



Gloria Jean Nilsson

May 17, 1942 - August 23, 2025

Gloria Jean Nilsson, 83, of Towanda, PA passed away Saturday morning, August 23, 2025, at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA. Gloria was born in Great Neck, NY on May 17, 1942, the daughter of the late Gotfred Nilsson and Catherine (Seh) Nilsson. She was a graduate of Saint Mary's High School with the class of 1960 and continued her education in the English and Latin languages and Secondary Ed at Marywood University, Dunmore, PA receiving her Bachelor of Education degree in 1964. Gloria continued her studies in the Spanish language at Millersville State College, Millersville, PA where she received her Master's degree in 1975. Gloria taught Latin and Spanish classes for 32 years with the Towanda Area School District from 1964 until her retirement in 1996. She was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Towanda where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and also played piano. Gloria also held membership with the Pennsylvania State Education Association. She enjoyed spending time in Sebring, Florida for many years and her love for gardening and flowers influenced her to become a Master Gardener. Gloria also enjoyed music and crafts.

Gloria is survived by her dear friend whom she considered as her daughter, Sharon Mahaffey, special friends, Luis and Larissa Vega, Louise, Donna, Laurie, Sherry, Missy, Charlotte, Peg, Diane, and Janet. Her love and devotion in caring for her Holland Lops rabbits who reside at home, Mocha Latte and Blanca Nieves II. brought joy to Gloria.

In addition to her parents, Gloria was predeceased by her brother, Rev. Richard Nilsson, and good friend, Lucy Rich and her favorite bunny, Creamy Vanilla Swirl.

Friends may call Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, August 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Third St. Towanda, PA with Rev. Jose Kuriappilly, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will be in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Towanda, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to a charity or organization of one's choice in memory of Gloria Jean Nilsson. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery

James Street
North Towanda Township, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

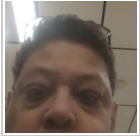
S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Best wishes to her family and friends. I always thought a lot of her. She was everyone's favorite teacher.*

Kathleen Mahoney - September 25, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ *I never had Nilsson as a teacher but I always saw her in the hallways on my way to my classes and she would always say hello because my mom was also worked for the school district to and was well known by lots of staff . She was a great lady and truly will be missed by all my thoughts and prayers go out to her family*

Michelle Bull - September 01, 2025 at 09:01 PM

SU

“ *Miss Nilsson was my Spanish teacher way back in the 1980's and had great appreciation for her classes. Looking back, I recall her gentle manner and patience and remember her with fondness. My condolences to her family and friends. She will be missed!*

Susan - August 29, 2025 at 06:18 PM

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“ *Gloria was a dear friend for many years, and I especially remember many Small Group discussions at her home and other places through the years. We were both teachers in the Towanda school system for many years, and she was always willing to burden herself for the good of the students. Most of all, her gentle way of dealing with everyone she met, will be missed. Rest in Peace, dear Gloria. Sing with the angelic heavenly choir .*



Barbara Ulatowski - August 28, 2025 at 07:16 PM

SH

“ Miss Nilsson was my favorite teacher at Towanda High having had her for Latin for two years and Spanish for one year. She made Latin interesting and I always said that Latin and typing were the high school subjects that got me into college and helped me get through 6 years and two degrees at Penn State. My condolences to Sharon. Sincerely, Sharon Alexander Horinka

Sharon Horinka - August 27, 2025 at 11:33 AM

AO

Senorita Nilsson ...a ver....mi favorito!!
☆Con Gusto☆
Adela O'Rourke

Amy ORourke - August 28, 2025 at 08:54 PM

TA

“ Sharon,
I'm sorry to read about Gloria's passing. I send you love.

Tom Abell - August 26, 2025 at 10:26 AM

DS

“ Dorothy Shay Sauro lit a candle in memory of Gloria Nilsson



Dorothy Shay Sauro - August 26, 2025 at 09:03 AM

LE

“ I knew Gloria for the only 8 years we lived in the area and attended St Peter and Paul church. When a need for music came Gloria and I palled up to provide it for the 8:30 mass. It was an enjoyable time of practicing and helping bring music to the celebration of the early mass. Gloria was kind and always fun.
May God bless her in his heavenly abode. I love you Gloria.
My sincere condolences to Sharon and family and friends.

Lise Emery - August 25, 2025 at 11:23 PM