 PM



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Heather - September 21, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ While I was not fortunate enough to ever meet Margaret Gallagher, I did know her daughter Leigh, who possesses many of the delightful characteristics that describe her Mother. Always kind and courteous, dependable and devoted to those she loved, Leigh is a reflection of the Mother she loved. My condolences to all the Gallagher family.

Kathleen Emrich

