



Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward

November 17, 1939 - December 7, 2021

Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward was born in Staten Island, New York on November 17, 1939 to Joseph and Anna Galasso and passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on December 7, 2021 at 82 years old. Gloria had a wonderful life filled with love, family, friends, and adventure.

Gloria attended New Dorp High School in Staten Island. While at the beach with her friends she met Robert (Bob) Ward. They married in February 1959, and remained in love for 62 years. Together they had five well-loved children and that love will flow down through the generations.

While raising five children Gloria was very active in the school system and the community. She was the president of the PTA, president of the Indian Hills Homeowners Association, worked with Seminole County in the development and renovation of parks, and with the School Board for redistricting.

Gloria was a lifelong Republican and was active in campaigns from the local level to the presidential race. She once ran for Seminole County School Board.

While busy with five children from elementary school to high school ages, Gloria fit in college courses and graduated from Rollins College with a B.S. in Business in 1978. She worked for Allstate Insurance as an Adjuster, and

Martin Marietta as a Software Librarian. In retirement she and Bob kept very busy traveling to much of the globe, as well as staying an active and involved parent and grandparent. Gloria attended many, many of her grandchildren's baseball, softball and soccer games as well as gymnastics, wrestling and swimming meets. Although not generally a sports fan, she was a super fan of her children and grandchildren.

Gloria is survived by her husband Bob, children Lynn Ann Johnson (Jeff), Donna Ward, Rob Ward (Carmen), Wendi Ward, and David Ward (Debra), 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and her sister Carol Raskin (Bruce).

Services will be held at Annunciation Catholic Church, 1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, at 10 am on Monday, December 13. Memorial gifts may be made to Salesian Missions: Salesian Missions - International Relief for Children.

The family of Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her memory.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear Uncle Bob and Family:
We are sorry to hear of your loss of Gloria. She was one special woman - way ahead of her time. I know she loved each and every one of you and when we did see each other she would always speak of your accomplishments. I know my brothers and I have many fond memories of getting to visit you guys in Orlando with that wonderful pool and I know my parents always had a good time too. I have one specific memory which occurred every year on Christmas Eve as your parents always sent myself and my brothers a Christmas gift (we were in NJ) which we were allowed to open on Christmas Eve. To this day I always think about that thoughtful gesture from Aunt Gloria and Uncle Bob. I also admire the way they traveled around the world together. This traveling Gene seems to have been bred into the Galasso blood as I hope to follow in her footsteps. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love Jill and Sylvana

Jill Hillman - December 17, 2021 at 10:54 AM

DB

“ Dear Uncle Bob and all of our cousins:

Thank you for inviting us to be a part of Aunt Gloria's "Celebration of Life". How fitting for such an incredible person who gave so much joy and love to everyone. We will never forget her beautiful smile. God Bless Her, God Bless Her Family. We were all Blessed to Know and Love Her.

With Love, Diane, George, and Leslie Batri

Diane Anitore Batri - December 13, 2021 at 12:33 PM

PA

“ *Patricia Anitore lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward*



Patricia Anitore - December 13, 2021 at 01:06 AM

PA

“ *I would like to express my extreme regret that I am unable to join in the tribute of your wonderful mother and terrific wife Gloria. But i am happy that my daughters will be able to join in the service on my behalf. I would also like to share the memory of how your mom and dad would gather the family together to visit with me on my past annual " winter" visits to Florida. It will always be a treasured memory that lives in my heart. .And what would Christmas time be without a box of fruit from Gregory's Orange Grove. She thought about us every year without fail. It was such a generous gesture to think of our family. She is so thoughtful.*

To my much-loved brother - I am hoping that your grief turns into deep comfort for the life that you shared with Gloria. She is a very dear sister-in-law, and I will miss her very much. I will keep all of you in my prayers for your loss.

