



## Natalie Julia Gallas

December 28, 2019

Natalie Julia Gallas, 87, of Charlotte, NC, formerly of Mt. Prospect, Ill. passed away December 28th after a brief illness. Natalie was known for her creativity, delightful wit, charitable work and devotion to her faith.

She is survived by her son John Donahue (Charlotte), daughter Sharon Meeker (Hoffman Estates, Ill.); four sisters, Joan T. Memoli and Marsha J. Buster (Germantown, Tenn.); Gail F. Remien (Northfield, Ill.); Priscilla L. Jablon (Highland Park, Ill.); and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Jack Gallas; sister Betty Uselding; and parents Albert and Regina Meuer.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Natalie attended business college and worked as an executive secretary for Baxter International and Universal Oil Products (UOP). She was a favorite host for family gatherings. After moving to Charlotte, Natalie unleashed her creativity by sewing napkins, tablecloths, runners and soft children's books. She sold them for years at the Charlotte Regional Farmers Market. When she wasn't sewing, she adopted and nurtured stray cats.

She was also a longtime volunteer at St. John Neumann Catholic Parish in Charlotte and enjoyed membership in the Red Hat Society.

Services will be January 21 at 10 AM at St John Neumann Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the VA National Cemetery in Salisbury at 2 pm. If you would like to make a donation in Natalie's name here are a few of her favorite charities: The Buddy Foundation, Paws with a Cause, The Wounded Warrior

Project, the American Heart Association or her family parish. Please visit [www.loweneddofuneralhome.com](http://www.loweneddofuneralhome.com) for more information.

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/salisbury.a  
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# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St John Neumann Catholic Church  
8451 Idlewild Rd

## Gathering of Friends and Family

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St John Neumann Catholic Church  
8451 Idlewild Rd

## Committal

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/salisbury.asp>



# Tribute Wall



“ *Natalie Julia Gallas*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Natalie Julia Gallas*

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October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

MM

“ I remember Aunt Natalie and Uncle Jack very well. Just as if were a month or two ago. My earliest memory was when I went to see the Donahue family in Indiana. It felt like home to visit with them. There was a time when John and I were playing together and a boy in the neighborhood was bullying John. I remember a challenge I proposed to the bully, while Aunt Natilie was watching out the window. I said to the bully that if I could pin him to the ground in a wrestling match, would he leave John alone? He said yes that would be fair. While we put the rules out there about fists and kicking, Aunt Natilie agreed to be the judge of our to the adherants to rules. The bully eventually did get pinned, it wasn't easy, and we settled the problem. Aunt Natalie declared me the winner. He left for awhile but came back later and we agreed to be friends. I liked that Aunt Natilie was watching and approving of my proposal and I was glad John had reached a peaceful agreement with the bully. I never had gotten into a fight with somone bigger than me but; Aunt Natalie had that special smile on her face. You could look at her and know everything was going to work out well, even if I didn't win.

When we were a little older the Donahue family stayed with us in Illinois. John's father didn't stay very long but Aunt Natalie and her two children did. It was nice to have two adults, with similiar kind and gentle natures living in our house. Not having a father living with with us, it was welcoming to have my relatives living with us, especially since I wasn't the only one without a dad. There is this one time, when John and I were getting dressed for school. The girls were upstairs getting dressed, while John and I were getting our underwear on. We were in early grade school at the time. I noticed that John had put his shirt on before his under pants. I said pants should go on first. I asked Aunt Natatalie to rule on the socially expected paractice. She grinded a great big wide smile and called to my mom, "Oh Joan..Oh wise one.. we need your help. I don't know what the verdict was, I think it was, it didn't matter, I wanted an appeal. I was so nice to have her with us and how, with humor, she could deactivate a potential problem and go away smiling.It was conforting to have a second chief justice decide the

*tough cases young kids have.*

*She was very much like sunshine at our house, during those days and I missed it a lot when she and her children left.*

*As I got older it was always fun talking to Uncle Jack Gallas and Aunt Natalie. We had many family gatherings at each others houses. I grew to like Uncle Jack as a straight shooting man. He always took the time to talk to me and because of that I asked him to be my sponser when I was confirmed. Not having a dad affected me more than I realized but Uncle Jack was a supporting man that I could have trust in his advice. I did need a lot of advice growing up as a wild child. There was a time I was looking for a car, so I could keep a job, he proposed his car and explained very well that if it broke down right after I bought it wasn't due to anything he new about. His honesty to me was a lasting impression I never forgot. I was determined to do like wise to others,*

*When uncle Jack died and then Aunt Natalie, so quickly afterwards, it left a hole in my heart filled with many good memories of two good people's warm felt love they put into my life growing up.*

*I look forward to seeing them in heaven.*

*Mark Memoli*

*(the oldest cousin of 23 wonderful cousins, and 3 surviving loving Aunts)*

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**Mark Memoli** - February 01, 2020 at 01:32 PM

EA

“ Natalie and Jack were our neighbors since they moved into their lovely home in our cul-de-sac. I soon learned how much Natalie loved cats and we shared that love, especially for the homeless ones! When I had to be out of town for work, Natalie and I worked out an arrangement for her to feed my adopted cat AND give him a shot of insulin twice a day!

Natalie participated in many neighborhood yard sales and her sister-in-law, Marilyn helped her - I think Jack helped with putting the items in the garage and the girls handled the money part (as it should be, ha ha). I loved going to her yard sales because she had really interesting things, and usually what I bought had a story behind it and that made it special to me.

When she was well, I always saw a spark in her eyes. She was a beautiful soul! We will miss Natalie, but it is comforting to know that she has joined her beloved husband Jack. She has gone home!

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**Ellie Autry** - January 27, 2020 at 08:20 AM

JD

“ my mom was a deliteful lady to know, she loved to entertain friends and family until she reached her early 80'. The death of her husband, my step dad, Jack, devastated her.

as stated, she was a volenteer at her church, and loved her cats and her garden.

When Jack died, I tried to do some of the things he used to do for her, help balance the check book, take her to appointments, and even take her shopping at times.

I loved her very much, and we all thought she had a few more years to go, considering her dad was 104 when he died.

her death was a total surprise. emergency room to icu to hospise to death in a week.

i dont often pray, but i pray that you and dad are together today in the next life.

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**John Donahue** - January 13, 2020 at 09:47 PM