



## Kathleen M. (Gallagher) Sacino

April 25, 1917 - January 10, 2021

FITCHBURG: Kathleen M. Sacino, formerly of Oak Hill Road, Fitchburg, died at the age of 103 on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Oakdale Nursing Facility, West Boylston.

Kathleen was born in the Allston neighborhood of Boston on April 25, 1917. She was the daughter of Irish immigrants John and Kathleen (O'Hara) Gallagher and resided most of her life in Fitchburg.

She graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1935, and then after raising 4 children, went back to continue her education and earn a degree in Teaching from Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts in 1973.

Kathleen ("Kay") worked many years as a Teacher in the Head Start program for the City of Fitchburg in West Fitchburg. Following, she was Assistant Director of the Westminster Pre-School Center, Westminster Massachusetts, retiring in 1988.

She leaves behind three sons, David Sacino of Clinton, Philip Sacino of Palm Springs, CA, and Bruce Sacino of Nantucket; seven grandchildren, Michael Sacino, Kara Gallant, Melissa Walsh, Jamie Sacino, Brianna Doo, Chenin Ludwig, Alisa Sacino; and 17 great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her loving daughter, Kathleen R. Roy of Cape Coral, FL in December 2020. She was the sister of the late John Gallagher of Boston and Ann Bowers of Appleton, Wisconsin. Her husband of 59 years, Philip A. Sacino, passed away in 2008.

Kay and Phil loved to play Bingo and did so most nights of the week in their retirement. They saw the country from one coast to the other and Hawaii and Alaska too, but they never could get the sand of the Cape out of their shoes and would spend most of the summertime there.

Kathleen's sweetest joy though was being with children. As a teacher they ran to her side and listened to her voice. As a grandmother, she never smiled more than when she was circled by her grandchildren or when she would hold the little ones in her lap. "Grandma Nino", they would all call her name.

She was a former member of the Ladies Guild of the Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church in Fitchburg and later a member of St Bernard's Church at St Camillus in Fitchburg.

After living in her own home until 101, Kathleen had resided at Oakdale Skilled Nursing Center in West Boylston, Massachusetts. The family would like to acknowledge the loving, compassionate care of the Oakdale staff and their unequalled dedication to their family of residents. We are forever grateful.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Friday, January 15, 2021 at St. Bernard's Parish at St. Camillus de Lellis Church, 333 Mechanic Street, Fitchburg. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Mrs. Sacino's family will receive family and friends at calling hours 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Friday, January 15th at Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. For streaming information or to leave an online

condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

Social distancing practices and face coverings will be required for all services.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Boston Children's Hospital or UMass Memorial Hospital.

Kathleen's Funeral Mass will be recorded and will be available to view Friday afternoon at the link below:

<https://my.gather.app/remember/kathleen-p-sacino>

## Cemetery Details

### St. Bernard's Cemetery

Fitchburg, MA MA

## Previous Events

### Funeral Mass

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bernard's Parish at St. Camillus de Lellis Church  
333 Mechanic St.  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

# Tribute Wall

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“ Kay was not only our neighbor for over 40 years she was my very first teacher. I loved her from my very first day of Head Start and continued to cherish our visits as an adult. She was, kind, loving, always greeted you with a glowing smile. It was an honor to know this amazing woman. Sending love and light to the family.

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**Denise Coleman** - April 10, 2021 at 08:08 PM

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“ She was more of a Mom than a mother in law to me. I use to love to kid her because I was the only one who could get away with it. She will be missed.  
Ray

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**Raymond R Roy** - January 15, 2021 at 10:01 AM

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“ To all of you, your mom was my adopted mother. She was so special we worked together for many years. Although I haven't been able to see her with the covid restrictions i thought of her often, I will miss her. Barbara Laetz

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**Barbara Laetz** - January 13, 2021 at 03:18 PM