



## Theresa A. McGrath

August 22, 1927 - September 28, 2021

A beautiful soul left the earth when Theresa A. McGrath, 94, passed away on September 28, 2021, in the home of her daughter, Noel, surrounded by family, love, and prayer.

Theresa was born on August 22, 1927 in Lawrence, Massachusetts to Albert and Philomene (Plourde) Desjardins. Theresa grew up in Lawrence, Massachusetts. She was one of eleven children. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, Class of 1945, where she was Captain of the Drill Team and President of the French Club. After graduation she worked at the State House in Boston, Massachusetts until she met and married Joseph Theberge. They were married for 32 years until the death of Joseph on December 21, 1977. Together they raised their five children: Noel Luzi, Carol Ronci, husband, Samuel, Dennis Theberge, wife, Linda, Joseph Theberge, wife, Terry, and Roseanne Lago, husband, Steve. The family resided in Andover, Massachusetts for many years before moving briefly to Lachine, Quebec. They later moved to Wilbraham, Massachusetts and then Greenland, New Hampshire. There were six grandchildren from her marriage to Joseph: Christine Luzi, Eric and Ryan Ronci, Christian Theberge and Steven and Brett Lago. Several years after the death of her first husband, Joseph, she met the second love of her life, William McGrath, who she married in 1982 adding five additional stepchildren to her family: Linda Papas, husband, Spiros, Walter, Debbie and Vincent McGrath, wife, Delia, Greg McGrath and several

grandchildren and great grandchildren. They were married for thirty years until William's death on September 28, 2012.

Faith and family were most important in Theresa's life. She had a deep faith in God and a great devotion to His Blessed Mother. She led a prayer Cenacle in her home for many years. She supported more than thirty religious organizations, with a particular fondness for the Maryknoll Missions and Marian Movement of Priests. She participated in several pilgrimages including visits to Canadian shrines and Fatima, Portugal. She was a Eucharistic minister and together with Charley Griffin, distributed Holy Communion at the Portsmouth Hospital for many years. She loved sharing her faith and taught CCD for many years.

In addition to her children and stepchildren, grandchildren and great grandchildren, she is survived by her sisters: Rita Cunningham, Louise Pelletier, Margaret (Peggy) Laplume, Claire McGuire, Marie Rose Miller and several nieces and nephews. Her sister, Lorraine Lemay and brothers, Robert, Roland, Norman, and Albert Desjardins predeceased her.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 A.M. Thursday, October 7, 2021 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Beacon Hospice Care, Suite 272, 25 New Hampshire Ave. Portsmouth, NH 03801

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church  
289 Lafayette Road  
Hampton, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ Theresa A. McGrath

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ I was sorry to not be able to attend Auntie's mass today. I have many fond memories of her over the years. Her wisdom, warmth and class were truly a gift she shared with everyone. I will never forget her, and Noel, Carol, Dennis, Joe and Roseanne, you and your families are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Your Cousin Jamie

Mr. Jamie Pelletier - October 07, 2021 at 02:47 PM



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Roseanne Lago - October 04, 2021 at 07:19 PM



I will forever cherish this picture and the special relationship I got to share with these two truly incredible people. We shared the best double dates and I will be forever grateful for knowing their love and being able to call them family! Bill would have been in awe of the great grandmother Theresa was to our ladies, but I know he was there watching along the way!

Julie Lago - October 04, 2021 at 10:15 PM

DP

“ *Dan & Candy Pelletier lit a candle in memory of Theresa A. McGrath*



**Dan & Candy Pelletier** - October 04, 2021 at 04:03 PM

DP

*Rest in Peace Aunt Theresa ! Prayers & condolences to Noel, Carol, Dennis, Joe & Roseanne & all your families. She will be missed. God Bless*

**Dan Pelletier** - October 04, 2021 at 04:05 PM

KE

“ *God bless you, Theresa. I am forever grateful for all the prayers that you said for my family and I throughout the years. You were the best friend to my Mother. I will always remember your warm heart and beautiful smile. You made such an impact on our lives. -Kelley Marshall Rodriguez*

**kelley** - October 03, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Aunt Theresa.... We didn't see each other often but when we did it was always so nice to see you and chat. You truly were an amazing woman. You will be missed.*



*To my cousins-prayers for you all, may you keep her forever in your hearts. She may be gone physically but she will be forever in your hearts and memories.*

**Kelley Sipsey** - October 03, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ God bless you Theresa...**THANK YOU** for being a **BEST FRIEND** to my Mom, Joanne. I remember coming home from school to find you, Mom and Joan eating coffee cake, drinking coffee and of course praying the rosary. You leave behind an amazing family and legacy. I know you are enjoying a heavenly peace now!! Kim (Kimmy Conner) Daly

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**Kimberley Daly** - October 03, 2021 at 04:09 PM

