



Dolores S. Gallagher

December 26, 1945 - December 18, 2011

Hampton – Dolores S. Gallagher, 65, of Hampton, died Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Exeter Hospital with her loving husband and son by her side after a valiant battle with cancer.

She was born December 26, 1945 in Bieberach, an der Riss, Germany, attended schools there before being employed as the first female air traffic controller in Stuttgart, Germany.

She immigrated to the United States in 1970 and made her home in Salt Lake City, UT for 22 years, and then for a short time in Boulder, CO before moving to Beverly, MA in 1994. She had made her home in Hampton since 2004.

With a Masters Degree in linguistics, Dolores was a talented multilingual international travel consultant, tour guide and travel office manager. She enjoyed the outdoors greatly, including hiking, biking, swimming, water skiing, snow skiing, and her years as a tour guide in Club Med Martinique, Hawaii and Canada. She was an avid gardener, loved classical music and the arts, painted beautifully, and was an extraordinary homemaker. The kitchen was her special domain, where she spent many hours cooking and baking exquisite creations. She also enjoyed her numerous trips to New Zealand to be with her husband Rex's beloved Kiwi family, and frequent travel to visit family and friends in Germany and Austria.

She shared 18 years of marriage with her husband, Rex T. Gallagher of Hampton, formerly of Auckland, New Zealand.

In addition to her husband, family members include her son, Marc E. Buckley of Hamburg, Germany, three step children, Tracey R. Gallagher of Auckland, New Zealand, David R. Gallagher of Sydney, Australia, Angela L. Gallagher of Wellington, New Zealand, five grandchildren, Bracquel, Marcqui, McCall, Lucy, and Lachlan, her sister, Gloria Off of Stuttgart, Germany and her step sister, Jacqueline Wiest of Bavaria, Germany. Also cousins Heinz Althuber of Innsbruck, Austria, and Achim Wiest and family of Germany.

Also Dolores was an especial sister-in-law to her New Zealand family of Colin & Jenny Gallagher, Di & Bill Toomer; Clive & Judy Gallagher; Jin Colyer; Pat & Lynne Gallagher; Lewis Gallagher; Gaye & Julian Tuck; Julie & Remo Biuso.

Dolores touched the lives of many people during her time on earth, too many to list in this notice. Of special mention however are very close long-term friends, who include: Eleonore Freudemann of Kucha, Germany; Gudrun Zieger of Reutlingen, Germany; Britta Chadbourne of Gloucester, MA; Rosemarie Mortensen of Salt Lake City, UT; Professor Koji Nakanishi of Columbia University, New York, NY; Jacqueline Grevy of France; Diane & Doug McLain of Lynn, MA; Karen Cronin, of Wenham, MA; and Mike Twomey of Hampton, NH.

Dolores endured a long nine-year battle with metastatic breast cancer. The battle Dolores so valiantly fought against this life-robbing, merciless disease is an amazing and truly inspirational story. Her remarkable journey prompted many doctors and health care givers in the cancer field to declare how honoured they were to have met Dolores and come to know this fine woman, who kept her strong, loving spirit alive through darkest days of pain and suffering. This magnificent person rose above the cruel disease time and again, putting all others before her with endless love, caring and compassion. Dolores and husband Rex are extremely grateful to oncologists, surgeons, neurologists, radiologists, nurses and care staff at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, the Brigham & Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Exeter Hospital, Emergency Departments at these hospitals, the Hampton Fire and Ambulance people, and nurses and caregivers of the Rockingham VNA and Hospice.

Dolores raised funds for several cancer research groups including the Jimmy Fund of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and the Beyond the Rainbow Fund at Exeter Hospital, which fund provides critical assistance to families struggling with cancer. A painting 'Blooms of Hope', of Dolores from a number of paintings she did while attending artist Kathleen Robbins art classes in the Exeter Hospital's Cancer Care's Healing Arts Program, appeared in the Beyond The Rainbow Calendar of 2011. Dolores sold many calendars to raise funds for this worthy cause, even during her great suffering from the demon cancer. Dolores also supported other cancer victim-supporting organizations. Dolores was also active for a time during her cancer, in some volunteer work with a church-based refuge group for battered women.

