



## Francis Gallagher

October 10, 1924 - April 3, 2012

Francis “Fran” Gallagher, 87, Wadena, MN passed away peacefully on April 3, 2012 at St. Cloud Hospital. Fran was born in Wadena, MN on October 10, 1924 to Fred and Catherine (Young) Gallagher. He graduated from Wadena High School. He later met and married the love of his life, Lorraine (DuMont) Gallagher. They were united in marriage on June 14, 1947 in Bluffton. Fran enlisted in the army and served in World War II in Italy. He was a sergeant in the 10th Mountain Division. He was wounded in battle and received numerous ribbons and a good conduct medal, along with a purple heart. After his honorary discharge, he and Lorraine married and moved to Portland, Oregon. He was employed at the shipyard. They moved back to MN in 1950, and purchased and operated Fran’s Place, a local tavern in Bluffton, MN. After selling the tavern, he went to work at Merickel Lumber Mills, where he was employed for 28 years, retiring in 1982. He enjoyed his retirement years at Big Pine Lake. Faith and family were of utmost importance to him. He loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed watching the Vikings and Twins. He truly enjoyed many years of retirement with his wife, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Catherine (Young) Gallagher. He is survived by his devoted wife Lorraine; children, Janet (Tom) Spahn, Park Rapids, Judy (Ed) Mora, OKC, OK, Jayne (Tim) Rogers, Wadena, Jim (Marji) Gallagher, Wichita, KS, Jacki (Kevin) Schmitz, Little Falls; 10 grandchildren & 10 great-grandchildren; sister Wanda (Wayne) Maroney of Long Prairie; and brother Larry of Mound. He will be dearly missed by everyone. A Mass of Christian

Burial and celebration of his life will be held on Monday, April 9th at 11:00 AM at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Paul Folsom as celebrant. Visitation will be held Sunday, April 8th at Johnson Memorial Home from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Military honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN. Pallbearers will be Francis' grandchildren and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena. The family would like to extend a special thanks for the great care he received at Centra Care Dialysis Unit, Staples, MN and St. Cloud Hospital. All memorials will be given to the Centra Care Health Foundation Dialysis Fund.

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ I am writing a life story for my father, Philip Anthony Schiller who died at 69 in 1988. I discovered this wonderful obituary for Dad's good friend Fran while doing research. Fran, Dad, Wally Mueller and Ole Nehl were the a wonderful foursome of salesmen at Merickel Lumber Mills in the 50's, 60's, and 70's with each of them retiring in the 80's. They were more than workmates -- they were close friends, their wives were close friends, and they provided each other support through good times and bad. I worked some summers next door at the hardware store, and remember how each of them treated each other and each customer with great respect. May they all rest in peace.

*Philip "Jeff" Schiller, M.D.*

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**Philip J Schiller** - February 12, 2019 at 03:04 PM

DS

“ Please accept our condolences 'and our prayers for a safe journey to the father .

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**Dan & Eileen Stoup** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ You have lost special person from your lives but the one thing you will always have are the many fond memories.  
Had the opportunity to meet Fran on two occasions but my fondest memories come from Mom and Dad. He held a special place in their heart, they always spoke highly of him.

*You are all in our prayers*

*Ted & Barbara Winkels*

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**Romanus (Ted) Winkels** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I shall always treasure the experiences and fun we had together. We very much enjoyed our hunting and fishing activities together from the time I was in grade school. He was always my older brother, whom I looked up to. I will miss him very much but he will continue to live on in my memories. God favored him with a special transition from the physical to the spiritual life. His family was able to share this with him in a special way with their presence at that time. It was a real blessing and he is free of the pains and suffering of this Life. I'm praying for the greatest of God's Blessing to Fran and the family he has left behind.

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**Larry Gallagher M.D.** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My sincere condolences to Loraine and family. Fran was a good guy and great neighbor while I was growing up. Just talked to Tom last week and talked about how nice a guy Fran was. Sure puts a damper on your Easter but I'm sure your faith will get you thru this time of sorrow. See you Sunday night. JIM

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**Jim Stoneman** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I didn't know Fran very well but he was a very nice gentleman and I'm sure he will be missed by family and friends.

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**jane hieb** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM