

LORRAINE R. (COLE) GALLAGHER

February 17, 1926-December 5, 2024



Age 98, formerly of Monroeville, died peacefully, with family at her side on December 5, 2024, in West Palm Beach, FL. She was the loving mother of seven children; and beloved wife for 53 years of the late John P. "Pat" Gallagher, who preceded her in death in 2003. A devout parishioner of St. Bernadette Catholic Church, her service included the Christian Mothers, Women's Guild, Ladies of Charity, Choir, CCD, Grief

Support, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the homebound. Art and music brought her lifelong joy. She continued to paint, draw, and sing into her final years. Born and raised in Braddock, one of four children of the late William B. and L. Ruth Cole, she spent much of her youth in Ligonier, where she developed an abiding love of nature and horseback riding. Following graduation from Braddock High School in 1944, she entered R.N. training at the Mercy School of Nursing in Pittsburgh as part of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, created to ease the homefront nursing shortage during World War II, later working at area hospitals and as a Visiting Nurse. Besides her husband; she was preceded in death by a son, Paul Gallagher; a grandson, Brian Gallagher; and siblings, Donald Cole, John E. "Jack" Cole, and Corrine Cole Damiani. She is mourned by her surviving children, Janet (David) Rubinson of Lake Worth, FL; Timothy (Laurie) Gallagher of Wayne, PA, Colleen Gallagher (Bruce Morris) of Pittsburgh; Stephen (Christiane) Gallagher of King of Prussia, PA, Patrick (Linda) Gallagher of Stormstown, PA, and Laura Protzman (James Sheehan), of Lincoln, MA; 13 adoring grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Thursday, December 19, from 4-7 p.m., at the **JOBE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC. (MONROEVILLE/PLUM CHAPEL)**, 445 Beatty Rd., Monroeville (412-856-4747). Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 20, 2024, at 10 a.m., at St. Bernadette Church, Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, 245 Azalea Dr., Monroeville.

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