On September 18, 2011, a team 'Kiwi's For Dolores', captained by husband Rex, pushed Dolores in a wheelchair along three miles of the streets of Boston, on this glorious blue-sky sunny day. Thousands participated in this Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk event, it

was a highlight of Dolores' battle with cancer, to be among so many thousands of good people whose lives had been forever touched by cancer. Over bumpy footpaths, curbs and cobblestones, Dolores' sat in her wheelchair, while her face smiled with a remarkable shining light.

Dolores will be sorely missed but fondly remembered with the greatest love and admiration by all people who have known her. This amazing woman leaves behind a legacy for others to pin hope and faith in their cancer battles and to find inspiration in their lives.

Private services were held at the convenience of the family. The family suggests donations to Exeter Hospital with a note in the memo section indicating the Beyond the Rainbow Fund, Community Relations, 5 Alumni Drive, Exeter, NH 03833. Arrangements were by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Comments



“ Dolores was always kind & giving to me. She kept in regular contact with my husband & I when Bill was ill. As his health deteriorated she sent jokes etc to give him a lift. She was very supportive to me when Bill finally died even though by then her own health was deteriorating. I'll never forget her kindness. Dolores made Rex very happy & they had wonderful times together, especially before she got cancer. I am very grateful to her for making my brother so happy. None of us are perfect but God will see those good things in Dolores & I will too, for the rest of my days. I know Dolores is now pain free & healed, no more tears, no more frustration, only the ever loving presence of God. My prayers now are especially for Rex as he walks through this valley of tears. One day we will be reunited with our loved ones, until then, I thank Dolores for her kindness to Bill & I. Di.

Di Toomer (sister-in-law) - May 08, 2013 at 08:50 AM



“ Dear Rex - what a truly warm and loving tribute to a most remarkable woman. Dolores and I met years ago at work and became fast friends. On my birthday at work she made me the best birthday cake I ever had in my life. We shared walks, and talks on the beach - something she loved to do and I will always treasure those memories. I know Rex, how very difficult it is to get up in the morning and put one foot in front of the other, to breathe in and out seems to be an effort - but please find comfort in the many, many beautiful memories that you shared with Dolores as I know that she treasured every one of them. God blessed you both - he gave you LOVE -something I know you will always have with you as you find the strength to continue on this journey called Life. May God be with you in the days ahead - Marlene

Marlene - May 08, 2013 at 08:50 AM



“ Al and I are so sad to learn of Dolores' passing. She and Rex were our neighbors in Beverly, Mass. Our favorite memory of Dolores was when she invited us to her house on Christmas Eve. Their Christmas tree was full of real lit candles. Wow, we were amazed and still talk about it to this day. She told us it was a tradition for her. She was a wonderful person and will be missed.

Laurel and Al Marino - May 08, 2013 at 08:50 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Rex at this very sad time. Dolores was a very special person. I will never forget her teaching my daughter and I how to make Christmas stars out of reeds. What a precious gift she gave us that keeps on giving. May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories. Love, Paula Hull

Paula Hull - May 08, 2013 at 08:49 AM



“ I knew Dolores to be a kind, compassionate and caring individual and a wonderful neighbor to my dad. I never knew of all her accomplishments. She truly was an amazing woman.

karen twomey - May 08, 2013 at 08:49 AM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy, Rex. Sorry we never met, but through Dolores's notes we know what a wonderful couple you were. We have known Dolores since our days in Salt Lake where Renate also worked as a travel agent. We cherished her friendship for years and later admired, in particular, her amazing strength during her long illness. The memory of gifted Dolores will fondly stay alive with the beautiful straw stars she made for us, which decorate our Christmas tree every year.

