



## Judith "Jude" Gallagher

May 8, 1946 - June 5, 2012

Judith "Jude" Sharon Gallagher

In God's care you rest above,  
In our hearts you rest with love.  
Memories of you are ours to keep,  
Our words are few but our love is deep.

Jude is the firstborn of seven children to Robert and Marian (deceased) Gallagher of Rio Oso, California. She was a playful, happy, loving young child when struck down with polio at age seven. She spent many months at Children's Hospital in San Francisco recovering from the near death experience. She never once uttered a word nor complained about her disability her entire life, never a "why me". Jude was a major inspiration and role model to all. She was a beautiful, caring and loving person despite all the tribulations she had to endure. Even with this affliction, Jude never considered herself handicapped and always attributed her integrity and leadership qualities to her strong family upbringing. Jude had an incredibly beautiful spirit that permeated everyone's heart. She was a person of tremendous strength and wisdom always cheerful and happy. She fought a valiant fight for the last 16 years since first diagnosed with cancer.

Jude was a wonderful and very proud mother and grandmother. Her constant

desire was to spend as much time as possible with her daughter, Heidi, and grandson, Brenden, whom she loved and admired deeply. Her peaceful passing was complete with her daughter at her side.

Jude's career in Federal Civil Service began in February 1975. She started in an entry level clerical position, and after many years of diligence and hard work, she secured her final position of Procurement Director, GS-14, at the Naval Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center (NFELC), Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), at the Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme CA. Because of her strong belief in the value of education and self-improvement, having herself earned a BS in History in 1984, as a supervisor, she ensured that her employees received training and encouraged them to prepare themselves for advancement opportunities. She loved to mentor young, aspiring managers, to see them flourish and grow and cheered them on to achieve their personal and career goals. Throughout her own career, she earned the respect and high regard of all her peers. Her outstanding Equal Employment Opportunity achievements resulted in her selection as the sole recipient of the Federal Women's Program's Joyce W. Stewart Memorial Award, Naval Base Ventura County, in March 2005. She served on the Board of Directors for the CBC Federal Union. It's no surprise that she was recognized as the Outstanding Employee with a Disability for the Department of the Navy in Nov 2005 and as the Outstanding Employee with a Disability for the Department of Defense (DoD) in Dec 2005 and received her distinguished awards in prestigious ceremonies in Washington D.C. After 37 years of dedicated and superior service, Jude retired in February 2012.

Jude was a very generous, thoughtful and loving person who gave of herself and her time whenever possible, whether it was volunteering as an organizer for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) or Toys for Tots or multicultural events or supporting programs as a member of the Federal Women's Program on the base. Jude found great "Joy through Movement" focusing on the

intrinsic energy within as an avid student and practitioner of Tai Chi Chih and also achieved the second level in Reiki.

Jude will be remembered for many wonderful things, but the love and devotion she had for her family would be first and foremost. Family gatherings were very important to her and she was happiest when she was surrounded by her loving family. And, regardless of the distance, she made every effort to attend all special events and gatherings. It is her family's hope that Jude's memory will have a special place in the hearts and minds of everyone who knew her.

Jude always saw the good in people, even if it was difficult for others to see. All her life she put the welfare of others before her own. She touched the lives of many people and she will be remembered for her genuinely sweet, kind, gentle, loyal and loving nature, her warm heart, infectious smile and her indomitable Irish spirit, and her patriotism. The 4th of July was her favorite holiday and her office was decorated in red, white and blue year-round, with Irish shamrocks sprinkled here and there. She had great compassion for the men and women in the military and supported various programs that provided support for military families. She firmly believed that we owe it to ourselves and to our country to do whatever we can to make a difference in this world – and she did!

Life presented Jude with many physical and medical challenges, but she always continued to smile and meet each new obstacle with courage. It was that courage, and perhaps a bit of Irish stubbornness, that for years made her use the stairs instead of elevators and to pass up handicapped parking spaces, leaving them for others that she felt had more need than her. Few people knew that she lived with pain and discomfort everyday of her life because she never complained. Even when the cancer kept returning, she never asked “why me?” and she never displayed a “victim” attitude. Her

strength and spirit were an inspiration to family, friends and anyone fortunate enough to meet her. And now, she is free from all earthly suffering and there is no cancer and no leg braces in heaven!

To try and capture the life lived and the essence of this truly beautiful person, can, perhaps, best be reflected in one of Jude's favorite poems:

"Life can't be counted in candles or measured in number of years, it's counted in small joys and good times and laugh lines, as well as in heartaches and tears.

Life can't be counted in candles, but in things done with effort and pride, with dreams followed boldly and hopes kept alive, in times when we've failed, but tried.

