



## James Daniel Gallagher

January 8, 1948 - May 12, 2020

James Daniel Gallagher, age 72, of Port Austin, Michigan passed away May 12, 2020 peacefully at his home. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son to the late James and Margaret (McAnn) Gallagher. He was also predeceased by his loving brother Michael Joseph Gallagher.

James spent much of his childhood in Great Britain, later returned to the United States and was a veteran of the United States Army serving as a military policeman. Following his honorable discharge, his career path led him to U.A. Local 85 working with HVAC systems, retiring after 30 years then forming his own HVAC company, JDG Services, Inc.

His passions included soccer which he played into his later years, then retiring to avidly watch and cheer on his favorite teams. He had a love for sailing where he raced competitively in the Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac race eleven times as a crew member on "Medicine Man" while he was also a 13 year member of Tawas Yacht Club, sailing on "Archimedes" as a crew member of 7 years. He simply enjoyed the serene views of the water, spent winter months in Florida, had a great love for music listening to BBC radio daily and cherished his friendships. He was also an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church where he spent time volunteering. In addition, he loved to write and recently quoted one of his own personal hero's Winston Churchill, "It is no use saying we are doing our best. You have to succeed in

doing what is necessary.”

He was proud of and loved his family dearly. James is survived by his loving children Kendra (Kelly) Hanson, Danielle (Aaron) Engwis and newly first born granddaughter Vivienne Rose, Natasha, (Reid) Cooksey, Seamus Gallagher (special friend Grace Martin) and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, including friends and family who reside in England.

Cremation services will take place and a celebration of his life will follow at a later date. Donations and contributions can be considered in memory to St. Michael's Catholic Church of Port Austin, Midland Soccer Club, Tawas Yacht Club, BaySail or The American Legion.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Daniel Gallagher*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, our thoughts are with you all. I feel so pleased that despite the distance we stayed in contact and I particularly enjoyed our email exchanges over the recent years. He will be sadly missed. Love Tony and family in the UK.*



**Tony Gallagher** - August 19, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *Deep peace of the running wave to Jim and to all those who knew and who loved him.*

**DAVID CORCORAN** - August 08, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Dani - I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I am so, so, so sorry. Your daughter is beautiful, and you chose such a pretty name. I can't wait to see you again soon. A big hug I'll save for you, and until then - I'll be praying you have peace and comfort brought from memories. I loved all of your photos you shared. He looks like an amazing Dad. Miss you so much. Rita*

**RITA MACDONALD** - May 27, 2020 at 05:16 PM

DH

“ So very sorry for your loss of your father.  
A kind and gentle soul, I will miss his lovely  
cards and messenger conversations.  
Love from Dawn & Family from the UK.



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**Dawn Hutley** - May 27, 2020 at 05:13 PM

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**Angelika Ross** - May 25, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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“ We are sorry for your loss. As guests for the Port Austin wedding  
we feel blessed to meet your Father and now Grandpa. We are glad  
he met your dear Vivienne Rose.

*Mike and Liz Engwis Family*

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**Mike Engwis** - May 23, 2020 at 09:08 PM

SP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of playing soccer with  
Jimmie in the co ed league in Midland. He was an excellent player  
and took care of his team. He will be missed.

*Sue Holbrook Palm*

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**Sue Holbrook Palm** - May 23, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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**A Ross** - May 22, 2020 at 01:04 PM

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**A Ross** - May 22, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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**A Ross** - May 22, 2020 at 01:02 PM

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“ *Seamus (Jim) was an integral part of our little group of friends, we call "Shangri-La". He was always kind, helpful, and full of fun. I miss his impish grin and cheerfulness.*

*I will miss your delightful presence, dear friend. May the choirs of angels come to greet you....*

*Angelika Ross*

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**A Ross** - May 22, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ *Seamus (Jim) Gallagher was a friend of ours. We met at the Port Austin Farmers Market - Live on Stage performances. He became a "regular" and attended every Saturday, singing along with the bands. He knew all the lyrics and since he never sat down he sometimes did a little dancing. His appreciative responses to the musicians surpassed that of any dozen other audience members.*

*Almost immediately he became a trusted and dependable worker with all the equipment at all the regular and extra performances. He worked skillfully and cheerfully. He became a "member" of our small group of neighbors along the waterfront we call "Shangri-La". He was an intelligent gentleman and a delightful one at that. His Irish and British mannerisms delivered in his musical accent added another level of interest to any conversation one had with him. He listened with his eyes and ears fully open and smiled more than any of us.*

*Here's to you, mate! Sail on, and we'll meet again on the other shore.*

*Terry Ross  
Port Austin, MI  
USA*

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**T M Ross** - May 22, 2020 at 12:50 PM