



Gloria J Howard

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Gloria Jean Howard, a resident of St. Petersburg, Florida, joined her Lord and Savior in heaven on Sunday, April 8, 2018. Gloria was born in Detroit, MI on March 30, 1931 and resided in Allen Park, MI with her parents Edward and Esther Bylund and sisters Helen and Geraldine until her marriage to Donald Howard on May 20, 1955.

Gloria was a wonderful and caring wife and mother of two boys Thomas and Keith and provided a God-filled and loving home for her family as the boys grew up. After the children were raised, Gloria decided to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse by completing a License Practical Nurse program at Jackson Community College. She worked at hospitals in Michigan and Florida as a nurse and was very happy in helping and caring for others.

She is survived by Donald Howard, her husband of 63 years; her son Thomas (Jerry) Howard; her son Keith (Annette) Howard; granddaughter Andrea Howard; and grandsons Zachary and Connor.

Gloria will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and especially a warm and cherished friend to all she encountered throughout her day. She was an avid artist and loved to paint portraits and landscapes of all the beautiful places that her and Don saw during their travels. Don and Gloria spent their married years in Brooklyn, MI, St. Petersburg, FL and more recently in Greeley, CO. She loved to sew and bake in her quiet time and spend her spare hours researching her family and arranging the pictures from her life. She loved her family immensely and her Lord above all. We will miss her deeply and look forward to seeing her once again. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Irving Park Baptist Church, 5001 71st St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33709.



Events

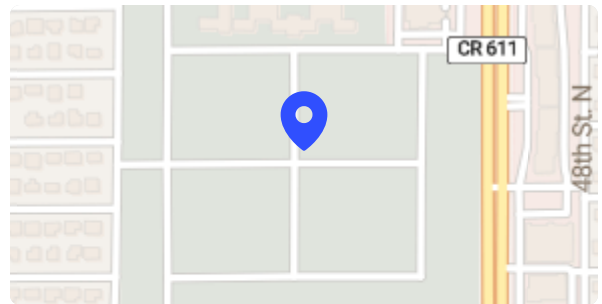
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Visitation

Thursday, April 12, 2018

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

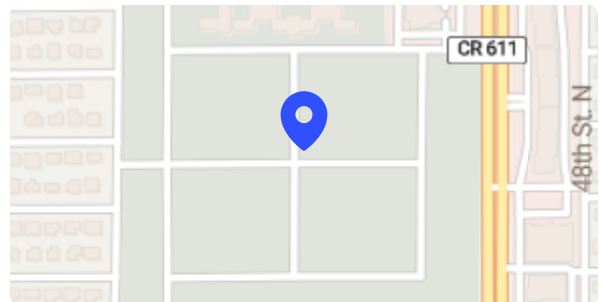


Funeral Service

Thursday, April 12, 2018

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM ET

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

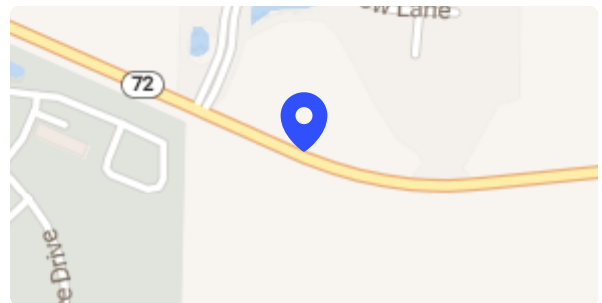


Interment

Thursday, April 12, 2018

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

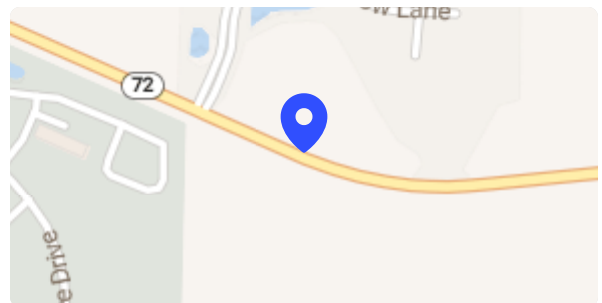
Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72, Sarasota FL 34241



Cemetery Details

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(941) 922-7200





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Love Carrie And Shirley Hunt sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Howard family.