Renate and Franz - May 08, 2013 at 08:49 AM



“ I shall miss my dear friend, Dolores. She had a heart of gold and was an amazing person of many talents. I shall miss my conversations with her which often pertained to cooking and new recipes. She was a creative great baker & cook. She was extremely family oriented and leaves behind many fond memories. I think of her every day and am honored to have known her and her loving family. Rest in peace, with all my love, Karen You are my SHINING STAR!!!!

Karen Cronin - May 08, 2013 at 08:49 AM



“ I worked with Rex for a only few years, and found him to be an extraordinarily careful and talented scientist. He was always very helpful and considerate of those who knew less about his specialized field, and needed his help. I only met Dolores a few times, but I could see how her warm, caring personality meshed so well with his. One evening she fixed us a simple yet elegant supper that I can still savor, although it was many years ago. She will be missed. Death comes to everyone, life to but a few. Dolores lived life fully, and lives on in me and you.

Richard Pariza - May 08, 2013 at 08:48 AM



“ I worked with Rex which is how I came to know Dolores. The one thing that was crystal clear was his deep love for her, her love of holding on and making the most of her life. A truly inspirational woman that I only knew through email. Her emails were so touching, so genuine and she truly understood the meaning of how important hope and faith are. Romans 8:28 - For we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Thank you Dolores for touching my life. May you be rejoicing in heaven. Wendy Arnold

Wendy - May 08, 2013 at 08:48 AM



“ Dear Rex and family, our deep-felt condolences on the passing of Dolores. We are fortunate to have known such an outstanding, strong, and caring woman. She will be fondly remembered always.

Karl Hecker & Wanping Mai - May 08, 2013 at 08:48 AM



“ Here was a remarkable woman who set the bar high indeed for courage in the face of adversity. She carried a load that would have crushed most of us, helped immeasurably by Rex's steadfast support and encouragement. An example for us all... Hers was a beauty of spirit "for earth too dear." Rest well, good friend.

Anne Wagner and Dana Ono - May 08, 2013 at 08:48 AM



“ Dolores was a marvelous and gifted floral artist among her many accomplishments. I will always treasure the arrangement she gave me years ago.

Sheila Magil - May 08, 2013 at 08:47 AM



“ Kathy and I send our condolences to Dolores's family and friends. She was a wonderful woman who will be missed by all who knew her!

Tom Warden - May 08, 2013 at 08:47 AM



“ Dolores - adventurous, passionate, caring, generous, courageous, smart, wary - a dear friend. The talks we cherished, the secrets we traded, the travels we shared, the zest for living we consumed, the funny happenstances we found ourselves in, all of this I will miss and take sorrow in its loss. Dolores will remain an inspiration to me and I will value our friendship, always.

Rosemarie Mahyera - May 08, 2013 at 08:47 AM



“ Rex & family, Sincere condolences on the passing of Delores. In spite of my limited acquaintance with her, I always enjoyed our conversations. I met her 3 times at the home of Stuart & Francine. Her positive spirit in spite of a hard fought battle with cancer was inspirational. She soldiered on through treatments. I learned more about her achievements through the obituary. What a woman! What a legacy she has left her family. Most sincerely, Bonnie C.

Bonita Coltin - May 08, 2013 at 08:47 AM



“ you were when we had met something special, dolores you will always live on in our hearts because we will never forget you all! Your smile and humor will forever love us in remembrance bleiben.alles your family from Austria! heinz, rene, myria, fabian, markus and Lancelot

markus - May 08, 2013 at 08:46 AM



“ Liebste Dolores, we have spent so many good and fun times and years with you in SLC as well as in Germany. Didn't we three have great fun on Saturdays at Siegfried's Deli?? Wir dachten so oft und intensiv an Dich, aber leider können Gedanken nicht heilen. Wir hätten alles für Dich getan. You were the bravest woman we have known - until the very end. Fare well, our beautiful friend. Gudrun and Eleonore PS: Dolores, Du hast uns am gleichen Tag wie unsere gemeinsame Freundin Resi, verlassen. Genau 10 Jahre später.

