



Jean Barbara Gallo

October 13, 1922 - September 9, 2013

Jean Barbara Gallo, 90 returned to Jesus on 9/9/2013. She passed away peacefully in Shamong Township, NJ, where she had been living for the past two-and-one half years with her loving daughter, Roseanne, and son-in-law Stanley Rowe. Jean was born on October 13, 1922, in Wichita, Kansas, to Alfred and Rose Bissonette. She grew up in Toledo, Ohio, and obtained her RN diploma from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Toledo.

Jean enlisted in her country's service as a 2nd Lt. Nurse in the US Army Air Corps, in 1944. In 1947, she was transferred to the newly-formed US Air Force, serving on active duty there until 1951, when she was promoted to the rank of Captain and transferred to the AF Reserves. She continued her military service in the Reserves' Nurse Corps until April of 1956, flying 330 missions in the Pacific Theater to places such as Bangkok, Calcutta, Clark Air Base (Philippines), Dhahran, Eniwetok, Guam, Haneda (Tokyo), John Rodgers Field and Hickam AFB (both in Honolulu), Hilo (Hawaii), Iwo Jima, Johnston Atoll, Karachi, Kwajalein, Majuro Atoll, Manila, Midway Island, New Delhi, Shanghai, Tinian, and Wake Island.

She met Anthony B. Gallo, her future husband, in Hawaii, and said it was "love at first sight," in a romance on a tropical island when it was still remote and relatively unpopulated. He always knew when she'd be landing and met her plane every time. The life she shared with him was too brief; his death as

an Air Force Lt. Colonel in 1963, at the age of 43, turned her world upside down. She called on her inner strength to raise their five children, then ages 10, 8, 7, 5 and 3 years. Jean over time became a Cub Scout Den Leader, Girl Scout Cookie Mom, and a CYO Mom.

Jean was very active in Mount Holly's Sacred Heart School and her Church, belonging to the Legion of Mary, helping with the school library, hoagie sales, calendar parties and anything else that was asked of her. Each Fall she would decorate a Christmas tree with handmade ornaments, for Sacred Heart Church parishioners to receive and then return with a present for the women and children at Providence House. In 1976, she took a nursing refresher course, and then worked for the next nine years at Memorial Hospital of Burlington County, now Virtua Memorial Hospital. After retiring she became a Eucharistic Minister, bringing communion to the sick at the hospital and Mt. Holly Center, a nursing home facility, on Tuesdays and Sundays.

While she was living in her Eastampton neighborhood, Jean would greet each new neighbor with the gift of a loaf of her famous raisin bread. On Halloween, she would provide wine for all the adults and homemade popcorn balls for the kids. She was a member of Berry Basket Quilters. She enjoyed dancing and singing nursery rhymes. When Jean was 86 she was honored for her volunteer activities by the Burlington County Times' Making a Difference program.

In addition to daughter Roseanne, Jean is survived by daughters Cathy Cridge (Peter), Newtown, PA; and Mary Balkonis (Raymond), Warren, NJ; and sons Anthony Gallo (Pamela), Warren, NJ; and Thomas Gallo (Sue), Asheville, NC; her grandchildren Timothy and Robert Rowe; Teresa Nasabzadeh, Edward and Joseph Cridge; Matthew and Emily Balkonis; and Anthony and Peter Gallo and her Great Grandchild Parker Nasabzadeh.

Sacred Heart's Society of St. Vincent de Paul had a special place in Jean's heart; she brought a bag of groceries for St. Vincent's to each daily Mass she attended. Since Jean always said "Flowers are for the living; don't bring them to me when I'm dead," please continue her legacy by bringing a bag of non-perishable food, or donating to St. Vincent de Paul c/o Sacred Heart Church, 260 High Street, Mt Holly, NJ 08060.

She will be missed greatly by family and all of her many friends.

Look in the dictionary for the term "Paragon of Virtue," and you'll find Jean's picture.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 9:30 AM at the Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mount Holly. Interment with military honors will follow in Beverly National Cemetery. Friends may call on Sunday afternoon from 2-5 PM at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly and on Monday from 4-6 PM at the Sacred Heart Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly
260 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Service

SEP **17.** 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jean Barbara Gallo

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Jean Barbara Gallo

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ I wanted to add that I tried to find an address to send a card to the Rowe family but could not find an address - Mrs. Gallo probably found this "new information age" as confounding as my mother, Terry Seng. I just wanted to add that times were different back then in Lakeview with names like the Gallo, Seng, Wender, Geho, Gourley, Molosso, etc. Very fond memories of Mrs. Gallo.##imported-begin##"Taffy" (Seng) Kelly##imported-end##

September 23, 2013 at 12:46 PM



“ I remember how kind your mom was to mine, coming to give mom Communion or just a visit. There's a beautiful Japanese maple in the front yard of our old house on Mary St. that was a gift from your mom: always thoughtful and always smiling.##imported-begin##Kathy Baldwin-Lasko##imported-end##

September 22, 2013 at 07:57 PM



“ This woman was a joy to know. She was always cheerful upon anyones arrival @ the house of Roseanne and Stanley Rowe. She will be missed by many and those we dont even know that she touched thru out her life. I feel honered to have known her. I will send you peaches up to heaven every day to make you happy. May you rest in peace and be free of any pain you endured in life. I will miss your smile and cheering you did for the EAGLES. Roseanne I am here when you need me. Oh yea you too Stanley. Love your friends Michele and Spike Wells###imported-begin###Michele and Lewis (Spike) Wells###imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 12:00 PM



“ I am so sorry that this message is late - I really wasn't sure what to write - "Jean" will always be Mrs. Gallo to me and all the Sengs who grew up on Cedar Mill Lane across from Stonegate - our families literally grew up together until my Dad retired and the youngest of the Sengs moved to New York - we were there when Col. Gallo died so unexpectedly - what a rich and full life Mrs. Gallo continued to have - our whole family sends their condolences###imported-begin##"Taffy" (Seng) Kelly###imported-end##

September 18, 2013 at 03:48 PM



“ Tony and Pam,

We are sorry for your loss and reading her life's story she sounds like quite the lady.

Steve & Jennifer###imported-begin###Steve Worringer###imported-end##

September 18, 2013 at 09:08 AM



“ Jean was always such a sweet gentle soul. She was also an excellent nurse and I was there in 1976 when she began her "stint" at what was then BCMH. Soon afterward, Roseann followed in her footsteps and carried on the nursing legacy of her mom. Heaven now has another Angel and I know she will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. We are so sorry for your loss. Love Ellen and Len.##imported-begin##Ellen and Len Donovan##imported-end##

September 15, 2013 at 09:23 PM



“ Beautiful women, mother and humanitarian who will be missed.##imported-begin##Theresa Turkot##imported-end##

September 15, 2013 at 10:36 AM



“ Jean became a wonderful part of my life, in the last few years of her life, because of the deep and lasting friendship that my wife, Rosa, had with her for many years.

I was honored in assisting her loving daughter Roseanne in writing Jean's obituary. As it said, she will be sorely missed, especially by me.

God bless, Jean.##imported-begin##Tim Ennor##imported-end##

September 14, 2013 at 10:14 PM



“ What a privilege to have know Mrs. Gallo!##imported-begin##Dave Taylor##imported-end##

September 12, 2013 at 08:37 PM