



Joan M. McColley

October 12, 1930 - August 16, 2017

Joan M. McColley (nee Gallagher) passed away in Troy, Michigan on August 16, 2017 at the age of 86. Joan was born in Detroit, Michigan and adopted by Daniel and Mary Gallagher on October 12, 1930. She graduated Saint Theresa High School in Detroit in 1948. Joan met the love of her life, Lloyd McColley while on a bus trip to Toledo with the Jack and Jill Club in 1956. They quickly fell in love and were engaged a short 6 months later. On August 24, 1957 they became husband and wife. One year later, in 1958, they made their first addition to the family, a son, Shawn. In 1960, they welcomed a little girl to their family, Sheila. In 1969, they made their family complete with the addition of their son, Shea. By far, one of the most important things to Joan was keeping her home maintained for her family. Joan worked for the National Bank of Detroit until she retired after 36 years. When Joan retired, they moved to Vanderbilt, Michigan in 1996. Joan loved the country life, and the time spent outside to keep up her yard and her garden. Joan quickly became involved in R.S.V.P. - Retired Senior Volunteer Program - in Gaylord, where she crocheted lap robes for veterans in the area. One of Joan's favorite thing to do was to bake. Around the holidays, she would bake dozens upon dozens of cookies, as well as dozens of loaves of hutzel bread and would pass them out to her loved ones on Christmas Eve. Joan loved her dogs, she would always walk them through the woods and take them on car rides to look at the trees. Joan loved crafts: from crocheting to needle point, calligraphy to making rosaries, there was never a craft she was afraid to try.

Joan is survived by her loving children, Shawn (Sandi) McColley, Sheila McColley, and Shea (Jamie) McColley; her beloved grandchildren Keegan and Olivia McColley; and her dear dog Keltie (aka Nessie).

Joan is preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband Lloyd in 2009.

Visitation will be held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church 44633 Utica Road, Utica on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

In-state

AUG 19. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ My sympathy to the family. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25

M. Martin - August 24, 2017 at 05:06 AM

SD

“ My best wishes to my dear friend Sheila and to her brothers on the loss of their mother. Joan was always gracious to me and I have many fond memories of the times I spent with their family in our younger days. Sending my thoughts and prayers to you all,
Susan Danielewicz

Susan Danielewicz - August 18, 2017 at 10:25 PM

JB

“ Shea, I didn't know your mom but I know what an amazing son she raised. Thinking about you, Jamie and the kids as you say goodbye. We can't make it to the service but have made a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in your mom's name. Lots of hugs from the Beatty Family

Joanna Beatty - August 18, 2017 at 03:19 PM

KB

I remember when I was little mama Joan would let me help make her famous Christmas cookies! And I would get a tin of my very own for helping her.

Kimberly Baran - August 18, 2017 at 08:42 PM

BM

“ I have many happy memories of times spent with my cousin, Joan. I'm just sorry that we lived so far apart that we couldn't have had more of them! I regret that I can't be with you, Sheila, Shawn, Shea and family, at this difficult time, but my love, thoughts, and prayers go out to all of you and I'll be with you in spirit on Saturday.

Beverly Miller

Beverly Miller - August 18, 2017 at 12:11 PM

JP

“ WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE MC COLLEY FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. THE PERREAULT FAMILY

JUDY PERREAULT - August 18, 2017 at 10:43 AM

EG

“ I loved to sing with Joan, she will be missed.

Ernestine Garland - August 17, 2017 at 05:52 PM

EG

“ Ernestine Garland lit a candle in memory of Joan M. McColley



Ernestine Garland - August 17, 2017 at 05:48 PM

CT

“ *Shawn, Sandi, Shea, Jamie and kids and Sheila I am so sorry for the lost of your Mother Aunt Joan was a great person.*

Colleen Teahan - August 17, 2017 at 05:10 PM