Life can't be counted in candles or measured in years that have flown, it's counted in kindnesses, close friends and loved ones, and in all the sweet blessings we've known."

Jude will be deeply, deeply missed and will be a part of us forever. Rest in peace, our sweet, beloved Jude.

Predeceased by: Mother Marian Gallagher; Brother Patrick Gallagher  
Survived by: Daughter Heidi Ann Irvine; Grandson Brenden Hebert; Father Robert Gallagher; Brothers Dennis Gallagher and Tim Gallagher; Sisters Roberta Halcomb, Dianne Changnon, and Kelly Hayes; Numerous nieces and nephews; Lifelong friends and recent caretakers Gloria Smith, Gloria Bransdor, Dee and Mike Knight, Arlene Cypher, and Marcella Kowitz.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to:  
Mercy Hospice

1210 Deadra Dr.  
Lebanon, MO 65536  
St. Jude's Children's Hospital  
Patrick Gallagher Music Scholarship,  
Yuba College Foundation,  
2088 N. Beale Rd.  
Marysville, CA 95901

Services:

Jude passed away in MO but the services will be held in Marysville, CA and a Memorial will be held in Oxnard CA, all to be determined and information to be provided at a later date.

Caregiver statement:

The family wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation for the loving and personal care given to Jude by her dear friends Gloria Smith and Gloria Bransdor, and for the kindness and excellent professional care provided by numerous physicians.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - June 11, 2012 at 04:48 PM



“ *Judith "Jude" Gallagher*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Lisa Howard lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Lisa Howard** - August 15, 2012 at 03:14 PM



“ *Katrina Helm lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Katrina Helm** - August 14, 2012 at 02:18 PM

AS

“ *Aimee Sargent lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Aimee Sargent** - August 02, 2012 at 01:39 PM

JH

“ *"Lit a candle in memory of Jude Gallagher"*

*June Haynes August 02, 2012.*



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**June Haynes** - August 02, 2012 at 11:55 AM

SH

“ *Shana Hwang lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Shana Hwang** - July 11, 2012 at 06:35 PM

GB

“ *To the family so many sympathies out your way, we send our love to all of you. The Bennetts.*

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**George and Kathy Bennett** - July 10, 2012 at 05:49 PM

GB

“ George And Kathy Bennett lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



George and Kathy Bennett - July 10, 2012 at 05:41 PM

GN

“ Gayla Lutman, Training Department, NFELC lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Gayla Lutman, Training Department, NFELC - June 22, 2012 at 09:04 AM

JS

“ JoAnn Stickley lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



JoAnn Stickley - June 19, 2012 at 08:19 PM

PN

“ I am very happy I have had the priviledge of knowing Jude at NCBC. She was always smiling. Pearl Niblack, CESO Mailroom



Pearl E. Niblack - June 19, 2012 at 12:40 PM

AK

“ Anna M. Klingerman lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Anna M. Klingerman - June 19, 2012 at 09:07 AM

JW

“ Jen Wick lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Jen Wick - June 18, 2012 at 10:59 AM

GG

“ Gari Gallagher lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Gari Gallagher - June 17, 2012 at 08:55 PM

TW

“ Lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Tim Winters - June 15, 2012 at 12:05 PM

TW

“ *Tim Winters*



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**Tim Winters** - June 15, 2012 at 12:00 PM

AO

“ *Ademola Olaniyan lit a candle in memory of  
Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Ademola Olaniyan** - June 15, 2012 at 10:16 AM

DK

“ *Dee Knight lit a candle in memory of Judith  
"Jude" Gallagher*



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**Dee Knight** - June 14, 2012 at 11:13 PM

DK

*Not everyone is lucky enough to meet a person who stands out among all other people and who is truly wonderful. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find someone special in their lifetime that they can become really close to and with whom they can become forever-friends. But, I was fortunate; and for me, that person was my beloved friend Jude.*

*When a friendship consists of unconditional love, understanding, mutual respect and admiration, and a whole lot of laughter, you possess one of the most valuable gifts in life. And Jude's friendship was a beautiful gift and a blessing to me. Her essence lives on in my heart and will be a part of me forever. God blessed me with an angel for a friend, and now she is one.*

*Jude, I will always love you - MORE!*

*Dee*

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**Dee Knight** - June 14, 2012 at 11:38 PM

GG

*Dee, you are so very special and Jude loved you very much. Love, Auntie Gari*

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**Gari Gallagher** - June 17, 2012 at 08:51 PM

AB

“ *Angelique T. Bransdor lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Angelique T. Bransdor** - June 14, 2012 at 08:03 PM

ST

“ *Socorro Tolentino lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Socorro Tolentino** - June 14, 2012 at 05:51 PM

