



Mary E. Farley

August 14, 1925 - December 29, 2018

Mary E. Gallagher Calaman Farley, 93

Mary E. Farley, 4 Porter Place, Towanda, passed away at home with her family on Saturday, December 29, 2018, after a long period of declining health.

Born Mary Eugenia Gallagher on August 14, 1925 in Murraytown, Sullivan County, “Jean” was the third child of four born to Mark and Josephine (Cox) Gallagher. Growing up in difficult times during the Depression, Jean learned from an early age the cornerstones of her life’s values: determination, hard work, and family.

While still in school, Jean and her older sister Frances stepped up to the task of taking care of the home and their two brothers; Josephine fell ill with a life-long debilitating illness, and Mark worked a series of Depression-era jobs.

Although each of the children spent various times in the homes of extended family, Jean, Frances, and brothers Joe and Jimmy remained close.

Jean graduated from Saint Basil’s High School in 1943. A born “tomboy” and Irish to the core, she was a wonderful dancer, excelled in athletics, playing softball and forward on a district-champion basketball team, and remained a very competitive bowler and golfer well into her adult life.

After high school, Jean lived in Washington, DC where she and several friends contributed to the World War II effort and worked for the Federal government.

After the war, Jean returned to her roots and high-school boyfriend John Calaman, who would attend Bucknell University on the GI Bill. The two married on November 25, 1948, and eventually relocated to Towanda, where John was employed as an engineer by Sylvania.

John and Jean's family eventually grew to five children and their home on State Street was part of a large, extended St. Agnes-neighborhood family that included (among many others) their next-door neighbors, Bob and Louise (Maloney) Farley and their six children.

In 1963, John was diagnosed with cancer, which would take his life in June of that year. Bob would lose Louise to cancer in 1964, and the widow and widower leaned on each other, along with the entire neighborhood, to rally to keep the families together.

Bob and Jean had similar upbringings and family histories, and grew close in the wake of tragedy. They were married on April 10, 1965, and joined their families. Eleven would eventually grow to 13 children, and the two would spend their years together dedicated to hard work and keeping the family together during good and bad times.

Jean worked at the Bradford County Courthouse in Voter Registration until her retirement in 1987 as the Head of the Department. She remained active by seeing the last of her children through college and helping Bob maintain numerous rental properties, including a property in Sarasota, Florida, where they enjoyed wintering.

As Bob's health declined during the 1990's, Jean, along with their youngest daughter Tami and other family, became his primary caregiver until his death on April 10, 1998.

Jean always took great pride in seeing her family grow even larger through marriage and grandchildren, and welcomed families of family and friends alike into her home as her own.

Jean was a skilled card player, enjoyed frequent card clubs with "the ladies", and teaching generations of family to play pitch. She loved checking in on her family and friends on Facebook, was an avid Words With Friends player, and

gave and received much love from her faithful companions Rasta Puppy and Sammy.

In later years, as her health declined, Jean worked as she always had. She insisted on doing for herself as much as possible, until she no longer could. All who knew her marveled at her "Sullivan County toughness" while at the same time insisting on putting others above herself.

Jean was predeceased by her parents, her brother Joseph Gallagher, daughter-in-law Penny (Smiley) Farley, son-in-law David Conklin, husbands, John T. Calaman and Robert D. Farley, and countless friends and relatives. Jean is survived by her family: A sister Frances Brisson of Ellicott City, Maryland; a brother, James Gallagher and wife Veronica Gallagher of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania; sons, daughters and in-laws Robert Michael (Mike) Farley and Cindy (Crockett) Farley; John J. (Jack) Calaman and Marjorie (Nesbitt) Calaman; Elizabeth (Bettie Kay) (Farley) Gonzales and Steve Gonzales; Joanne (Calaman) Kizer; Patti (Calaman) Meredith and Richard Meredith; Henry Farley; William (Bill) Farley and Eileen Farrell; Mark Calaman and Marylou (Handzo) Calaman; Richard M. Farley; Donald Farley and Margaret (Mosely) Farley; Thomas Calaman and Joy (Grace) Calaman; Timothy Farley; and Jean's best friend, advocate and caregiver, Tami Farley; grandchildren Nicholas Farley and Jennifer Farley, John Kizer IV, Robert M. (Buck) Farley, Jr. and Linette Farley, James Kizer, Ted Calaman, Star Calaman, Christopher Farley, Brenda (Farley) Johnson and Danny Johnson, Matthew Calaman, Jesse Farley, Robert D. Farley II, Donald G. Farley, Wendy Tebo and Thomas Kaczynski, Keith Tebo and Amber Rhoades, and Steve Meredith; great-grandchildren Bodi Johnson, Bentley Johnson, Matilda Bee Farley, Gracelynn Brooks, Adalyne Brooks, Layla Brooks, Aiden Tebo, Klaire Tebo, Devon Meredith, Chase Meredith, Cheyanne Meredith and Julianne Meredith; great-great grandson, Kodi Gerace; and nieces and nephews Susan Brisson, Sandra Gallagher, Jim Gallagher, Jeannette Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Nelson Gallagher, Veronica Gallagher and Paul Gallagher, and

their families.

