



Gloria Kay Barnette

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Gloria Kay Barnette passed away Sunday morning April 2, 2017. She was known by her family as Gigi, a self-proclaimed nickname to maintain her “38+ years of age” (a joke that lasted 50 years) and her vivacious, energetic, and engaging personality. Gigi promoted positive self-esteem for ALL as the way to handle the challenges of life and overcome all obstacles. Gloria Kay was born on a farm in Hermitage, Tennessee. She wrapped and sold sausage on the corner of their property to help support the family income as a child. She met her future husband, Bill Barnette, an intelligent high school dropout. She inspired and supported him all the way through medical school while working as an English Teacher at Humes High School in Memphis. She left her career to raise her three children, as her children matured she restarted her career by obtaining a Master’s Degree in Counseling from the University of Memphis. She retired twice as the Guidance Counselor from Olive Branch High School, leaving her imprint on all that she encountered. She was a great influence on many people’s lives throughout her career. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining, fashion, decorating, and being with family and friends. She leaves behind her vibrant, positive legacy with her three children, David Barnette, Beverly King, and Steve Barnette; their children Kyle and Ryan Barnette; Jessica, Brian, Lauren, Stephanie and Matthew King; Samantha and Katherine Barnette; her son-in-law Kerry King and her daughter-in-law Annette Barnette; her nieces and nephews of the Kay family; numerous lifelong friends; and all those that she encountered through her 88 years of life. We will all miss her and will remember the positive, direct influence she made in our lives. Visitation with Family will be Saturday April 8, 2017 from 10-11:30 with a Service to follow at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a charity close to your family and heart, in her name and honor. Her services have been entrusted to Memorial



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Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN 38119. (901) 767-8930. "Celebrating Life....Behind the Stone Wall."



Tribute Wall

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DG

Diane Strange Garrard posted:

Mrs. Barnette served as counselor at Olive Branch High School during my tenure there as an English teacher. I would pop into her office, and we would share a laugh together. She always had the best interests of our students at heart. I am thankful to have known her. May the Lord comfort her family.
Diane Strange Garrard

April 7 at 6:28 PM

LJ

Love, Katy, Hilary, And Josh posted:

Love, Katy, Hilary, and Josh purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Gloria Kay Barnette.

April 6 at 2:06 PM

CK

Colleen Goldkamp Harmon, Ann, Barb, Kathya posted:

Colleen Goldkamp Harmon, Ann, Barb, Kathya and Janice purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gloria Kay Barnette.

April 6 at 8:07 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Kay Barnette.

April 5 at 10:25 AM



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CH

Colleen Goldkamp Harmon posted:

Dear David, Bev, Steve and families Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your beautiful mother Gloria. As most of you know our friendship dates back to 1963 when your dad first came to St. Charles, MO. John and Bill quickly became friends and the 4 of us spent a lot of time together. We always did something fun together on Wednesdays, Bill and Johns day off. We vacationed together even taking in a grand European trip. They, along with you all, (have to get those "you alls" in since I am speaking to southerners) even came up to Michigan and visited with my parents when we were there. The best vacations together were when our families vacationed together at Hilton Head Island. We ate together everynight sharing the cooking with family members. Gloria was a mentor to me as a young wife and mom teaching me many things such as her love of cooking, refinishing furniture, entertaining...she even passed all of Beverly's clothes down to our 4 daughters. I still have many of Gloria's recipes and used one a couple of weeks ago when I hosted a St. Patrick's party. Later, when your dad returned to Memphis to continue his medical career, we still kept our friendship up and managed to see each other at least a couple of times a year. Our daughters, Barb and Kathy came and spent time with them in Germantown. Their friends became our friends and ours became theirs. I know one of the hardest times for Bill was when John passed away. He was one of the pallbearers. Likewise, our family grieved when Bill passed away a few years ago. Now, we grieve yet again as we fondly remember Gloria. Our combined families have a mountain of shared memories and good times and I hope that all of your good memories will somehow ease the pain that you are feeling now. My love to all of you. I am so sorry I can't be with you at this time.

Colleen

April 4 at 9:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gloria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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