



## Joan M. Gallagher

August 13, 1954 - July 14, 2024

Joan M. Gallagher, 69, passed peacefully on July 14 in Libertyville, IL. She was born August 13, 1954 in Chicago and remained a resident for most of her life, living in Libertyville since 2018. Joan attended St. Xavier University and received her Master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University. She was an award-winning teacher and very proudly taught reading to thousands of students at St. Barnabas in Chicago and Eberhart Elementary School, Chicago Public Schools. After retirement and moving to Libertyville, she continued to substitute teach at local schools. Joan loved her family, books, gardening and traveling – and her beloved Standard Poodles.

Surviving are her siblings, Mary (the late William) Groskopf, John “Jack” (Kathy) Gallagher, Patricia “Trish” (Mike) Kominiarek, Margaret “Peg” (Jim) Lalley, Sharon Valente, many loving nieces and nephews and dear friends. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com). In celebration of Joan's life, donations may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital, [www.shrinerschildrens.org](http://www.shrinerschildrens.org).