



Mrs. Gloria J. Peterson

June 8, 1937 - December 13, 2022

Beloved wife, mom, daughter, and friend, Gloria passed away peacefully at Mount Carmel Care Center in Lenox, MA on December 13, 2022. Gloria was a resident of West Springfield, MA and East Otis, MA for most of her life, and wintered in Ft Myers, FL. Most recently Gloria was a resident of Mt Carmel Care Center in Lenox, MA. The family wishes to thank all of the staff at Mt Carmel Care Center for their wonderful care. A special thank you to Lindsi, whom Gloria loved dearly.

Gloria leaves behind her beloved husband of 55 years, Robert (Jack) Peterson and her children, her son Edward Maxfield and his wife Susan Maxfield of West Springfield, MA, her daughter Cynthia Johnson and her husband Richard Johnson of South Strafford, VT, her daughter Roberta Sarnacki and her husband David Sarnacki of East Otis, MA, her daughter Robin Peterson and her husband Christopher Woomer of East Otis, MA, and her daughter Rebecca Peterson and her husband Stephen Paul of Watertown, MA. Gloria was predeceased by her eldest son Melvin Maxfield, Jr., and by her late husband Edward Arnold. Gloria is also survived by her sister Grace White of Barre, VT, and by her grandchildren Erica Spiotta, Heidi Foye, Ryan Johnson, Christen Leahey, Samantha Maxfield, Grace Paul, Jack Paul, Kayleigh Putnam, Abigail Putnam, Elizabeth Sarnacki, and Margaret Glory

Sarnacki. Gloria also has five great grandchildren.

Gloria was born to Raymond and Goldie Swift on June 8, 1937, in their home on a dairy farm in South Strafford, Vermont. She attended high school at Thetford Academy in Thetford, VT where she met her first husband Melvin Maxfield Sr. They had three children together. Gloria remained friends with Melvin Sr. and his wife Roxy Maxfield.

Gloria was Post Master at the East Otis Post Office for many years when it was still inside Hall's General Store. Before that she worked alongside Arnold Hall while he was Post Master. Gloria also worked as a server at Valley's Steak House in Springfield, MA, and as a paralegal and receptionist.

Gloria loved singing karaoke at the Moose Lodge in Ft Myers, FL. She also loved listening and dancing to country music at the former Olde Otis Inn and the Silverbrook with her husband Jack, and friends Hazel and Pokey. She loved shopping with her friend Herta, playing bingo, trips to Mohegan Sun, writing poems, doing crossword puzzles and reading novels. Gloria was well known for her quick wit and humor. She was also well known for her delicious apple pies and cinnamon and sugar cookies. Gloria especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gloria's name may be made to the Mount

Carmel Care Center Employee Christmas fund, 320 Pittsfield Road, Lenox, MA 01240, or to Moose Lodge 964, 19090 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach FL, 33931, with hurricane fund in the memo. The Fort Myers beach Moose Lodge was severely damaged by Hurricane Ian, and it is a place Gloria loved very much. In honoring Gloria's wishes, no public service will be held. Gloria will be buried at the Agawam Veterans Cemetery in Agawam, MA.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mrs. Gloria Peterson. May your memories and the prayerful support of others bring you peace and comfort. I and all the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm, sponsors of Mount Carmel Care Center, will keep you in our prayers. It was a privilege to be able to care for Gloria at Mount Carmel.*

*Sr. Seán Damien
Sponsor Representative
Mount Carmel Care Center*

Sr. Sean D Flynn - January 05, 2023 at 09:17 AM

MC

“ *Rebecca,
My heart breaks for you. I know you and your Mom were best friends. She would tell me every time I saw her. Gloria was a wonderful person. Please know you are in my thoughts.*

Love ,

Melanie Côté & Family.

Melanie Côté - December 17, 2022 at 11:53 PM

RP

Mel, thank you so much for the comforting words. I miss my Mother every day and I will never be whole without her. I'm so glad you and your family got to know her.

Rebecca Peterson - August 26, 2023 at 06:19 PM

JD

“ *My Aunt Gloria was such a wonderful and kind person and will be greatly missed. Sending lots of love to her whole family, and especially to Uncle Jack, Bert, Robin an Becky.*

Judy Dickson - December 16, 2022 at 03:23 PM

RP

Dear Judy, My Mom loved you all very much. Thank you for your kind note. Love, Rebecca

R. Peterson - December 17, 2022 at 07:34 PM

PD

“ *Going to miss Gloria very much
Her and her husband, bob are missed in Lee plantation
She and bob were great neighbors
And will be missed
Love
Pam and John DeVoll*

Pam and John DeVoll - December 15, 2022 at 07:19 PM

HJ

“ *Thinking of you and your family, Robin. I'm so sorry for your loss. I will be praying that your Mom is at peace and that happy memories with her will bring you and your family comfort. She certainly has a beautiful legacy.*

Holly Jensen - December 14, 2022 at 02:38 PM

RP

Thank you very much Holly. ❤️

Robin C Peterson - December 15, 2022 at 05:17 PM

BW

“ *A wonderful lady whom we considered our friend! Bev & Harry Willard*

Beverly Willard - December 14, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *R.I.P.*

Danny Albani - December 14, 2022 at 08:56 AM

SF

“ *Robin
My deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom. I am sure she was extremely proud of you and your beautiful family. I will include your Mom and your family in my prayers this week and in our intentions this Sunday. Peace and solace to you all...Stephen*

Stephen Frumento - December 14, 2022 at 04:22 AM

RP

Thank you so much Stephen.

Robin C Peterson - December 15, 2022 at 05:18 PM

SF

Sorry to hear. Big man

Stephen Fleischman - December 17, 2022 at 01:38 PM

CG

“ *Robin, I'm so sorry for your loss. Please think of all the good times and the lessons your Mom shared over the years. I know she would be extremely proud of the person you have become. You will be in our prayers. Charley*

Charles Golden - December 13, 2022 at 06:10 PM

RP

Thank you Charley. I was blessed to have her as my Mom.

Robin Peterson - December 13, 2022 at 10:10 PM

SB

“ *Wonderful neighbor in WPFLD many years ago - she was just a sweet lady and especially a good friend to my mom. Very sad for all of you, Bob and girls and family. You're all in my thoughts and prayers Sue Baker*



Sue Baker - December 13, 2022 at 05:52 PM



Thank you, Sue. We all have such great memories of your family. 💕💕

Roberta Sarnacki - December 13, 2022 at 09:38 PM

RP

Thank you Sue! And Bert is right. So many great memories

Robin Peterson - December 13, 2022 at 10:12 PM