RH

“ *Rosemary Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Rosemary Hernandez** - June 14, 2012 at 04:13 PM

KM

“ *Karen Martin lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Karen Martin** - June 14, 2012 at 03:56 PM

LV

“ *Lisa VanNoy lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Lisa VanNoy** - June 14, 2012 at 01:27 PM

BM

“ *Bo Min lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Bo Min** - June 14, 2012 at 01:11 PM

TB

“ *The Borroels lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**The Borroels** - June 14, 2012 at 10:58 AM

TF

“ *The Borroel Family lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**The Borroel Family** - June 14, 2012 at 10:56 AM

NG

“ *Norman Griffaw lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Norman Griffaw** - June 13, 2012 at 09:02 PM

NG

*You will be missed. Norm, Dawne and Hailey Griffaw*

**Norman Griffaw** - June 13, 2012 at 09:03 PM

LR

“ *Lois Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



**Lois Reynolds** - June 13, 2012 at 05:42 PM

MP

“ *Marcia H. Patterson lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



**Marcia H. Patterson** - June 13, 2012 at 05:30 PM

MP

“ *Jude-you are and will be missed everyday. I liked being able to know I could call you. These past months I left you many messages,I hope you got them even if you were not up to returning them. I love you girl. I hope you are in Heaven dancing around having a great time. Tell my sweet husband I said I love him too. I love you! You did a great job of raising Heidi. She is a treasure as were you my friend. Take care and till we meet again if I can behave myself to be able to be where you and Bill are. Love you Marcy*

**Marcia H. Patterson** - June 13, 2012 at 05:22 PM

HP

“ Hortencia Perez lit a candle in memory of  
Judith "Jude" Gallagher



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**Hortencia Perez** - June 13, 2012 at 04:38 PM

RB

“ Ricardo F. Balatbat lit a candle in memory of  
Judith "Jude" Gallagher



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**Ricardo F. Balatbat** - June 13, 2012 at 03:42 PM

AP

“ Angeline Pearson lit a candle in memory of  
Judith "Jude" Gallagher



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**Angeline Pearson** - June 13, 2012 at 03:25 PM

SR

“ Stella Rosenthal lit a candle in memory of  
Judith "Jude" Gallagher



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**Stella Rosenthal** - June 13, 2012 at 03:23 PM

MG

“ *Marisela Garcia lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Marisela Garcia** - June 13, 2012 at 03:13 PM

LZ

“ *Lisa Zimmerman sent a virtual gift in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Lisa Zimmerman** - June 13, 2012 at 02:27 PM

DA

“ *David Alvara lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**David alvara** - June 13, 2012 at 12:52 PM

JM

*Yesterday's memorial at the Seabee Museum was wonderful. Jude was a remarkable lady and one of just a few bright spots when going to work at CESO. I don't remember her talking negatively about anybody except one morning I ran into Jude to hear her say that a fellow worker, unnamed by Jude, had complained to her that she did not park in a handicap parking place thereby depriving this individual of a place to park. Sounded like this person was truly handicapped. Kudos to Dee Knight for a great job hosting the Memorial. There was some joy in hearing Dee is a Democrat. I have many fond memories of Jude that will last a long time. May blessings and comfort be upon her family. It was impressive to see them all at the Memorial.*

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**Jim Moreland** - August 16, 2012 at 02:17 PM



“ *Georgia Smith lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Georgia Smith** - June 13, 2012 at 12:11 PM

RC

“ *RUDY CORTEZ lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**RUDY CORTEZ** - June 13, 2012 at 10:29 AM

JM

“ Jessica Montes lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Jessica Montes - June 13, 2012 at 09:27 AM

GB

“ Gayle Butcher lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Gayle Butcher - June 13, 2012 at 08:21 AM

TA

“ Troy Aldrich lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Troy Aldrich - June 13, 2012 at 12:10 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



June 13, 2012 at 12:03 AM

HI

“ Heidi Irvine lit a candle in memory of Judith  
"Jude" Gallagher

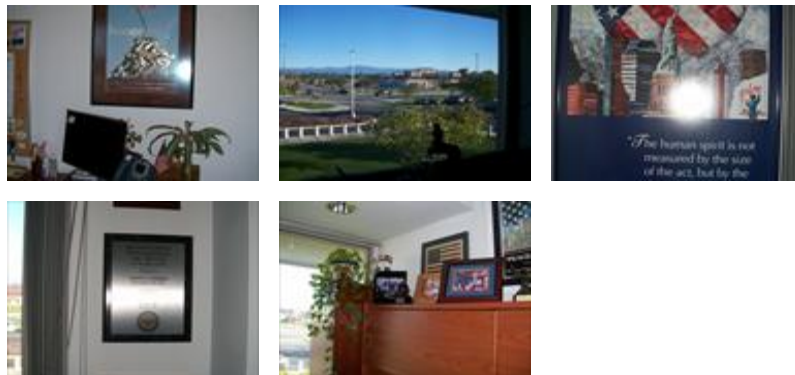


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Heidi Irvine - June 12, 2012 at 11:44 PM

