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Cecile Gallagher (née Rossignol), of San Antonio, Texas, died July 7, 2019.

Cecile was born November 15, 1931 in Saint-Hilaire, New Brunswick, one of Canada's Atlantic provinces, to Denis Rossignol and Edna St. Amand. Her childhood was a happy one, spent with doting parents and grandparents, as well as eight siblings she loved dearly. She reminisced often of the simple pleasures they enjoyed: picking fresh garden vegetables for the family's meals; the aroma of her mother's baked bread and pies; outings with her father to tap the sweet, amber syrup of their maple trees. Cecile left school early to help care for twin brothers born when she was 12 years old, an experience that shaped her future as both wife and mother.

In 1952, Cecile met Bill Gallagher, a handsome U.S. serviceman from Bennington, Vermont. With little concern for the French-English language barrier, the two fell in love, married, and started a family. Never forgetting her French Canadian roots, Cecile became a proud U.S. citizen, military wife, mother of eight children, and homemaker. Bill's career in the U.S. Air Force placed great demands on her as a wife and mother, requiring that she manage her large family's frequent re-locations (to two foreign countries and six U.S. states), and to endure long periods of her husband's absence as he was deployed in the Vietnam War and later sent on Temporary Duty assignments.

As her children grew and life eventually began to settle, she relished the chance to work outside the home: Over the years, she worked as a dental assistant and as a clerk in women's retail clothing and jewelry. She made lifelong friends along the way.

The arrival of grandchildren and great grandchildren helped fill her years with both purpose and joy. When her adult children fell on tough times, she was a source of support

and strength to them and their children. As recently as 2017, the birth of her youngest great grandchild ensured that even her final weeks of life would be blessed with moments of great delight.

Cecile was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Gallagher; her son, Michael Gallagher; daughter, Teresa Gallagher; brothers, Rino, Camil, Hermel, Jean and Jeannot Rossignol; and sisters Yolande Grondin and Claudette Rossignol. She is survived by daughters, Lorraine Gallagher, Carol Gallagher, and Kathleen Gallagher and her husband, Rhodney Williams; sons, John-Marc Gallagher and his wife Janice, Bill Gallagher and his wife Katherine, and Kevin Gallagher; daughter-in-law, Gail Gallagher; sister, Rachel Michaud of Québec, Canada; grandchildren, Isla Leigh Henley, Natalie and Seth Cone, William and Dominique Gonzales, Abigail, Kaden and Olivia Gallagher, Aurianna Logan, and Mark Anthony Gallagher; great-grandchildren Dylan and Jacob Henley, Fela White, and Olivia Grace Jeanise. She leaves behind many nieces and nephews she loved as well.

Comments



“ It was as an honor to attend your life celebration memorial. You will always live on in my mind as a fun loving beautiful woman, mother, friend and grandmother. And I will forever cherish the fond memories of your wonderful soul.
Until we meet again.
Much Love, Gretchen

Gretchen Matta - July 26 at 01:52 PM



“ Hi Grandma. This still feels so surreal. I remember you would always talk about going to my high school graduation and so deep down I always thought I had much more time with you. I love you and miss you so much. I will always cherish the memories I have of you. Thank you for being the best grandma and for loving me as much as you did.

Abigail Gallagher - July 25 at 11:17 PM



“ Dear Little Nightingale,

You took your last small breath. You perched and looked down at your three devoted daughters Lorraine, Carol and Kathleen , the embodiment of your most beautiful quality.. devotion to your family. Your son Rhodney was there too. Always present when it mattered most.
I hope you lingered just a few more moments to see your youngest son running down the hallway. Desperate to give you one last earthly kiss.. before you fluttered away , forever.

Kevin Gallagher - July 25 at 12:42 PM



“ Humm mac n cheese for the grandchildren, guarded by both grandmothers! Thank you Cecile for your friendship, love, and care. Thank you for your children (I know your greatest treasures, next to your grandchildren!) Without you, I wouldn't have had mine! You will be remembered and missed!



Nona Basso McCrary - July 22 at 09:04 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecile Gallagher.



July 20 at 11:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecile Gallagher.



July 20 at 09:25 AM



“ Cecile Marie,
You will live on in the hearts of those you've touched with the memories you have created. Thank you for being a doting grandmother and a wonderful mother-in-law. I will miss your political rants, your delicious home cooked meals (& pies!), the way you got on the floor to play with your grandchildren, the conversations over post-dinner coffee. Thank you for all you created and supported.

Caitlin Sweet - July 19 at 10:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cecile Gallagher.



July 18 at 09:44 PM



“ Billy and Katherine Gallagher purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Cecile Gallagher.



Billy and Katherine Gallagher - July 18 at 08:12 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecile Gallagher.