With all my love, Aunt Pat Ward Anitore

Patricia Anitore - December 13, 2021 at 01:05 AM

SS

“ I was fortunate to meet Gloria & Bob, the first year of our marriage. We resided near each other and both pregnant at the same time. I having my first child and Gloria pregnant with Donna. We have fond memories Carroll and Lynn Ann, & Bob. Even though we and Bob & Gloria moved shortly after the babies were born. Gloria & I always kept up with each other with phone calls and family photos. She was a dear friend. and I loved the handsome family she & Bob had. She was always so proud of her child and they have a beautiful family.
I am sending condolences to Bob, Lynn Ann, Donna, Rob, Wendy & David. Love you forever Gloria, and prayers & hugs to Bob and the family. She is at peace now. Love& hugs Sue & Jim Scano 🙏🙏🙏
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sue scano - December 12, 2021 at 11:09 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward.



December 10, 2021 at 07:38 PM

KD

“ I remember going to visit with my mom as a child. Gloria gave us tickets to the attractions in Disney world before it was even fully open. I remember swimming in her pool and being cold because I was too impatient to wait for the sun to be over the enclosure. It is a fond childhood memory 💙 Karen Besheer- Dudzinski

Karen Besheer- Dudzinski - December 10, 2021 at 11:56 AM

CR

“ Too many wonderful memories to choose just one. A better sister no one could have asked for. I know you were always proud of the beautiful, strong family you and Bob raised and you are certainly smiling proudly today seeing how they have come together to honor you. I am so proud that you left us bravely as you lived your life, ready for a new adventure. I find comfort in knowing you are at peace now. Thank you for your love. ❤️🙏🙏

Caroll Bruce Raskin - December 10, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ Hello Donna and Ward Family, Gloria was always "Mrs. Ward" to me! I remember many a fun afternoon and sleepover at the Ward home on Derbyshire. The swimming pool and drive-in movies in the big family station wagon are just a few favorites. I always felt comfortable and welcomed there, despite the very active atmosphere! That's saying a lot for a painfully shy kid. I'll always be grateful for those times, our friendship, and the safe haven of your home. I think I even cried once when my mom picked me up because I didn't want to leave! What a testament to a true friend and her mom ❤️. May Mrs. Ward's memory be blessed in eternity, as her life clearly was for 82 years. With love and sympathy, Ruth Anne

Ruth Franke - December 10, 2021 at 11:34 AM

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“ Caroll Bruce Raskin lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward



Caroll Bruce Raskin - December 10, 2021 at 11:27 AM

RF

“ *Ruth Anne (Fletcher) & Doug Franke purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward.*



Ruth Anne (Fletcher) & Doug Franke - December 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM



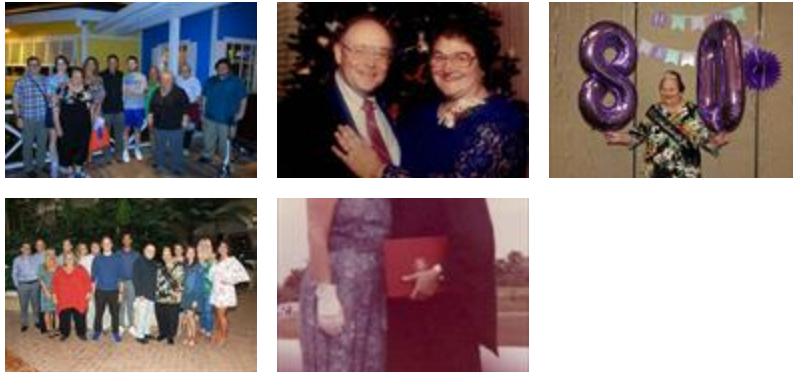
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward.*



December 10, 2021 at 06:45 AM

LY

“ *17 files added to the album Gloria Ward*



lynnannjfc - December 09, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward.*



December 09, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gloria Irene (Galasso) Ward.*



December 09, 2021 at 11:30 AM