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Mary Alice Keough Gagliardi, 93, of Ringgold, Georgia, born on September 8, 1932, in Fisherville, Tennessee, passed from this earth on February 15, 2026. She awoke to a heavenly celebration with her family and Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Alice was a loving mother, grandma, aunt, and friend. She began her medical career as a fourteen-year-old assisting the country doctor with delivering babies and sick visits. While in nursing school in Memphis, she met Robert Gagliardi, stationed at NSA Mid-South. Together, they became a memorable team. She had a life full of travels and adventures, which she would happily share with anyone. She was a Sunday School teacher, Boy and Girl Scout leader, PTO President, impromptu caregiver, and substitute mom for hundreds of young people. She was also a devoted Atlanta Braves fan.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Gagliardi; her precious grandson, Joey Gagliardi; her parents, Willie Frank and Virginia Keough; and her siblings, Carolyn Beaver, Frankie Daly, Albert Keough, and Bo Keough.

Surviving are two daughters, Joy Ayres and her husband, Tom, Lori Collins

and her husband, Larry; sons, Craig Gagliardi and Doug Gagliardi and his wife, Jackie; twelve cherished grandchildren and thirteen adored great-grandchildren. She has a cousin, along with numerous nieces and nephews, that she truly treasured. Storytelling and laughter were never in short supply when the family gathered. Alice's smile and quiet laugh were contagious, and along with her caring heart, she has left a lasting legacy to everyone who knew her.

The family invites friends and loved ones to join us in remembering and honoring Alice on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Your prayers and support mean a lot to us during this challenging time, and we genuinely appreciate them.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that in keeping with her love for children and caregiving, memorial donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Fisherville Baptist Church Children's Program in Eads, Tennessee.

An Online guest book can be found at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37404  
(423) 855-6590

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 21. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel  
443 Boynton Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I surely enjoyed my sleepovers with Joy as a kid. Mrs. Gagliardi made it a special time. Such fond memories! I will see you in heaven.

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**Dona Barnes** - February 23 at 09:44 AM

AM

“ Aunt Alice always made me feel so special and like I was the only one..she had a beautiful nack of making people feel like that and always made you laugh. I dearly loved her ..Thank you Aunt Alice for all the great memories 💜

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**Amanda Mullins** - February 21 at 10:27 AM

JL

“ Jennifer, Linda and Larry purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Alice Keough Gagliardi.



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**Jennifer, Linda and Larry** - February 20 at 04:45 PM

JS

“ She always said we could do anything with loyalty, integrity, self worth and a passion for Christ in your life. And she was right. I hear her louder now.

Witty and sassy at times - but still - with all our mistakes in life, you could see she never wavered with grace and unconditional love for her family.

This is a bit of a memory ramble, but I am so grateful to have many memories with her. I loved to watch her fold her napkin a thousand times while we talked and sipped coffee. She knew all my friends by name and could even tell me facts about them that let me know she was truly listening. I fondly remember popping peas in the summer or ‘teaching’ her card games, like how to play poker, at many different kitchen tables. The way she’d rip out a newspaper clipping and mail it to me - Sometimes I’d get lucky and she’d put a ‘Gramma Dollar’ with a holiday sticker in there too.

As a child, getting to spend the night was THE best. Staying up late, watching ‘Nick at Night’ AND getting to raid the fridge. We could have asked for anything and she’d do her best to make it happen. We knew this and I believe we mostly limited requests to a box of little Debbie’s or our favorite pie or cake or garlic buttered mushrooms. Thank you for these memories.

I’ll love you forever and ever. Much Love. -Jess



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Jessica Stanfield - February 17 at 01:47 PM

R/

“ How hard it is to limit Gramma’s impact on my life to just a single memory.

*I remember the joy of those road trips, riding in the back of the truck, knowing we were on our way to Gramma and Papas. The excitement building when we would see those See Rock City barns. Walking through the door and hearing that familiar “Hey!” that made you feel instantly known and loved.*

*Getting older, I cherished sitting and listening to Gramma tell her stories, even if a few of them may have grown into “big fish tales” over time (and honestly, I’d rather not know).*

*I’m so grateful Gramma stayed with us long enough to meet my wife and children. I will always cherish my last conversation with her.*

*Making her laugh talking about April’s glares and Wilson’s wonderfully chaotic traits.*

*Gramma, I love you and will miss you. I will carry your stories with me always.*



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R/T - February 17 at 10:47 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Keough Gagliardi.*



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February 17 at 09:15 AM

DI

“ It was an honor to be able to care for you these past few years Ms Mary Alice. You're beautiful heartwarming smile and spunky attitude could always bring a smile to my face and I never knew what to expect from you! You will be greatly missed beautiful lady but I know you are at peace now. May the Lord be with your family and friends as the days come and go from here on without you with us. Sending love.

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**Danyale Iler** - February 17 at 01:55 AM

JA

“ I miss you



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**Jasper** - February 16 at 09:06 PM



“ Mary was the sweetest lady, I loved having conversations with her because she was so lively! She will be greatly missed!!! We love you Ms Mary!!!❤️

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**Tammy Whittle Stanfield** - February 16 at 09:04 PM