



Gloria Castro

August 18, 1937 - October 17, 2022

Gloria Mae (Balmeo) Castro
"Our gift from God"

On angels' wings, our Mom went to be with our Lord on October 17, 2022. Gloria was born on August 18, 1937, in Kansas City, MO to George Balmeo and Valena Walters.

At an early age, Gloria moved to Michigan, growing up with her sisters Shirley and Cathy, and brothers Leo and Leon on the east side of Detroit. She embraced life with courage and had a strong constitution with a deep faith in God. She loved nature and animals. She adored her dogs Torchy, Bear, and Scott, as well as all of her grand dogs, and had an adventurous spirit. She loved eagles and every type of bird. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, travelling and camping with them throughout Michigan, and most especially Michigan's lighthouses that she loved so much. She had a green thumb and a passion for gardening, sharing her beloved gladiola bulbs, moonflower plants and seeds with her children, and seeing where and how they bloomed at their houses. She would always say, "save me some seeds for next year", and we do so that Mom's seeds of Love bloom abundantly.

She was known by many as "Mrs. C", and will be remembered as loving her

time spent with family and friends, having an easygoing nature about her, and always going with the flow of whatever life brought her. Everyone who knew her will always remember her sense of humor, quick wit, her love of her very large family, and her love of Oreos and oatmeal cookies.

Gloria is survived by her children: Robert (Gale), and Randall (Val), Susan, Leilani, Marian (Cliff), Sally (Carey), Betsy (Alex), and Tracey.

Gloria was preceded in death by her children Gregory, Barbara, and Robin, grandson Charlie, and her four siblings.

Gloria's 19 grandchildren: Kimberly (Jim), Melissa, Rebecca (Marco), Andrew (Keisha), Matthew (Shannon), Amanda (Gary), Jordan, Jackie (Scott), Candace (Ryan), Courtney (Alex), Heather (Joey), Nick (Karen), Jacob (Destiny), Laura (Greg), Jennifer (Ryan), Angelique (Tom), Randy (Amanda), and LeAnn (Nick).

Her 32 great-grandchildren: Zachary, Jonathan, Maria, Savannah, Charlie, Emily, Eleanor, Eva, Evan, Colton, Gary, Caleb, Sawyer, Quinn, Reagan, Theodore, Grayson, Logan, River, Victoria, Elijah, Alexis, Gregory, Nathan, Cora, Audrey, Trey, Nick, Ryan, Dylan, Luke, and Brooklyn.

Her 2 great great grandchildren: Lilli and Lakely.

She is adored by her nieces Valena, Sharon, Debbie, Vicky, Ramona, Kathy, and nephews Kevin, Leo Jr., and Tim.

To say she was proud of and amazed by the size of her family is an understatement. She loved the fact that she was the oldest surviving member of her own immediate family and we loved her for it too.

Your Legacy, your Light, and your Love will live on in each of us who have been blessed to call you Mom, Grandma, GiGi, and Friend.

We love you.....Always and Forever.

Visitation will be held at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, Saturday, October 22 from 3-8 pm and Sunday, October 23 from 2-8 pm

Instate Monday, October 24 at 9 am from St. Michael Catholic Church 40501 Hayes Road Sterling Heights until time of mass at 9:30 am

Interment Resurrection Cemetery Clinton Township, Michigan

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Rosary

OCT **23**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Instate At Church

OCT **24**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
40501 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Funeral Mass

OCT **24**. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ I’m So Very Proud of you Mom!!! So Proud to call you my Mom! 🥰
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I miss you terribly and Love you more!!!
I know that you’re at peace now and loving being reunited with
Greg! 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Leilani Ware - November 02, 2022 at 06:02 PM

MK

“ A monetary contribution to the family of Gloria Castro. In deepest sympathy to the family, Tyrone Township.

Mkrause - October 27, 2022 at 07:03 AM

CK

“ A monetary contribution to the family of Gloria Castro.
In deepest sympathy and with fond memories, Gerald Krause.