April 12 at 5:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Howard family.

April 11 at 9:11 AM



Dave, Suzanne, Lorrie, Susan And Steven Howard sent a Small Garden Dish to the Howard family.

April 11 at 6:52 AM



Mark Consiglio posted:

Gloria was a Beautiful Woman inside and out...She played a big part of my early years in Allen Park helping me grow up..Always kept me in line, and did so with her kind Beautiful Heart..She truly was a 2nd Mother to me..You always wanted to be on your best behavior when in her presence, as you never wanted to disappoint or let her down, as she meant that much too me..I'm very happy Gloria was able to live a long beautiful wonderful life with her Husband Don...They were a Perfect Example of how Marriages are suppose to be..I'm confident Gloria is wearing her Beautiful Smile right now, as she is finally in the Presence of Her Lord and Savior...I know she will have that same smile on her face that she wore so often, when we do meet once again in Heaven...I will always cherish our memories..God Bless You My Friend! M.C.

April 11 at 6:38 AM



Geri Ruckle posted:

We first met Gloria at Hope Baptist church in Loveland, Colorado and immediately became good friends. She was always a joy to be around and her love of the Savior shown through in her life. We shared great conversations together. I will miss her vivacious personality and look forward to the day we will meet again. May Jesus be with all of her family giving his comfort and peace. Jerry and Geri Ruckle

April 11 at 6:12 AM



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Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Howard family.

April 10 at 5:07 PM



Andie Howard lit a candle in honor of Gloria.

You held my hand and showed me the world. You encouraged me be creative in so many ways. You taught me how to paint, sew, cook the best Swedish pancakes from here to Sweden, how to wear my makeup "like a lady", and you taught me how to be patient. You taught me to engage in a conversation with even a stranger because they could teach you something new. You took me to church on Sunday's and tickled my arm until you fell asleep (yes in church) and I would nudge you to tickle the other one. You showed me what unconditional love truly was. You were always proud and never ashamed of me. As I go through all the memories we made together I truly can't pick one. You were my biggest fan. I was your little girl with all the curls you had always wanted in your life. I never did wrong in your eyes. You will forever be missed. Rest peaceful in heaven Grandma. I will love you to no end. Love your Andrea

April 10 at 2:04 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Howard family.

April 10 at 1:28 PM



Andie Howard posted:

As a little girl you held my hand and showed me the world. You taught me what art did for the soul, you taught me how to make the best Swedish pancakes from here to Sweden, you taught me how sew, how to wear my makeup like a lady, and not to dislike my crazy curly hair. You would sing to me and I would join in and sing with you at the top of my lungs without a single care in the world! You Loved me unconditionally with no limits. You took me to church on Sunday's and tickled my arm (which at the time was the best part of church) until you couldn't anymore and then you would switch to the other arm. We would go garage sailing until grandpa was ready for a nap. You protected and guided me through so many stages of my life. You were never ashamed of me and never stopped loving me. You will forever be missed. No one loves me like you did grandma! Rest peaceful in heaven. Love always you!❤️ Your Andrea

April 10 at 1:05 PM



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CH

Carrie Howard posted:

My great aunt Gloria was such a kind and loving woman, I have learned a lot from her about our family tree as she love to do this often. I always felt close to her and she will be greatly missed. My loving thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She is in heaven now with all the family that has gone before us including my mom Hope who thought the world of this woman. May you rest in heaven now aunt Gloria.All my love,Carrie Howard (Hunt)

April 9 at 4:30 PM

CH

Carrie Howard lit a candle in honor of Gloria.



April 9 at 4:12 PM

SH

Shirley Hunt posted:

Great Aunt Gloria you will be Greatly missed. You were such a wonderful lady. I Remember visiting you and your family in Brooklyn mi and the family gathering out there. She always had a little something for everyone when we visited. I still have the blade she hand painted for our mom. Such wonderful memories. She is with the Lord now and with our mom as well. With much love,Shirley Hunt

April 9 at 3:53 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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