



Ruth L. Gallagher

May 6, 1929 - October 17, 2025

Ruth L. Gallagher passed away on October 17, 2025 at the age of 96.

Ruth was born in Mt. Clemens, MI to John and Amelia (Herzenstiel) Breiling on May 6, 1929. She attended St. Mary's School, and the family parish was St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mt. Clemens.

Ruth began her career at Detroit Edison and later worked as a secretary at Macomb School in Mt Clemens where she worked until she retired. Ruth had a beautiful voice, loved to sing and was in many choirs throughout her life including the Fraser Chorale, St. Thecla Church and St. Paul of Tarsus.

She was an outdoor girl who loved nature. In her younger years, she loved spending time on her uncle's farm, horseback riding, climbing trees, ice skating, biking, sailing, and playing tennis. In later years, she loved spending time with her grandchildren and sharing with them her love of the outdoors.

She was a loving mother and grandmother who will be deeply missed.

Ruth is survived by her children, Vicki (Gary) Miglio, Michael (Lidia) Gallagher and daughter-in-law Patty Gallagher; sister-in-law Arlene Breiling; Grandchildren Thomas (Katelyn) Gallagher, Jonathan Gallagher, Chelsea (Nick) Hughes, Steven Gallagher; Step-Grandchildren Jeannie (Rick) Shepard

and Chris (Tera) Miglio; Great-Grandchildren Emmet and Evelyn Gallagher and Conor Hughes; and 9 step great-grandchildren.

Ruth is pre-deceased by her son Mark Gallagher and brothers Richard and Helmut (Mike) Breiling.

Instate 9:30am followed by a 10:00am Mass on Saturday October 25th, at St. Kieran Church, 53600 Mound Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48316.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, <https://www.cskdetroit.org/en/>

Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com.

Previous Events

Instate / Funeral Mass

OCT **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran
53600 Mound
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

Tribute Wall

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“ How much loss can one family endure, in such a short amount of time? I am so very sorry. Within just a year Aunt Ruth lost her brother Helmut (had already lost her sister-in-law Dottie, nephew Christopher and brother Richard), and then, lost her son. She must have been heartbroken. Yet I remember her always smiling, always cheerful, positive, generous, welcoming, warm... and how could she manage to look so much younger and have such energy? This I'd wonder during her many generous years of hosting a holiday gathering for her immediate family and mine. I cherished those familial meet-ups, as did my children, my brothers, my sister-in-laws, and my nephews, who also thought of her as an Auntie. To my Mom she was like a sister-in-law and to my Dad she was like a sister-cousin, as a child he lived for a time with Ruth and her brothers and developed close relationships with them into adulthood. She must have deeply appreciated being able to live with her daughter Vicki and son-in-law Gary for so many of her later years. Her love for her family was palpable and endless. I cannot imagine the impact she had on her close family and friends, or on countless others. Our deepest sympathies to you all. She will be dearly be missed. (I know I've used this photo in the past, but I just love seeing the four of them together, and as you see here, Aunt Ruth, always smiling.) ❤️ Paige Gannon (Herzenstiel)



Paige Gannon - October 20, 2025 at 03:09 AM