



## Mrs. M. Roberta Galvin

December 18, 1928 - March 16, 2023

M. Roberta Galvin

“Bobbie”

Beloved Mother Grandmother, Great Grandmother

M. Roberta (Mulvey) (McDermott) Galvin, age 94, died surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late James A. McDermott, who died in 1954, and the late John Blake “Jack” Galvin Sr., who died in 1980. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Cherished by many, she will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Born in Lowell on December 18, 1928, she was the youngest daughter of the late Lowell Police Sgt. Robert T. Mulvey and Margaret (Vallely) Mulvey. For most of her life, “Bobbie” was a resident of the Highlands section of Lowell, where she raised her family of three children and was a communicant of St. Margaret Church.

Bobbie received her education in the Lowell Public Schools, graduating from Lowell High School in 1945, where she attained the position of Captain in the Girl Officers Regiment. She went on to receive her associate degree as an Executive Secretary from the Kathleen Dell Business School, in Brookline, MA in 1947. She also attended Lowell State College, where she met Jack Galvin. Over the years, Bobbie was involved in supporting her children’s schools and

in many civic organizations, including the Ladies of Charity of Saint John's Hospital, St. Margaret Blessed Virgin Society, as well as The Seton Guild, serving in the role of vice-president for several years.

During her career, Bobbie was employed by the Lowell Public Schools in a variety of capacities. Bobbie worked at the Shaughnessy School, Even Start Program, and the Title I Program. She also worked as a secretary for Attorney John J. Hurley and at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, where she helped to organize the city's first Folk Festival. It was during these times that Bobbie developed and maintained many close relationships with colleagues who became true friends. Mrs. Galvin retired from the Lowell School Department in 2006 at the age of 77.

She spent her life deeply involved in the activities of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She reveled in hosting parties to celebrate holidays, birthdays, and important milestones. She also enjoyed entertaining friends, traveling to the beach, relaxing in the sun, watching sporting events, reading, and playing Scrabble. In recent years she moved to Belvidere to be closer to her family, and while it was hard for her to leave her beloved neighbors, she delighted in being able to spend time at the pool or out on the porch soaking up the sun. In her new home, she would often be found in her favorite chair, either on the phone, using her iPad, or writing cards. She was a master at keeping in touch with friends and family, near and far. While she will be remembered for her sharp wit and candid nature, she will ultimately remain forever in our hearts as our most unwavering supporter and proudest cheerleader.

Mrs. Galvin is survived by her daughters Roberta Keefe of Lowell, Suzanne Courtney and her husband Jay of Hamilton, MA, her son John Blake Galvin Jr. and his wife Kerri of Lowell, her ten grandchildren: Kathleen Keefe and her partner John Sexton, Kara Keefe Mullin and her husband, Christopher Mullin,

Meaghan Keefe, Courtney Keefe Romanowsky and her husband Nicholas Romanowsky, John Blake "Jack" Galvin III, Kate Galvin, Carly Galvin, Ryan Galvin, all of whom are from Lowell, and Jameson and Jackson Courtney of Hamilton, MA. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren Aidan and William Mullin, as well as Ruby Romanowsky. She was predeceased by her two sisters Lorraine & Bert Mulvey.

The family would also like to extend their deep gratitude to her caregivers who made it possible for her to remain in her home, Patti Stickney, Donna Stickney, and Dany Soeurn and to her loyal friends and regular visitors Bunnie and Kevin Kirane, Mary Ann and Jim McMahon, Jean Franco, Claire Abrams, and Elise and Brian Martin.

Family and Friends may call at THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, on WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2023, from 3 until 7 PM. Mrs. Galvin's FUNERAL will begin on THURSDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by her FUNERAL MASS at 11 o'clock at THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 144 E. MERRIMACK ST. LOWELL. Burial will follow in ST. MARY CEMETERY, TEWKSBURY. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Mrs. Galvin's memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute PO Box 849168, Boston MA 02284-9168 or <https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org>

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE  
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
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# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
sean@faymccabe.com  
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

## Burial

MAR **23** (ET)

St. Mary Cemetery  
90 River Road  
North Tewksbury, MA 01876  
(978) 851-2248  
<http://www.stmarycemetary.com/>

# Tribute Wall

RO

“*Robbie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M. Roberta Galvin*



Robbie - March 30, 2023 at 11:41 AM

MK

“*“My” Rob, “My” Suzanne, and “My” Blake.....my heart is heavy with the loss of my very special friend, your beautiful Mom. We had a long run with her but now she is partying with other loved ones in Heaven and I guess we have to take comfort in knowing that right now she is the center of attention up there. Someday there will be a beautiful reunion, but until then we will honor her by remembering all the love and good times and laughs we got to share with her. I will miss and love her forever. Bunnie* 🍷🐰🍷

Mary A Kirane - March 24, 2023 at 07:36 PM

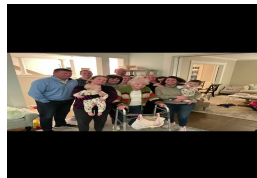
BG

*Love this Bunnie, and we call love you and Kev. Thank you for being such a great "third daughter" to her!!*

Blake Galvin - April 01, 2023 at 02:16 PM

CK

“*1 file added to the album Bobbie Galvin Slideshow*



Courtney Keefe - March 22, 2023 at 09:20 AM

VG

“ Dear Robbie and Family, Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a friend of my mother's, Vera Cadigan Quinlan and socialized via St. Margaret 's Sodality and Seton Guild where they both were Vice Presidents. As a little girl, when I would see her at Mass I always thought she was so beautiful. The passing of a mother is one of life's most profound losses. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Vera Quinlan Gallagher - March 22, 2023 at 09:18 AM

TG

“ So sorry for your loss Blake. Your Mom was a very good women. She was very proud of you and you were very good to her. Know that the whole BC Football Brotherhood is with you now and forever. I am praying for you and your family and that your Mom is now in the light of the presence of our Lord. Stay strong. Love ya

Ted Gaffney - March 21, 2023 at 09:04 AM

BG

Thanks Ted for sharing your message to Blake .I was always proud of how close the BC Football Families were . Blake I send my thoughts and prayers

Barry Gallup'69 - March 23, 2023 at 05:31 PM

DD

“ I'll miss you Mrs. Galvin! Whether it was a visit on your porch on Wilder or your living room on Butman, you always brought the room to life with your fabulous sense of humor. The love you had for your kids and grandkids was so evident in each story that you shared. Your handwritten cards always made me smile! May you rest in the sweetest peace.  
Much love, Dottie

Dottie Durkin - March 20, 2023 at 07:29 PM