

Merle Joseph Gallagher, 71

Jan. 5, 1924 - Sept. 1, 1995 ✓

Manilla - Merle, son of William and Theresa McNertney Gallagher, was born Jan. 5, 1924 on a farm near Vail. He attended school in Vail and Westside and, in 1938, he moved with his family to Manilla where he continued his schooling. He worked for Crawford County as a heavy equipment operator for 44 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Parish in Manilla. He especially enjoyed all youth sports and was a faithful fan of athletic teams in Manilla and the surrounding areas. After a lengthy illness he died Sept. 1, 1995 at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll at age 71 years, 7 months and 27 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lloyd Gallagher; and a brother-in-law, Jack McSorley. Survivors include the following brothers and sisters, Rita (Frank) Healy of Blythe, CA; Nelda McSorley of Omaha; Arnie Gallagher (Lucille) of Manilla; Leo Gallagher of Strawberry Point; Jerry Gallagher (Lee) of Glendale, CA; Theresa (Sister Mary Michelle) of Algona; and Jean (Mac) Badow of Manilla; a sister-in-law, Laurie Gallagher of Covina, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 5, 1995 at the Sacred Heart Church, Manilla with Reverend Father Robert Galapp officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Manilla. Casket bearers were Pat Kloewer, Tim Kloewer, Ty McSorley, Joe Healy, Scott Kloewer, Jim Healy, Kenny Gallagher and Kasey Gallagher. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.