



Gloria H. Adelsbach

April 14, 1942 - August 22, 2023

Gloria Adelsbach, age 81, of Washington Township, MI, passed peacefully away in her home on August 23, 2023. She was born on April 14, 1942 in Harper Woods, Michigan. Gloria was a loving spouse and mother, known for her knowledge and dedication as a registered nurse. After graduating from Henry Ford Hospital's School of Nursing in Detroit, she worked at St John's Hospital, Saratoga Hospital, Mt. Clemens General Hospital, South Macomb Hospital, as well as working as a Duty Nurse in some private homes. Needless to say, she had many harrowing experiences in hospitals - especially when she worked 'mid-nights', as she often did. Gloria was often a 'quiet hero', once delivering CPR at Lakeside Mall to a stranger and, saving their life and again, attending to a child thrown from a car on the expressway, as a first responder. Gloria would take these events in stride. It was pure instinct to help.

She dedicated her life and career to caring for others, yet still found time to attend and graduate with honors from Siena Heights University when she was in her 40's, becoming the first in her family to graduate from university. Successfully juggling family, education, and career was one of many ways she is fondly remembered and respected by her family and friends.

Gloria was a longtime member of St Louis Parish in Clinton Township, where she found solace and community. She was a woman of faith, finding comfort

in regular prayer and ensured that she passed faith onto her children. Night-time songs, prayers and the occasional hymn are warm reminders of the care that she showed her young children as a mother.

In her free time, Gloria 'cheered from the sidelines' during years attending her children's sporting events. She was also an excellent family cook and had an uncanny ability to make a meal 'go further' when unexpected (but welcomed) guests dropped in for dinner. Gloria also cherished her time boating on Lake St Clair with her husband Rick and the children, making sure that the cooler always had sandwiches, drinks and sunscreen before they headed out for a day of water-skiing. Rick and Gloria were happily married for nearly 58 years. She was the love of Rick's life from the moment they had one of their first dates on the Boblo Boat.

Gloria is survived by her beloved husband, Rick, and their children Joe Adelsbach (Paul), Patrick Adelsbach (Jen), Chris Adelsbach (Emily) and son-in-law Patrick Hunter. She was a proud grandmother to Meghan, Jakob, Luke, Jude, Maizen, Rydel, Oliver, Alexander, and Grace, and great-grandmother to Owen and Eleanor. Gloria was preceded in death by her parents Harley and Eileene Whitmore, as well as her beloved daughter, Sunny Hunter.

A funeral service to honor Gloria's life will be held on Saturday, August 26, at 10:00 am with additional visitation before Mass beginning at 9:30 AM at St. John and Paul Catholic Church, located at 7777, 28 Mile Road (w. of Campground Road) in Washington, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital https://www.stjude.org/donate/prospects-ts/sl.html?frequency_selected=0&sc_icid=impactgiving-donate-bttn-top

Gloria Adelsbach will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who

knew her. They take comfort knowing that in her final week with them, they held a family reunion where Gloria enjoyed two glorious days out in the sun, enjoying her son Joe's famous BBQ ribs, having sheer pleasure catching up on stories with her grandchildren, and creating a multi-generation photo for future generations to enjoy. There were bountiful smiles and laughter in her final days and she will forever be in our hearts.

Previous Events

Instate in church

AUG **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

SS John & Paul Catholic Church
7777 28 Mile Road
Washington, MI 48094-1400

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

RD

“Gloria was a wonderful, caring Mother to her son Joey. She was a kind and thoughtful person. My thoughts and prayers are with her family Rose Daher



Rose Daher - August 26, 2023 at 10:09 PM

MD

“I remember spending so many days at the Adelsbach house in high school and Mrs. Adelsbach was always so sweet and kind. She always made it feel like a second home to me. I am so sorry for your loss.

Matthew Dyer - August 25, 2023 at 10:49 AM

JJ

“I will always remember "Aunt Gloria" as I called her growing up! Her love, wisdom, and kindness provided a guiding light for me. I have so many fond memories of spending time at the LaDue house. Sending love & hugs...

Jen Jungwirth - August 24, 2023 at 08:40 PM

CA

“You'll forever live in my heart, Mom. Xxx Chris



Chris Adelsbach - August 24, 2023 at 06:15 PM