Grudrun und Eleonore - May 08, 2013 at 08:46 AM



“ Dolores was the bravest person Jen and I have ever known. Throughout her 8 year illness we never heard her complain yet she was consistently thinking of others including constant gifts being sent to my late Dad. She went through hell many times over but always bounced back with the loving support of Rex who always put Dolores ahead of everything else. Thank God her suffering finally came to an end. She will be loved and remembered forever. Goodbye "Donna Bella" Love from Colin and Jenny.

Colin and Jenny Gallagher - May 08, 2013 at 08:46 AM



“ Dolores was such a tender person with an incredibly strong will to beat cancer. Cancer touches us all in so many terrible ways. I will always remember my annual visits to Hampton to see Rex and her. Dolores would always send me on my way with a box of books that Rex had at the ready or a gift of some sort. I consider her such a very good friend and client and send heartfelt good wishes to Rex and her entire family.

John Crosby - May 08, 2013 at 08:46 AM



“ Goodbye dear brave Dolores. Peacefully sleeping. Resting forever. Love from your sister-in-law, Jin.

Jeannie Colyer - May 08, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ Dolores: You were a beautiful person with enormous talents covering incredibly varied areas. Importantly, you touched everyone with your personality. You were surrounded by warm relatives and friends when leaving this world - at such a young age. Rest in peace now. We will follow.

Koji Nakanishi - May 08, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ Rex first brought Dolores to New Zealand many years ago all the family said the same 'A BEAUTIFUL PERSON' we all gained humanity wise thru Dolores. eternal peace is now hers

clive and judy gallagher - May 08, 2013 at 08:44 AM



“ What a wonderful woman Dolores was, she was so kind to my kids Lucy and Locky. We will all miss you. Love from Ang

Angela Gallagher - May 08, 2013 at 08:44 AM



“ Other than the caretakers and medical people who came to care for and know Dolores, I may have been her last new acquaintance. Meeting in September, we enjoyed a brilliantly sunny Boston day during the Jimmy Fund Walk. In October, I had the pleasure of hosting Dolores and Rex in the Maine woods. We enjoyed the wildlife, wonderful dining and the conversations that make for lifelong friendships, no matter how short. On an atypically warm fall day, she served lunch on her deck at home. She weakened physically but not emotionally. I am a better person for her friendship and will be sure to remember with my next new acquaintance that it is the quality, not the quantity that really matters in life.

Jay Kaminski - May 08, 2013 at 08:44 AM



“ May Dolores Rest In Peace after a long and brave struggle with cancer and may we all be lucky enough to experience the deep spiritual love that Rex and Dolores shared. They had a wonderful marriage over many years and built a wealth of unique experiences and beautiful memories. May these memories give strength and encouragement to Rex and those she touched.

Tracey Gallagher - May 08, 2013 at 08:44 AM



“ I have never personally met Dolores, but I feel as though I know her well. I am a friend of her husband, Rex. When Rex spoke of her, his eyes and his words told me everything I needed to know about his wonderful wife. In particular, I was always touched and inspired by the strength and tenacity of her fight with this terrible disease. I wish upon my friend Rex, peace and the knowledge that she will suffer no longer. Also, he should know that he needn't wait to see her again--he can meet her everyday, since she lives on, in his soul and in the souls of all those who loved her. Peace to all, Shikha Barman

Shikha Barman - May 08, 2013 at 08:43 AM



“ I believe Dolores is now in heaven and is tended by Angels with God's blessing, and is free of suffering and pain. I believe through God I will meet again with my wonderful partner in matrimonial unity, for we are bonded by eternal love. When my turn comes, I believe I will meet her there. Rex

Rex T Gallagher - May 08, 2013 at 08:43 AM



“ How wonderful you found such a special mate and friend. So sorry to hear of the struggles you bith had withe the cancer which finally robbed you of Dolores. I hope she lives on daily in your heart.

Judy klaus - July 18, 2017 at 11:39 PM



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