



Carolyn E. Gaynor

December 26, 1936 - April 16, 2025

Albany, NY-Carolyn E. Gaynor, 88, entered Eternal Life peacefully on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at the Teresian House. Born in Albany, NY she was the daughter of the late Thomas M. Whalen Jr and Mary Broderick Whalen.

Carolyn graduated from The Academy of the Holy Names, and The College of St. Rose with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She worked at The Community Hospice at St. Peter's Hospital and also practiced for many years with friends from nursing school. Carolyn enjoyed her garden, summers spent in Cape Cod with family and many friends, traveling and exploring new places, and the fine and performing arts in Saratoga, Tanglewood, and New York City.

On April 8, 1961, Carolyn married John J. Gaynor and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary shortly before John's passing in 2011.

She was the wife of the late John J. Gaynor; mother of Michael Gerard Gaynor (Tammy), Mary Elizabeth Lucey (David) and Amy Ellen Gaynor (Cristin); grandmother of Gracy Lucey, Kathryn Lucey, and Norah Farber; sister of Dr. Michael B Whalen (Joanne) and the late Mary Patricia Devane (Thomas), and the late Honorable Thomas M. Whalen III; sister-in-law of Denie Whalen. Carolyn is survived by several treasured nieces and nephews and her close friend Al Knapp.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Carolyn's family Wednesday, April 23, 2025 10:00 am to 11:00 am at The Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street, (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208. Her Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

Those wishing to remember Carolyn in a special way may send a contribution to Wildwood Foundation, 1190 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell St
Albany, NY 12208-1505
(518) 489-3204

Funeral Mass

APR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn E. Gaynor.*



April 22, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn E. Gaynor.

April 22, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ *Michael, my condolences to you and your entire family.*

Michael P Mansion - April 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *With Love, Mike and Molly Whalen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carolyn E. Gaynor.*



With Love, Mike and Molly Whalen - April 21, 2025 at 09:25 AM

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“ With Love, Mike and Molly Whalen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn E. Gaynor.

With Love, Mike and Molly Whalen - April 21, 2025 at 09:25 AM

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“ Carolyn was a dear friend and co worker and we enjoyed many happy moments together with our Hospice friends. A trip to London was a special time for us. We spent time making applesauce, cranberry sauce and biscotti which was a favorite of Carolyn's. She loved her family, her friends and chocolate. She will be forever in our hearts. A classy lady!

culpo mary kay - April 18, 2025 at 06:38 PM

AG

Thank you so much, Mrs. Culpo. My mom always spoke of you so fondly.

Amy Gaynor - April 20, 2025 at 03:06 PM

SG

My deepest sympathy for the loss of your beautiful mom. Mrs Gaynor was always so welcoming to visitors in your home. She is fondly remembered.

Sybil Conway Gilmore - April 21, 2025 at 01:50 AM