



Gloria Elizabeth Henry

April 18, 1950 - December 27, 2015

Gloria Elizabeth Henry of Westland, MI passed away at her home on December 27, 2015. She never lost her tenacity or strength of will during her two-year battle with Lewy Body Disease, through which she demonstrated the true meaning of “sisu.” Gloria was born to the late Emil and Vieno (nee Hella) Karinen on April 18, 1950. She graduated from Southfield High School as a member of the class of 1968. In 1971 she married Andy Henry, and they celebrated and cherished their 41 years together before Andy’s sudden passing in 2013. Gloria enjoyed gardening, cooking, travelling, and most of all, spending time with her family, friends, and many pets. With her artistic talents and style, she loved taking the ordinary and making it extraordinary. She loved to laugh, and did it often; her sense of humor will be missed. Mourning her passing are her children, Kerstin Henry of Mariposa, CA and Andrew Justin Henry of Ann Arbor, MI. She also dearly loved, and was loved by, her many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family and friends. Gloria was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother, Eugene “Butch” Karinen; sister, Sharon Carpenter; niece, Marnie (Swatosh) Wiitanen; and grand-nephew, Nick Sledge. May they all be watching over us and enjoying a raucous game of 31. The family wishes to thank her caregivers, who loved and cared for Gloria as true family, and Residential Hospice, whose support and patience, was appreciated by all. The funeral service will be held at noon on Thursday at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Visitation will be immediately

prior to the service from 10 am to 12 pm. Burial will be on January 5, 2016, at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held in the Copper Country in the May of 2016, in accordance with Gloria's fondness for a good party. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or the Copper Country Humane Society. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 31. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-1300
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Funeral Service

DEC 31. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Elizabeth Henry*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *This is Gloria's cousin Arlene (Norcutt) here. We were so very saddened upon hearing of Gloria's passing from this earth. She was among the youngest of our cousins and we always thought of her as Little Gloria. We are saddened for you, her family. Truly, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May our loving, living Lord Jesus be your comfort and strength. Lovingly, Arlene and family*

Arlene Norcutt - January 02, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about her passing. Grew up with Gloria in Southfield on Seminole and Poinciana streets. Lot of good memories. Prayers and thoughts to her children and family. Steve and Linda Nelson.*

Steve Nelson - December 31, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gloria Elizabeth Henry.*



December 30, 2015 at 10:07 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Gloria Elizabeth Henry.*



December 30, 2015 at 08:43 PM



“ *Gloria, my forever friend
At five years old, you taught me to always carry sugar in my pocket for the unguarded rhubarb patches. You taught me to leave an empty box in the closet for the surprise kittens. Our childhood was a chapter I continue to reread for comfort.*

Thank you for Never Never Land. Linda Smith Sellers

linda sellers - December 30, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ *Kerstin and Heikki, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful mom. She was so wonderful and funny. We loved spending time with her and Andy when they came up to the UP. I remember she loved Christmas! We sure will miss her laugh and sense of humor, she will truly be missed by all of her cousins who she always made sure to visit when she came up. Love Cousin Kelly and Steve White*

Kelly Rintala White - December 28, 2015 at 06:24 PM

TF

“ *The Rintalas-Kim, Kelly and Keith and families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gloria Elizabeth Henry.*



The Rintalas-Kim, Kelly and Keith and families - December 28, 2015 at 04:55 PM

KS

“ *You are with the love of your life, Andy now. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Kerstin and Justin. Love, cousin Kim*

Kim Schweitzer - December 28, 2015 at 04:10 PM

LS

“ *I was deeply saddened when I heard the news of your mother's death. I am sending you my sincerest condolences and know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother is the strongest woman I have ever known and I will miss her greatly. My greatest wish is that you find strength and comfort during this difficult time. There are no words that can take away the pain in your heart right now, but know that I am always here for you and Justin praying for you.*

Your mother has given me many fond memories and laughs at just how funny she could be, without even trying.

~Leandra

Leandra Saenz - December 28, 2015 at 03:43 PM

DS

“ So very sorry to hear of her passing. Graduated with Gloria and she stood up in my wedding in 1968. We were good friends and loved spending time with her. Tried to touch base with her on FB after she lost her husband. Prayers and thoughts to her children and the family..RIP Gloria....Darlene Sandbank

Darlene Sandbank - December 28, 2015 at 03:31 PM

JO

“ My dear friend Gloria is now dancing with her beloved husband, Andy on the stars...I have missed you now for quite a few years....miss our patio and back yard visits..I have missed your sweet smile and your laugh...rest in peace my friend...I will never ever forget you!! joyce

joyce - December 28, 2015 at 01:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Elizabeth Henry.



December 28, 2015 at 01:06 PM