Gail Gallagher - July 18 at 06:08 PM



“ Mom, I Love You with All that I am. I love how you accepted me and my children into your family and how you made us feel so loved.
I loved our long phone conversations how we would laugh and cry about Our Michael.
Thank You for being such a Wonderful Mother-in-law
Love you mom

Gail Gallagher - July 18 at 05:59 PM



“ Grandma Cecile you will be missed very much. From eating bologna in your bed, and watching Barney, to playing with your dominos. You were one of the coolest grandmas out there. I take pride in carrying on your last name and will pass on all the great memories to my kids!

Kaden Gallagher - July 18 at 03:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cecile Gallagher.



July 18 at 11:55 AM



“ Dear cousins,
It is with deep sadness that I write this post to all of you. Aunt Cecile so loved her visits to Edmundston and Madawaska. I went several times to pick her up at the airport when she arrived from Texas. She was an absolute joy to be around. I spoke to her just one month ago so I am extremely happy to have had such an opportunity. Hope to see you all again someday.
Much love being sent your way, today.
Betty, Andrew and family
Xoxo

Elizabeth - July 17 at 09:34 PM



“ Dear Gallagher family, so sad to hear of aunt Cecile's passing. Although miles apart and many years between our visits, we loved Aunt Cecile and will miss her as well. She was my dad's little sister and my fondest memory of the two of them is them dancing the Texas 2-step in Aunt Cecile's garage in San Antonio many years ago. I must say that I also recall that they both joked at how clean they both kept their garages. With great affection to you all.

Cousin
Guy Rossignol
Topsham, Maine

Guy Rossignol - July 17 at 01:24 PM



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“ I am so sorry for your loss... Kevin my heart with you and your family find peace in your hearts... sincerely, Hilda Herrera

Hilda Herrera - July 16 at 07:43 PM



“ Don, Lise, Betty and Andrew, Guy and Pam purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Cecile Gallagher.



Don, Lise, Betty and Andrew, Guy and Pam - July 16 at 12:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecile Gallagher.



July 15 at 01:26 PM



“ My Dear Cousin,
I will always remember your love & kindness. You were an exceptional human being. Always taking great care of your family. You will be missed, but I take comfort in knowing you will now be with Bill, Michael & Theresa. Give a hug to Mom & the others. Until I see you again, Rest In Peace. Love, Toni Anne xoxoxo

Toni Boynton Ballou - July 15 at 01:16 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Gallagher,
I thought there'd be more time - more time to visit together, more time to reminisce, more time to play another game and more time to laugh. I will always remember how you would greet me by getting very close and grasp my face with both of your hands. Then, you'd very intently study my face, smile up at me and call me your "little Ellen".

I will treasure these memories I have of you. Rest In Peace Mrs. Gallagher. And, may you find comfort and happiness knowing that you were truly loved.

Ellen McNichol - July 15 at 02:39 AM



“ Grandma, I love you. You were there for me whenever I needed you as a child, and I needed more help than most. You were there when my father went away. You gave me a safe and place to come home to. You would drive an hour round trip to pick me up from school, always letting me listen to bone thugs “at the crossroads “ over and over in the tape deck. that is how I choose to remember you, full of love, wanting the best for me.

Seth Stowaway - July 14 at 01:52 PM



“ My sweet, little grandma, I will miss our chats over morning oatmeal and evening tea. I'll even miss the way you say, “ oatmeal.”

I love the way you'd shyly share your girlhood stories, and your commitment to performing all of your gardening and yard work on your own. I share in your love of gardening and hope it keeps me as strong as you were.

I'm so glad you and Fela got to meet. He always recalls the way to pinch his cheeks at every greeting!

I already miss the way you anchor our family.

Rest In Peace, granny. We love you.

Natalie Cone - July 14 at 12:34 PM



“ Grandma, I think of you and I smile. I smile at the memory of your loving smile and laugh, your welcoming slaps on the cheek, and the adoring tone in your voice as you would say my name (or any other grand or great-grand child's name). I felt your love and acceptance of each of our unique and often unconventional ways. I appreciate this and again, I think of you with love in my heart and a smile on my face. Most recently, I picture you draping your blazer just over your shoulders in preparation to go somewhere. You always walked off with an air of dignity in your steps. This too brings a smile to my face. I love you grandma...We love you

Dominique Gallagher-Gonzales - July 13 at 10:45 AM



“ Mom, if I knew it was the last time that I held you in my arms, I would have held you tight and never let go! It just doesn't feel the same around here anymore! I feel like we've been torn apart.

I want you to know that we all loved you so. Confusion kept you from seeing it though. In God's arms, you saw it all. So, now it's time to wipe the tears from your eyes. Sleep dear mom and dream the dreams of joy that you have earned. I know we will see each other again someday, and when we do, I will wrap my arms around you and never let you go.

Til then, you live inside of me, with dad, Micheal, and Teresa!

Lorraine Gallagher - July 13 at 01:49 AM



“ Sweet Mom, I never anticipated life without you. There are no words to describe, how much I miss you. I can only thank God, for his choosing You, to be my mom. I love you Mom, with every fiber of my being, and will carry you with me, through eternity .! Love You Mom,,Billy

Billy Gallagher - July 12 at 06:32 PM