



Gloria Dunn

July 24, 1943 - August 27, 2018

Gloria Jane Whimpey Dunn passed away on Monday, August 27, 2018, in Provo, Utah, at the age of 75. She was visited by many family members and friends in her last days and attended lovingly by the medical staff at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center.

Gloria was born on July 24, 1943, in Washington, D.C., the only child of Albert Whimpey and Bertha Cleo Thacker. She attended schools in Virginia, Utah, and California, and in 1961 she graduated from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia. She later attended Brigham Young University. Education was always very important to Gloria, both as a teacher and a student. She was the owner of Little Scholar Preschool in American Fork, Utah, and taught hundreds of small children over more than two decades. She worked many years as a para-educator at the Dan Peterson School in American Fork, where she held a number of positions helping special education students. She loved the smallest moments with the children there and developed strong friendships with her fellow educators.

Gloria loved spending time with her friends, who were always fiercely loyal to her. She also loved her Yorkshire terrier, "Little Girl." She loved her collections, especially children's picture books, educational toys, and anything with birds. Most of all, she loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Gloria served in many positions and valued her relationships with ward members. Everywhere she lived, she found people to love and who loved her. As an adult, she lived in Provo, American Fork, Alpine, and Orem, Utah; and most recently in Flagstaff, Arizona, before briefly returning to Utah.

Gloria married Larry Douglas Dunn, Sr., in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on April 11, 1967. They were later divorced. She was the proud mother of six children, Larry Douglas, Jr.; Patrick Alan (Maria); Tatiana Diane Griffin (Carl); Joshua David (Susan); Matthew Larkin (Diana); and Jonathan William (Amy). She is survived by all of her children, thirteen

grandchildren, and two great-children. She was preceded in death by both parents.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, September 1st, at 11:00 am, at the Cherry Hill 9th Ward Chapel, 135 East 2000 South, Orem, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Gloria will be buried next to her beloved parents in the Lehi City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Lehi City Cemetery

1100 N. 400 E.

Lehi, UT, 84043

Events

SEP 1 Viewing 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Cherry Hill 9th Ward

135 East 2000 South, Orem, UT, US, 84058

SEP 1 Funeral Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ The Harvey family was sorry to hear Gloria passed away there were many fond memories we had with her in raising our children together. We were out of town during her services. Love you all bill and jean Harvey.

jean - September 01, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ My husband and I met Gloria when we moved to Alpine 26 years ago. She was loving and kind and always made us feel better when she was around. She came alive when she had children around her. My grandchildren thought she was the greatest. We loved sharing Sunday meals together. She considered me the big sister she never had. She will always hold a very warm spot in my heart.

MaryOwen Heslop - August 30, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about this. I was able to get to know Gloria when she lived in Alpine. I did her hair for a while until she moved. I loved her so much. She was such a funny and bubbly person. She was always so kind and loving to me. I am blessed to have known such an amazing women. She will be missed.

Rachel Ewell - August 30, 2018 at 03:47 AM



“ Gloria was such a kind and sweet person! She had a genuine interest in my life and always asked about my children and family. She was very thoughtful and often gave me small gifts to express her love. I have missed her since she moved away from our neighborhood/ward in Alpine. She is a cherished friend. Love you Gloria! Chris Ballif

Chris Ballif - August 29, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ Gloria was a great friend and an inspiration to me. She loved the children and worked to make their lives better. She loved her own children and was completely devoted to them.

She joyed in their successes and stuck with them during their trials. She was self-sacrificing. Even though she had limited income, she thought up meaningful little gifts. She shared with me how she would make little flannel board stories for her grandchildren's birthdays. And my, how they loved them! She kept her budgeted money in little envelopes to be sure it stretched to its limit. It was touching. I loved her little smile and her cute sense of humor. She was easy to talk to and I felt like I could tell her anything--and I did. Sometimes when I was being short-sighted or self-absorbed she would get very quiet. And I learned from that, too. Gloria Poria, as I called her, was one of the best friends of my life. When we didn't see each other because we didn't go to church anymore together, I still loved her with my whole heart and thought of her often. Our two trips to the national history fair were one of the highlights of my life. I loved her children and because of Chad's friendship with Jonathan, I knew him best. But each child was brilliant and warm, achievers all. One could search the world over for such a friend and never find one. She was the epitome of a striving to be a disciple, even with all of her trials, maybe especially through all of her trials. I truly loved the woman, loved to be with her, loved to watch her from afar, learned from her example. She lived her faith, finished her course, and was exemplary in her quests. Now she is in the loving arms of her savior, Jesus Christ. Surely He must have a glorious mansion prepared for her in heaven. Bonnie

Bonnie Armitstead - August 29, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ Gloria lived across the street from me when I lived in American Fork. We were neighbors for 14 years. She was a very close friend to me. I taught my kids at home through eighth grade. she always defended me if people would talk about it with question. It was not as common as it is today. She loved my children and all the neighborhood children.

Jeanne Crawley - August 31, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ Was so sorry to hear of Gloria's passing. I wish I could have attended the funeral. We were at a very dear friends funeral at that time and planning my mothers funeral for Wed. Love to all the family. Fond memories of her and her children when they lived in American Fork.

Sharon Peay

Sharon Peay - September 02, 2018 at 09:28 PM