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hotography found Jamie
Gallagher at her darkest hour.
At 12 years old, her father
passed away unexpectedly,
and her family didn't have a
single photo of them together. When her
mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer
just a few years later, Gallagher was determined to capture all the moments she could.

"I became 'camera happy,' constantly wanting to freeze time," she recalls. "I knew one day it would be all I had left."

Gallagher's mission to capture life's sweetest, simplest, and most special moments became a passion, which led to a successful profession. Today, as the founder and owner of Treasured Moments, LLC, Gallagher has been featured in over 80 publications.

She joyfully serves clients in all seasons to celebrate and commemorate life's most poignant moments—the surprise engagement, the baby bump, the newborn photos, the family holiday portrait. Even pet portraits, product photography, senior

pictures, and professional poses are within her repertoire.

She describes her approach as a combination of perfectly posed portraits and candid moments of emotion, love, and reality. "One day, it's all you will have left. I want to help you relive the best moments, ones that otherwise may be forgotten. My heart is in this work," she says. "I love that I get to be part of people's biggest moments."

An Eye for Boudoir

Boudoir photography, a French term for "bedroom," is a growing niche in the

who have come before, Gallagher hosts an online, women-only Facebook group for past and future boudoir clients. It's a place where people can become familiar with her style and personality, and where women can "hype each other." They can see work from clients of all ages, styles, and body types.

"We live in a world where we grow up with all these expectations of what we should look like, and I hate that. Our bodies are not part of a checklist," she says. "I get to open your eyes for you to see how beautiful you are, exactly as is."

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