



Gloria Lynn Sharp

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Gloria Lynn (Shenkelman) Sharp, born on May 6, 1943 in Cleveland to the late Sam and Dorothy Shenk, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2021 with her daughters by her side. She was predeceased by her brother Phil Shenkelman (Sheryl) and is survived by her daughters Wendy Sharp (Patricia Montes) and Cathi Siegel (Tony Frabotta) and grandchildren Carly and Carson Siegel and Celia and Julian Montes-Sharp.

Gloria graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and earned her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education after her children started school. She taught preschool at the JCC for many years and then began a career in sales. Later, after her grandchildren were born, she decided to go back to working with children and became a nanny for several families in the area.

Never one to take life too seriously, Gloria loved dressing up in costume on holidays. She liked to dress up as the Easter Bunny to surprise her niece and nephews when they were young, and she always dressed as an elf on Christmas, much to the dismay of her grandchildren. She also loved animals, instilling that love in her children and grandchildren, and leaves behind 4 beloved granddogs.

Gloria adored her grandchildren and loved spending time with them, taking them to the theater and movies, playing board and card games, taking them to the playground or an amusement park, and going on vacation. She also had a wide circle of friends and maintained a special relationship with her former brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ron and Inese Sharp.

Despite battling three different types of cancer in her lifetime, Gloria maintained a healthy lifestyle and always took care of herself. When a back injury sidelined her and a physical therapist recommended swimming, Gloria overcame her fear of water and learned to swim when she was in her thirties. This led to a lifetime of commitment to physical fitness and she was a regular at the JCC for many years.



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A private service will be held for the family on Wednesday, May 12th at noon. Those interested in attending the service remotely can join via Zoom at:

Meeting ID: 814 3451 8350

Passcode: 906298

Due to COVID, the family requests no formal visitation at this time.

Contributions in memory of Gloria can be sent to The Gathering Place or Hospice of the Western Reserve/David Simpson Hospice House.



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SF

Sharyn Cowan Feuer posted:

Gloria was my classmate in the January 62 class. She was friendly, caring and fun to be with. The picture accompanying the obituary notice is so Gloria I recognized her all these years later. May her memory be a blessing. Sharyn Cowan Feuer3177338446

May 16 at 7:58 PM

CS

Cathi Siegel May 28 at 5:52 AM

Thank you Sharyn, that's so kind of you to say.

MJ

Maribeth Jergens posted:

Will always remember Gloria at family gatherings playing with her grandchildren. Gloria was a very sweet lady and will be missed. Maribeth Jergens

May 13 at 1:07 PM

RB

Richard Bieber posted:

Gloria rest in peace you were fun to be with and certainly had a zest for life. You had many ups and downs in life but you kept going

May 9 at 4:10 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gloria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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