



## Gloria Jean Briski

May 29, 1945 - January 26, 2022

Gloria Jean (Lassila) Briski, 76, of White Lake, passed away on January 26, 2022, at the MediLodge care facility in Howell, where she had been a resident patient for the past year.

Gloria was born on May 29, 1945, in Hancock, the daughter of the late Wilbert and Elaine (Lampinen) Lassila, graduating with the Jeffers High School Class of 1963. On December 7, 1963, she was united in marriage to Paul Briski in Atlantic Mine. They briefly resided in Manhattan, Kansas, during Paul's Army service, and then for the remainder of their marriage made their home in the metropolitan Detroit area, residing in Detroit, Westland, Garden City and White Lake.

Gloria spent her entire life dedicated to her work and devoted to her family. In the early years, she worked as a hostess at the Egg & I restaurant in Detroit, followed by 30 years of service at Kmart in Westland, until her retirement in 2006. For several years following, Gloria worked at Kohl's in Westland, ever needing to keep busy.

She and Paul raised four sons, Stephen, David, Duane and Brian, and she then turned her attention to her four grandchildren, Jessica, Katie, Brandon and Angelina. Her children and grandchildren meant more to her than anything else, and it showed in every caring action she bestowed upon them, through thick and thin, never wavering in her unconditional love. That devotion could never be questioned and extended into the later years as she cared for her aunt, Evelyn Kuopus, and mother-in-law, Lucille Briski. She also cared

deeply for animals and loved without bounds her dogs - Candy, Dusty, Miss Bear, Samantha and Buffy.

Fiercely proud of her Finnish heritage, throughout her life Gloria relished in swimming, tending to her flower beds and going to garage sales, finding treasures of all sorts. In addition, for several years she enjoyed volunteering as an usher at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents; her sons, Stephen and Duane; her twin sister, Rose Perala; and her brother and sister-in-law, John and Joyce Lassila.

Gloria is survived by her husband of 58 years, Paul; sons, David and Brian; grandchildren, Jessica (Tyler) Berens, Katie Briski, Brandon Briski and Angelina Briski; great-grandchildren, Aiden Berens and Abigail Berens; sisters, Patricia Yates and Betty Albright; brother-in-law, Peter Perala; nieces, Kim Lassila and Darcie (Matt) Leipnitz; nephew, Bradley (Ann) Perala; and numerous cousins and friends.

A memorial service for Gloria will be held at 5 PM on February 5, 2022, at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home in Westland, with visitation beginning at 2 PM. Interment will take place later in the year at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Road, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033-7443.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenfh.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Jean Briski*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *William Kashawlic purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gloria Jean Briski.*



**William Kashawlic** - February 04, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Briski.*



February 04, 2022 at 06:26 AM



“ *from Karee, Randy McCoy and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gloria Jean Briski.*



**from Karee, Randy McCoy and Family** - February 03, 2022 at 03:50 PM

JB

“ I met Gloria when I was the social worker at PortagePointe and she was caring for Aunt Ev. I will always remember her love and devotion to “Auntie” and how she tried to meet every need possible. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. ❤️

Julie Beck - February 03, 2022 at 01:00 PM

DK

“ So sorry to hear of Gloria's passing. As a child I remember her coming to the U.P. to visit her Mother as we were neighbors to her. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Diane Karvonen

Diane Karvonen - February 03, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Briski.



February 01, 2022 at 04:36 PM

GV

“ She was such a beautiful person bringing warmth and joy with her wherever she went. Pete and Ailie loved her and Paul.

Gary Valentino - February 01, 2022 at 10:31 AM

PY

“ *Pat Yates purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gloria Jean Briski.*



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**Pat Yates** - January 31, 2022 at 02:48 PM

KP

“ *Our cousin Gloria was a beautiful, loving, and kind person. She will be missed greatly. Charlie and I want you to know that we are sending our deepest condolences and that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Karen Ponce** - January 28, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *I will always remember the huge amount of love she held for everyone. There was always something to smile about with her, wether it be singing little songs, going swimming or going garage sale hunting. I will cherish your memory and make sure you will be remembered for years. It's time to rest now Ammie, I'll see you again someday.*

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**Katie Briski** - January 28, 2022 at 10:50 AM

DB

“ *Mom i thank you for everything you have done for me. I'm sorry for all the problems i caused. You have always been there for me and i can never tell you enough how much I appreciate everything. Rest easy Mother I Love you !*

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**David Briski** - January 27, 2022 at 07:11 PM

BB

“ *Mom.....Thank you for all you have ever done for me and our family. I may have not said it often enough but I love you and may you rest peacefully in heaven!!*

*Love Brian*

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**Brian Briski** - January 27, 2022 at 05:19 PM