MG

“ I will always have the most wonderful memories of my grandmother Theresa. She was the kindest and most beautiful soul I've ever known. I will miss her dearly.  
Margaret (Pappas) Georgacopoulos



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**Margaret Georgacopoulos** - October 03, 2021 at 03:37 PM

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**Roseanne Lago** - October 03, 2021 at 01:55 PM

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Roseanne Lago - October 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM

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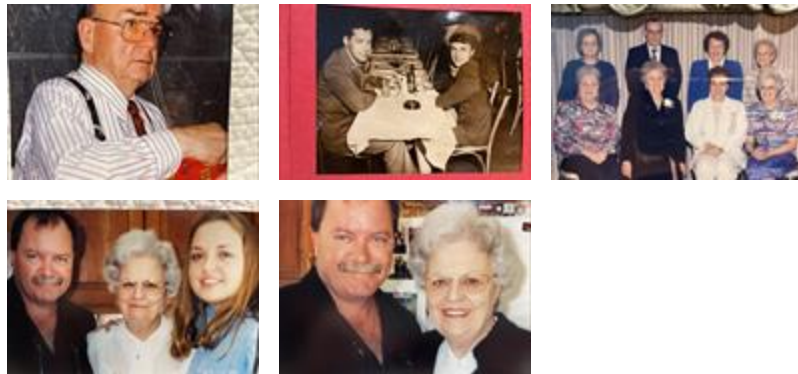


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Roseanne Lago - October 03, 2021 at 01:14 PM

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carol ronci - October 03, 2021 at 01:07 PM

TK

“ *My deepest condolences to Theresa's family at the loss of such a beautiful soul. Theresa was beautiful inside and out with never a bad word about anyone. Another Saint Theresa has joined the heavens. She will be missed by all that knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Terry Krasko*

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**Terry Krasko** - October 03, 2021 at 07:01 AM

JM

“ *To all of her family: My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to all of you.*

*No one can ever replace the bond and warmth of friendship we shared for so many years. She is sorely missed.*

*Love*

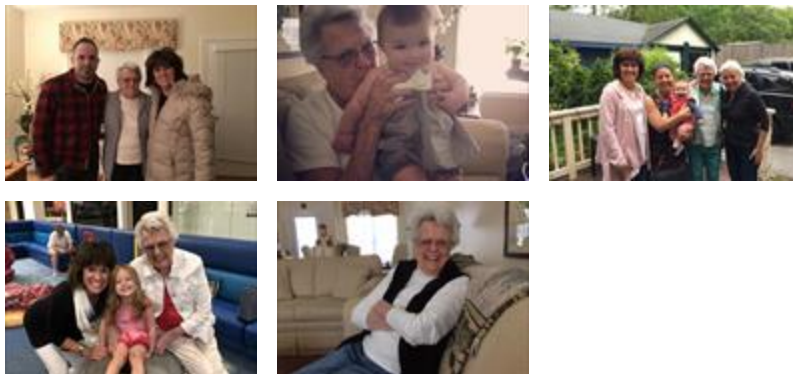
*Joanne Marshall*

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**Joanne Marshall** - October 02, 2021 at 11:47 AM

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**carol ronci** - October 01, 2021 at 06:29 PM

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**carol Ronci** - October 01, 2021 at 06:08 PM

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**carol Ronci** - October 01, 2021 at 05:30 PM

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**carol Ronci** - October 01, 2021 at 05:27 PM

RO

“ To Theresa's Family,

*Our most heartfelt sympathies to all of you. Theresa was a wonderful person - warm, funny and welcoming. We will forever treasure the memories we have of her as our neighbor and more importantly, as one of our greatest friends. The world is a little less cheerful place with her absence.*

*-Ron & Sandy*

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**Ron** - October 01, 2021 at 03:57 PM

JH

“ Dear Roseanne and Family,

*My deepest condolences to you on your mother's passing.*

*I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Judy Hollick*



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**Judith Hollick** - October 01, 2021 at 03:34 PM

SS

“ *When Theresa moved to Greenland I met Roseanne who soon became my best friend. We lived next door to each other so I spent a lot of time at their house. Theresa always welcomed me into their home and treated me like family. Make no mistake, she would tell me when she had enough of our foolishness and it was time to go home. She was so beautiful and her laugh would bring joy to everyone in the room. There are too many memories to list but she read a verse from the bible at my wedding ceremony. That act of kindness was so special to me. Then when we arrived at the reception hall she showed me a double rainbow in the sky and told me that would bring me luck. Today she is singing with the angels at The Feast of St. Theresa.*

*Sherry Krasko St.Pierre*

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**Sherry Krask St.Pierre** - October 01, 2021 at 02:16 PM

DS

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to Noel, Christine and family for the loss of a dear loved one. She was a beautiful woman with a beautiful soul. May she rest in peace.

*Donna and Wayne Simpter*

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**Donna Simpter** - October 01, 2021 at 11:02 AM