

MARY GALLAGHER McCLUSKEY, RN (TERRI)

January 9, 1942 - February 22, 2024



Mary was a daughter of Irish immigrants from Point Breeze, by way of Homewood-Brushton. She was spoiled by her father, Hugh Gallagher, inspired by her mother, Annie Cannon Gallagher, and was a loyal, doting sister to Philip and Patricia.

Lover of the underdog, and devoted caretaker of "the least of these my brethren" at Mercy Hospital in 40+ years as an RN. She embodied the

proper Sisters of Mercy bedside manner and applied it to life at large.

In her twenties, she spent a year in San Francisco spreading her wings and several months in Ireland connecting with her roots. She maintained a love of travel her whole life. Her curiosity, wit, and kindness were disarming and uplifting; she is on countless people's lists of "my favorite people."

She was in the Wilson Club in Pittsburgh when Jack McCluskey walked in. He had just gotten off the troop ship from Germany that morning. "That one is mine," she told her friend with a smile. She and Jack spent 56 wonderful years together, raising three adoring children.

Mary lived her faith—she was a founding member of St. John Neumann, member of the pastoral council there, a eucharistic minister, and a volunteer at Verland Foundation. She had several patron saints on her prayer "speed dial," and wasn't shy about letting them know when they weren't pulling their weight. She was quick with a novena for anyone in need and with a "kiss my arse" for those who needed to hear it.

She beamed with pride and love for her grandsons, Jack, Nickolai and Brendan, and gushed over their unique personalities, talents, and innate kindness. The last photos of her were with her "boys" who, as always, elicited that infectious smile of hers.

She will be deeply missed by Jack and her children, Anne, John (Noreen Corcoran), Philip (Libby Hugetz); and the family and friends lucky enough to have known her.

Family will welcome friends on Sunday, February 25th, from 4-7 p.m., and Monday, February 26th, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., at **SCHELLHAAS & SONS CREMATIONS SERVICES, INC.**, 1600 Stone Mansion Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143 (Franklin Park/Wexford). Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, February 27th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. John Neuman Church of Regina Coeli Parish.

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