Cliff Krause - October 25, 2022 at 08:18 AM

RB

“ Out of the 19 years I lived in Michigan, Aunt Gloria, always seemed to be busy accomplishing her many tasks, and conversations were always quick and to the point. Well I was fortunate to be able to take a bus trip from down state to Buckley with her. She was purchasing a car. Back then it was at least a 11hr trip, and we were locked in with no errands to run. Our conversation and laughter was priceless and will forever remain in my heart forever. She will be missed.. My love goes out to all her loved ones. GOD Bless You All.

Ramona Batzer - October 24, 2022 at 05:55 AM

SM

Thank you so much for this special memory of yours Ramona, I had never heard this before. God Bless You

smboyd1959 - October 27, 2022 at 04:02 PM

SA

wow, I don't recall this either. I'm so glad you had that one on one bonding with our Mom. Thank you for making the long trip up to say goodbye to her. It meant a lot!!

Sally - October 31, 2022 at 10:16 PM

LM

“ *Few people from our childhood remain in our memories - but Mrs. C is one of them. Sending my deepest condolences to the family - and wishing you all a lifetime of happy memories.*

Linda (Dalea) McVettie - October 23, 2022 at 01:21 PM

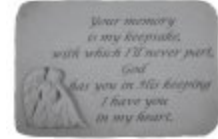
SA

“ *I'm so grateful to God for blessing our family with such a wonderful, loving, patient, funny, forgiving, accepting, joyful, thoughtful, precious Mom. She left behind such a legacy that she was SO Very proud of. I'm so thankful for the times we spent together playing games, going to the movies, watching NCIS and Virgin River. Having her call me up to tell me what is on TV and to turn on this channel or that so we could watch together. I will miss her so, so much!!! I love you Mom but I know you are saying, "I love you More!"*

Sally - October 23, 2022 at 12:54 PM

FF

“ From the Malatamban Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Your memory is..." for the family of Gloria Castro.



From the Malatamban Family - October 22, 2022 at 02:38 PM

LY

“ She was my Buddy! Going to miss you so much. I Love you!

Lynn - October 22, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Castro.



October 21, 2022 at 10:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gloria Castro.



October 21, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gloria Castro.*



October 21, 2022 at 02:40 PM



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



October 21, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gloria Castro.*



October 21, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ *Yoom & Celestine Nguyen & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gloria Castro.*



Yoom & Celestine Nguyen & Family - October 20, 2022 at 10:04 PM

CN

“ To the entire Castro and Barwin Families. I never had the opportunity to meet your beloved Momma, but I know she was devoted to loving each of you with her whole heart. I also know that her example shines through Sally, who is a precious blessing to me as a friend. One of the very first conversations that I had with Sally, after meeting her to begin decorating the Altar together, was of her big loving family and treasured Momma. It takes a special woman to raise many children and be a loving and devoted grandmother keeping them close for all the years God gives. She will be a lasting reminder of devotion to motherhood and family for me. I am so blessed to call Sally my dear friend. Please know that my family and I are praying for each of you to be comforted and guided by the Lord and for your Momma to be safe with the Lord Jesus for all eternity. Love in Christ, Celestine & Yoom Nguyen and Family



Celestine Nguyen - October 20, 2022 at 11:23 AM

SA

I love you my dear friend and know that had my mother been able to meet you she would have loved you too! Your friendship means the world to me!! Thank you for your kind words!

Sally - October 21, 2022 at 10:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gloria Castro.



October 20, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Castro.*



October 20, 2022 at 08:02 AM



“ *Mamma, you're an amazing woman and strongest person I know. Thank you for being you.*

betsy - October 20, 2022 at 05:25 AM



“ *Gloria Always had a hug as big as her beautiful smile for everyone she met. She will be missed and loved. Sam and Patty Dobbs*

Sam and Patty dobbs - October 19, 2022 at 04:48 PM