



Gloria Jean Persella Mras

February 23, 1942 - September 3, 2014

Gloria Jean Perella Mras, 72, of Towanda, PA passed away Wednesday morning, September 3, 2014 at the Bradford County Manor in West Burlington Township, PA.

Gloria was born on February 23, 1942 in Binghamton, NY, the daughter of the late Charles R. and Frances Holowinski Perella, Sr. She graduated from Binghamton North High School in 1960. Following her graduation, she was employed at the Binghamton Telephone Company, and later at IBM in Endicott, NY. Gloria and her family moved to Towanda in the 1970's. She then was employed at Kisner's Gems, and later at Kountry Kreations.

Gloria was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Towanda, and a longtime member of the parish Prayer Line. She was visited regularly by the Sts. Peter and Paul Pastoral Outreach Group.

Gloria enjoyed doing crafts of all kinds, and also loved feeding and watching the birds and other wildlife in her backyard. She enjoyed having visitors at her home, and was always very welcoming.

Gloria was a thoughtful, caring person who faced her illness with courage. She never focused on herself; she was always thinking about what she could do for others and finding ways to reach out to them to show them they were

loved and cared about. She faithfully sent cards to her many friends and family members to let them know she was thinking about them and to offer support and encouragement. She had a generous and giving spirit, and loved to share her homemade food gifts with many people for the holidays, such as butter lambs and lamb cakes at Easter. She also gave gifts of faith to many people, such as the jelly bean prayer and the candy cane prayer. Her kindness and selflessness were an inspiration to all who knew her.

Gloria is survived by her children, John (Laurie) Mras, Jr., of Newfield, NY; and Susie Place (Kyle Manley) of Towanda; grandchildren, Nicholas, Sophia, and Jack Mras of Newfield, NY; and Sarah and Erica Place and Andrew Manley of Towanda; brother and sister-in-law, Charles R. and Ellen Perella, Jr., of Ijamsville, MD; sister and brother-in-law, Deborah and Gary Gitchell of Binghamton, NY; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and very special friends, Arlene Mendler, Jean Reilly, Nancy Foley, Donna Kacyon, and Sandy Swick.

A memorial mass will be celebrated Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Third St. Towanda, PA. Interment will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, Gloria's family suggests that contributions be directed to the Central Pennsylvania Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2040 Linglestown Road, Suite 104, Harrisburg, PA 17110 in Gloria's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Jean Persella Mras*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Gloria Jean Persella Mras*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Gloria Jean Persella Mras*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Gloria Jean Persella Mras*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Gloria Jean Persella Mras*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *To Gloria's family and friends, I want to express my deepest sympathy. She was a talented and wonderful person whose life serves as an inspiration to others to live life with grace, dignity and humor.*

Sharon Conklin-Kritkausky

Sharon - September 11, 2014 at 11:13 AM

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“ To the Mrs family and Gloria's closest friends: It was a true honor to have taken care of Gloria during her stay at the Bradford County Manor and to have met so many of you. Gloria was such a wonderful woman. She made my day everyday and always made me smile. I enjoyed getting to know her and wish I known her all my life.

From Carolyn Warner

Carolyn Warner - September 06, 2014 at 11:24 AM

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“ Susie. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Charish the memories of your MOM. They will mean alot in years to come. Take Care, Margo Roof

Margo Roof - September 05, 2014 at 11:07 AM