



## MaryEllen Gallino

February 24, 1932 - January 15, 2016

MaryEllen Gallino, 83, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2016, at Evergreen Meadows in Norway, Michigan surrounded by her family. She was born on February 24, 1932 in Menominee Michigan, the daughter of the late Leo and Angie (Rivolta) Godin.

MaryEllen graduated from Perkins High School in 1950 and then went on to nursing school at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Bloomington, Il, graduating in 1953 with a R.N. degree. She started her nursing career at the V.A.Hospital in Iron Mountain in 1953, where she met her husband, Bernie Gallino. They were married on October 8, 1955. Bernie and MaryEllen spent 52 wonderful years together before Bernie passed away in 2008.

MaryEllen was a woman of great faith. She enjoyed life to the fullest. She was a very dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, cousin, and aunt. She enjoyed being a nurse and worked at the original Mary Hill Manor in Niagara for 18 years and then at the V.A. Hospital in Iron Mountain until her retirement in 1993. Mary Ellen loved to volunteer. She offered her time and talent over the years at the local cancer organization, the Caring House, the gift shop at the Dickinson Hospital, and the Senior Citizens Center. She was a member of the Friends of the Museum, taught CCD classes when her children were younger, and was an active 4H Leader for many years. MaryEllen loved to play cards, bocce ball, read, and knit.

MaryEllen is survived by her three children Mary (Tom) Wendt of Spread Eagle, Ann (Mike) Sokop of Delafield, Wisc., and Joey (Carol) Gallino of Niagara; grandchildren: Jake and Jackie Sokop (fiancé Jake Nicholson); Heather, Lindsay, Vinny, and A.J. Gallino; and Sheena (Jeff) Haverty; great grandchildren: Callie, Phoebe and Willow; sister Rozanne (John) Carter; sister-in-law, Anne Godin; her dear special cousin, Patti Rosenblum, and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Fred Godin.

MaryEllen and her family were very blessed beyond words as she was able to spend the last 5 years of her life residing at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford and Evergreen Meadows Memory Care Unit in Norway where she received superior care, wonderful love, and compassion by the staff each and every day. Her family wishes to thank and express their deepest appreciation and gratitude to the staff that so lovingly cared for their mom.

Private family services are being held. Father Michael Woempner will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of MaryEllen Gallino may be expressed online at [ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Aunty MaryEllen, I loved you so very much and my heart is so heavy knowing you are no longer with us. You and your family mean the world to our family. You are always a topic of warm memories. It's hard to imagine life without you here. I was so lucky to have had such wonderful God Parents as you and Uncle Bernie! I wish I could say I was as good of a godparent as you two were to me. We miss you - we love you - we hope to see you again one day. In the meantime - please make sure to give Uncle Bernie, Uncle Freddie, Grandma Perk and Grandpa Leo warm hugs and love from us.*

*Love you lady.*

*Roxy*



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**Roxanne Carter** - January 24, 2016 at 10:16 AM

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“ *Our sympathy to the Gallino family. MaryEllen was a special lady to many people and will be missed by all. Bill and Delores Carter.*

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**Bill and Delores Carter** - January 22, 2016 at 09:07 AM

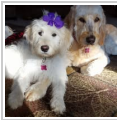
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“ *My sincere and deep sympathy to the Gallino family. Mary Ellen always had a smile and seemed so aware and enjoying life when our Golden K singers sang at Evergreen Assisted Living once a month. She was always there and it was a hug or a Hi. We got acquainted when our children went to IMHS and you'd walk by our home on Stockbridge. She is smiling even more now as she greets Bernie and other loved ones in that great place prepared for all of us. Gods comfort embrace all in the loss of this special lady.*

*Orice Walters*

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**Orice Walters** - January 19, 2016 at 07:53 PM



*Thank you for the kind words.*

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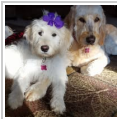
**Mary Wendt** - January 20, 2016 at 07:14 AM

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“ *I was saddened to hear of Mary Ellen's passing. I worked with her at the VAMC. She was an upbeat person and liked by everyone. My deepest sympathy to you all.*

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**Cynthia Gordon** - January 18, 2016 at 12:16 PM



*Thank you.*

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**Mary Wendt** - January 18, 2016 at 04:03 PM



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**Mary Wendt** - January 17, 2016 at 10:08 PM



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**Ann Sokop** - January 17, 2016 at 09:19 PM



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**Mary Wendt** - January 17, 2016 at 05:07 PM



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - January 16, 2016 at 11:42 AM