



## Marie A. Gagnon (Saulnier)

November 4, 1938 - July 13, 2018

Marie A. Gagnon (Saulnier), 79, known to loved ones as “Meme”, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 13, 2018 at the Prescott House in North Andover, MA. Marie was born on November 4, 1938 in Haverhill, MA, but spent her adult life as a resident of Methuen, MA. The family would like to thank the staff at Methuen Village Compass Memory Support, Lawrence General Hospital and The Prescott House for the support and care they provided to Marie during a physically and emotionally difficult time for her and the family.

Most English dictionaries define kindness as “the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.” A devout Christian, Marie brought kindness to life with her warm smile, generous heart and gentle spirit. She turned kindness into action with words of encouragement, a sincere hug and hospitality wherever she saw a need. She loved to entertain and was known to provide sweet treats to many and opened her home- which was always spotless-to family and friends. If you were ever able to enjoy her giambotta, eggplant parmesan, black moons or cream pies consider yourself blessed.

Marie was employed as a Production Associate for 15 years at Lucent Technologies in North Andover, MA. When she wasn't working outside the home or caring for her children, she could be found volunteering. She served as a volunteer on the PTA, in her church, and in the Christmas in July program at Lucent. Aside from spending time with family and friends, she enjoyed baking, ceramics, watching the Red Sox, and taking walks-especially at the beach.

She was the beloved wife and best friend to Girard R. Gagnon, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage before his passing on 3/17/18. While her husband was busy planting seeds for flowers, family and fun, Marie was busy planting seeds of kindness. Together they cultivated a beautiful life. The love they shared was similar to that depicted in the movie *The Notebook* and their relationship was a real life example of ‘true love.’

She was a devoted mother to Keith Gagnon of Methuen, MA, Cynthia (Cindy) Plourde of Derry, NH, and Todd Gagnon and his wife Beth of Salem, NH. She was a loving Meme to three beautiful grandchildren Christina Plourde, Makayla Plourde and Noah Gagnon. As

one of 4 children, Marie is survived by her sisters Patricia A. Picard and Georgianna Greenwood both of Haverhill, MA.

Family, friends and guests are invited to honor and celebrate Marie's life by gathering for calling hours on Friday, July 20, 2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm, with a memorial service to immediately follow at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St. Methuen, MA. A burial service will then commence at the Elmwood Cemetery, 130 North Lowell Street, Methuen, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd. Waltham, MA 02452 or [spreadkindness.org](http://spreadkindness.org). The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gagnon Family.

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love - Mother Teresa

# Cemetery

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## Elmwood Cemetery

North Lowell St.

Methuen, MA, 01844

# Events

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**JUL** **Calling Hours** 09:00AM - 12:00PM

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Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home

233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

**JUL** **Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ To the Gagnon family: I remember Marie quite well. I was your neighbor on Moffette st. We moved there in 1973. Your parents welcomed us to the neighborhood. When i had my baby girl, Melanie, in 1974 your Mom visited with some homemade goodies. As a young and new Mom I was filled with anxiety, Marie offered her calm ways of reassurance. She watched Melanie when I first returned to work for a few hours on those days. Your house was the cleanest I had ever seen and probably the cleanest I have seen since. Always something baking in the oven. She was someone I tried to emulate. Her upbeat attitude was inspiring. I will never forget the impact she had on my early years. My sincere condolences. Carol (Raymond) Constantineau

**carol constantineau** - July 21, 2018 at 06:10 AM

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“ Linda LaFlamme lit a candle in memory of Marie A. Gagnon (Saulnier)



**Linda LaFlamme** - July 19, 2018 at 04:07 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to Cindy and the entire Gagnon family. Marie was such a kind and beautiful soul. As I was best friends with Cindy growing up, Marie always made me feel welcomed and loved as part of the family, like a second mother.

Her home was always filled with treats for the kids, fun games, trips to the beach, laughing and I treasure those memories. She was an extraordinary woman and I am grateful to have been in the presence of a house filled with such love as the Gagnons.

She and Jerry were an inspiration as a loving couple, real role models as parents, partners and human beings. She had a positive effect on everyone she met. I celebrate Marie's life, a life beautifully lived, and I carry wonderful memories of her kindness, caring, her smile, and gentle spirit that will live on in my heart.

Much Love,  
Linda LaFlamme

Linda LaFlamme - July 19, 2018 at 04:06 PM

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“ Dear cousins, Keith, Cindy and Todd, my sympathy for your loss of your Mom. I have my favorite memory from 3 years ago at a family gathering when Auntie Marie scolded 'cousin Keith' and I for talking too loud. It was just like we were children again! I giggled, smiled and obeyed just as I would have when I was little kid running around at the Gagnon family cookout! There is something sweet when I remember your Mom, I bumped into her buying greeting cards at Xpect... it happened many times! (I worked for the card company, American Greeting..no I wasn't actually a stalker.... ) She had an explanation and a story for each and every card she had selected. One particular time her eyes filled with tears when she spoke with such pride about her granddaughter's first birthday. Oh the love she shared with just her smile, single tear and that little fiery red headed wink of hers! I will treasure this memory most in my heart.

Wish you the love and support which only a family can offer at this moment in time. The memories as a family you have cherished and will continue to share of both your parents. Their love has taught each of you how to love forward. This was their greatest gift of love for all.

Love and hugs. Your cousin Brenda (Gagnon) Gioia

Brenda Gioia - July 18, 2018 at 09:25 PM

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“ To my cousins,

I'm so very sorry to hear the news of your moms passing. my deepest sympathy to each of you. Though I never shared this, she was a great help to me when my father was passing. She took me out of the room, she could clearly see I was having a hard time. she talked to me one on one for sometime out in the hallway by my dad's doorway. she made the transition a bit easier for me. after talking, she gave me a hug and off I went. so, Thank you Auntie Marie for being the person you were and that is- everything that has already been said, a beautiful person inside and out. it's a memory I will and have never forgotten.

I wanted you-my cousins, to know she was special ! but I think you already know that.

much love

Ellen

**Ellen Gagnon Hill** - July 18, 2018 at 11:28 AM