The family wishes to thank Jean's many friends, especially Pat McGovern, Iona Bidlack and "the card girls" for their kindnesses and visits during her last days, and Doreen DuBois, Michelle Estes, Betty Bosman and Patty Thomason for their love, devotion and care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any remembrances be directed to Saint Agnes School or Guthrie Hospice in the Memory of Mary E. Farley.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 4-6 PM at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home in Towanda. In addition, friends of all members of the family are invited to a Celebration of Jean's Life on Saturday, January 5 at the Towanda Country Club, from 1-5 PM.

A burial mass and interment will be held in the future at the convenience of the family.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Farley*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Mary E. Farley*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Mary E. Farley*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Mary E. Farley*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Mary E. Farley*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Elizabeth Kim, Lisa (Kim) Bell and Insoon Kim purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mary E. Farley.*



Elizabeth Kim, Lisa (Kim) Bell and Insoon Kim - January 08, 2019 at 07:34 PM

DA

“ *To all of the Calaman/ Farley Family.
So sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a great lady. Lots of good
memories. Take care. Diane Bloomer Allis.*

Diane Bloomer Allis - January 08, 2019 at 08:23 AM

SH

“ *Many, many hours spent with the Farley family when they lived on
the corner of Packer and William St. My condolences to all the
family, especially my old and dear friend Tim.
Peace, and may God Bless.*

Steve Hilfiger - January 06, 2019 at 11:11 AM

CL

“ *Claire Lizon lit a candle in memory of Mary E.
Farley*



Claire Lizon - January 06, 2019 at 08:55 AM

RL

“ *We would like to express our sympathy to the
family. Bob and Gina Lenox*



Robert Lenox - January 05, 2019 at 06:44 PM

MS

“ Margie And Fred Segaline lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Farley



Margie and Fred Segaline - January 05, 2019 at 12:24 AM



“ Starbucks Coffee Condolences was purchased for the family of Mary E. Farley.



January 05, 2019 at 12:22 AM

MS

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Margie and Fred Segaline - January 05, 2019 at 12:16 AM

MS

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Margie and Fred Segaline - January 04, 2019 at 11:53 PM

MS

“ *The Bradford County Historical Society & Museum (Staff and Board members and Volunteers) send their heartfelt condolences and many blessings to Henry and his family. Our prayers are with all of you. God Bless*

mary rose shaylor - January 03, 2019 at 09:59 AM

BG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Mary's family! May God Bless!*
Bob and Mary Getz

Bob and Mary Getz - January 03, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mary E. Farley.*



January 02, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Mary E. Farley.*



January 02, 2019 at 12:20 PM

MM

“ Our condolences on the loss of your Mom.. What a genuine peaceful person who always was helpful for all.. May the peace of God give you great joy at knowing her positive affect on so many lives.

Mike MacInnis - January 02, 2019 at 09:53 AM

BQ

“ To Tim, Tami, and the entire Farley & Calaman family; my sincere condolences on passing of Jean. What a wonderful lady and many fond memories for sure growing up on Poplar Street. Whenever I play "pitch" I certainly have her in my thoughts. Very sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,
Brian Quiggle & Family

Brian Quiggle - January 02, 2019 at 07:40 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry to read about your mother passing away, I remember her as a very strong and passionate lady, she weathered many storms and was a good mother to all of her children. I am sure you have many wonderful memories of your mother that will hopefully ease some of the loss you will be feeling in the coming weeks. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.



Dorothy Shay Sauro - January 01, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *I rented an apartment from Jean and Bob when I first moved to Towanda. They were wonderful people and offered guidance and friendship to a young woman new in town. I offer my sincere condolences.*

*Sally Stempel
Orlando, Fl*

Sara Cochrane - December 31, 2018 at 01:35 PM

PM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother grandmother ! Jeans and Bob where wonderful people ! My kids and I rented off them for over 15 years on chestnut street ! We always look forward to him coming over to the house! Jean use to come and shop and always stop infor Italian cheese bread at lunch time! When I was working the Fireplace Two her and the card ladies would play cards in the stone room ! I will always remember Jean with fond memories ! In my thoughts and prayers in this diffcuilt time!*

pokie Linda may - December 30, 2018 at 11:30 PM