



Michael David Gallagher

September 18, 1957 - August 26, 2018

Michael David Gallagher, age 60, passed away August 26, 2018 in Royal Oak.

Michael was born in Detroit and grew up in Troy, Michigan, where he attended Avondale High School. He was a huge lover of music and had an exceptional memory and passion for all things rock n 'roll, with bands from the 60's, 70's, and 80's as his favorites. Whether it was The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Who or Alice Cooper, Michael knew more about them than just about anyone-whether it was dates, times, or other details, Michael probably knew it. He fully embraced black leather jackets, black jeans, "playing" the guitar and all things relative to rock n 'roll.

Michael was a very social, happy-go-lucky guy who loved to be around people in general and preferred "big dogs with furry tails". In years past, he enjoyed working at the Golden Nugget restaurant, in Oxford and frequented the Wagon Wheel Tavern in Lake Orion, where he established a good rapport with the staff and customers.

More recently, Michael was also very generous with his time, volunteering with Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Salvation Army. While being an employee at The Palace of Auburn Hills, he had the opportunity to watch and hear many of the bands he loved during rehearsals for a concert, a near

perfect scenario for Michael.

Notably, Michael participated in the very first Special Olympics held at Soldier Field in Chicago.

Michael was the son of Ruth Gallagher and Robert (Jean) Gallagher; brother to Paul (Kerrienne) Gallagher, the late Tom (Joanne) Gallagher, and Lynn (Craig) Bickley; brother-in-law to Carol Gibbs; uncle of Bob (Katie) Gallagher, Pat (Amy) Gallagher, Paul (Camila) Gallagher, Jeff (Ana) Bickley, Brad (Anna) Gallagher, Jenn Bickley, Jill Bickley, Mary Gallagher, Aidan Gallagher, and Margaret Gallagher; and great-uncle to six grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Visitation will take place Friday, September 7, from 4-8 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI 48067. Michael will lie in state Saturday, September 8, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Memorial contributions in honor of Michael can be directed to Special Olympics (www.specialolympics.org).

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall (see tab above).

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Mass

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name Catholic Church
630 Harmon
Birmingham, MI 48009

Tribute Wall

TL

“ Mike was one of a kind and my friend for 40 years. He was loyal, funny, life of the party. I lost contact with Mike and regret that terribly. He was my "best friend". R.I.P. Mike, you're in heaven now with all of your favorite rock stars.

Terry Longtin - November 05, 2018 at 07:03 PM

RR

“ Sorry to hear of Michael's passing. The Gallagher family lived across the street from us (N. Connecticut in Royal Oak) in the late fifties and sixties. I had the honor of baby sitting Michael and his brothers and sister a few times, which was quite an experience.

One experience I remember is the time Michael ran out into the street - right into the side of a moving vehicle - luckily I wasn't babysitting! Scared the you-know-what out of the driver of the car - and me who watched it happen. Michael simply picked himself up and smiled as he went back home - don't recall any injuries to Michael.

Rest in peace Michael. Glad I had the opportunity to have known you.

Rick Reid

Rick Reid - October 28, 2018 at 09:39 PM

AH

“Michael, "Mikey" (that's what I called him growing up) will always hold a special place in my heart. He absolutely LOVED life and my long hair! When I saw him at both our grandparents' funerals, he complimented and talked about my long hair. My late husband, Rob also was a music lover and played guitar. He was fortunate to have met Mikey at these funerals. They had some conversations about Rock-n-Roll , bands they both loved and playing guitar. Rob was a big supporter of the Special Olympics and I believe Michael inspired this. I am sure beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are both in Heaven "jamming out" together! God Bless.

All our Love,
Amy, Madison, Abby and Caroline

Amy Hamby - September 21, 2018 at 08:41 AM

SP

“Michael was my oldest cousin. We didn't spend a lot of time together, but when we did it was uplifting. Michael always had a smile on his face, a joke or funny story to tell, and made you feel happy. Michael had to deal with things in his life that were beyond his control, and he made the best of it. Aunt Ruthie, you were Michael's best advocate and gave him his fulfilling life. I hope where ever he is, he finds peace, music and a lot of "long haired girls".

Love,
Sara

Sara Parish - September 16, 2018 at 09:09 PM

BH

“Michael is so special in my life. He was my first nephew, and at age 13 that was so special to be an aunt. Michael was my inspiration to becoming a Special Education teacher.

Michael spent many weekends at his grandparents home in Kalamazoo. They always had a special place in their hearts for Michael. Watching "honkers" fly over on their way South, looking for other "hawk birds" in the trees and going on other adventures. He loved the WMU basketball games on Saturday afternoons. The summers spent in Holland are full of wonderful memories. Music lover yes, Uncle Fred gave him his first amplifier. He loved to ramp it up.

Michael's love for his family and friends was unconditional. There were no strings attached. I know that he is at peace and surrounded by those who love him. I wish someone would have had the courtesy to let us know about the arrangements to celebrate Michael's life, but communication within this family is almost non-existent. We will offer a Mass here in Florida to honor Michael.
Aunt Barb and Uncle Fred

Barbara Gallagher Haiduk - September 08, 2018 at 09:14 AM

JS

“Michael Gallagher brought the best out in me. I believe he brought the best out in all of us: love, compassion, respect. He always made me laugh. I never heard him make a disparaging comment about anyone.

I will miss you Michael. God bless you and may you Rest In Peace.

With much love, Jim Strand

Jim Strand - September 07, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael David Gallagher.*



September 07, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael David Gallagher.*



September 05, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *Cathy King purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael David Gallagher.*



Cathy King - September 04, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ *This is a very sad time. Michael was very special. Miles and years have separated our family in so many ways. I have mostly the childhood memories of Christmases at the Gram "C" house, summers at EagleCrest, and the very special weekend visits Michael made to our home in Battle Creek. I can still hear him imitating the thunder of my brother's motorcycle, the roar of the vacuum cleaner, and the strumming of the imaginary guitars of his favorite bands. How he loved the music of all three!!!
Our prayers are with you!
Love, "Cousin" Cath (& Bill)*

Cathy King - September 04, 2018 at 03:53 PM

CA

“ *I have many fond memories of Mike and the Gallagher family during our summers at Eaglecrest in Holland, MI. Sorry to hear such sad news. To the Gallaghers: You are in my thoughts, especially at this very sad time. Condolences to you. Sincerely, Chris Allen*

Chris Allen - August 30, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ *Your friends and OLS miss you and wish we could have one more talk about you "long haired hippy days". We love you and miss you tremendously. R.I.P my friend..and never doubt how much we loved you!*

Missi Bovee - August 30, 2018 at 09:34 AM

 Krystal Rochon

“ *Your friends at Excel are deeply saddened to hear of your passing! We will cherish our memories with you forever! You will be deeply missed my friend! May you Rest In Peace MoJo!!!!*

Krystal Rochon - August 30, 2018 at 08:46 AM

LB

“ I love you big brother!! 😘😇

Lynn Gallagher Bickley - August 29, 2018 at 07:08 PM