BM

“ 12 files added to the album Jude's sweet memories in Aquisition  
Dept and BSV&E Dept



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bobby manalo - June 12, 2012 at 10:48 PM

KS

“ Karen Swiney lit a candle in memory of Judith  
"Jude" Gallagher



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Karen Swiney - June 12, 2012 at 08:36 PM

MC

“ Mike Cook lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



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Mike Cook - June 12, 2012 at 08:33 PM

DS

“ Dean Sommerhauser lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



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Dean Sommerhauser - June 12, 2012 at 08:25 PM

DJ

“ Don Jaworski lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



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Don Jaworski - June 12, 2012 at 07:39 PM

PJ

“ Patty Juarez lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



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Patty Juarez - June 12, 2012 at 07:02 PM

VF

“ Virginia Flores lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Virginia Flores - June 12, 2012 at 06:59 PM

RM

“ RAUL MANTES lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



RAUL MANTES - June 12, 2012 at 05:51 PM

DA

“ 2 files added to the album Jude's sweet memories in Aquisition Dept and BSV&E Dept



David Alvara - June 12, 2012 at 05:05 PM

DS

“ Dante Salonga lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Dante Salonga - June 12, 2012 at 04:29 PM

GB

“ Gloria Bransdor lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Gloria Bransdor - June 12, 2012 at 04:04 PM



“ Gloria Smith lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Gloria Smith - June 12, 2012 at 03:49 PM

LW

“ LINDA WILSON lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



LINDA WILSON - June 12, 2012 at 03:16 PM

AB

“ Anne Braden lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher



Anne Braden - June 12, 2012 at 03:14 PM

BG

“ *Becki Gavason lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Becki Gavason** - June 12, 2012 at 03:06 PM

LW

“ *Laurie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*



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**Laurie Wilson** - June 12, 2012 at 02:58 PM

BM

“ *Bobby Manalo lit a candle in memory of Judith "Jude" Gallagher*

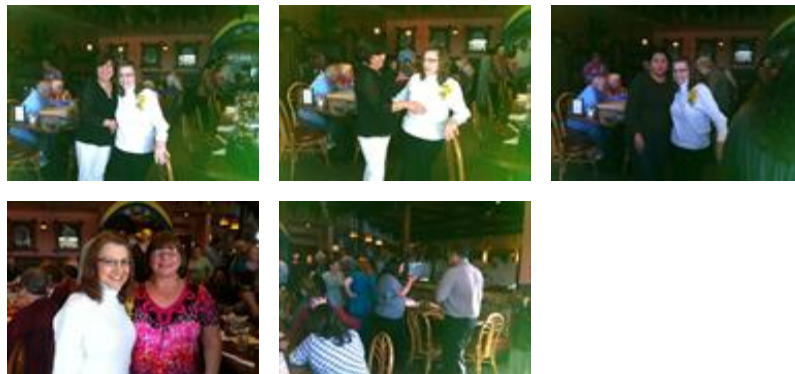


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**Bobby Manalo** - June 12, 2012 at 02:58 PM

BM

“ 33 files added to the album *Jude's sweet memories in Aquisition Dept and BSV&E Dept*



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**Bobby Manalo** - June 12, 2012 at 02:28 PM

BF

“ *Jude was one of the most patient, kind, and loving people I ever knew. She always had a smile for everyone, no matter what was going on in her life, and you never heard her complain about any of her trials or tribulations. She made time for anyone and everyone who stopped by her office, never rushed their visit and always made them feel welcomed. Jude was not only a co-worker, but a dear friend as well, to all who knew her. Her warmth, charm, and positive outlook on life will be sorely missed by her co-workers, friends, and family...but she has the final reward that she truly deserves...she is at peace and free from all pain and suffering. We love you, dear Jude, and will miss you but you will always be in our hearts. God bless...thoughts and prayers to all the family!*

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**Becky Fraley** - June 12, 2012 at 11:59 AM

BF

“ *Becky Fraley lit a candle in memory of Judith  
"Jude" Gallagher*



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**Becky Fraley** - June 12, 2012 at 11:42 AM



“ *Irma Madrid lit a candle in memory of Judith  
"Jude" Gallagher*



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**Irma Madrid** - June 12, 2012 at 11:08 AM