



Gloria J. Wick

September 25, 1943 - September 5, 2016

Gloria J. Wick, 72, of Omaha, died Monday, September 5, 2016 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center after a lengthy illness from kidney disease.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, September 10th at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Kearney. Fr. Alex Borzych will officiate. Interment of ashes will be in the Stanley Cemetery at Amherst. The family will greet friends from 5-7 pm Friday at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with a scripture wake service at 5 pm. To honor her wishes Gloria was cremated.

Memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Medicine Kidney/Pancreas Transplant or the American Diabetes Association. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Gloria J. Wick was born September 25, 1943 in Kearney to Francis and Thelma (Jameson) Fellows. She graduated from Amherst High School in 1961 followed by the Central Business College of Denver. Her first job was with the Denver Public Schools. Gloria married Larry Wick on October 12, 1963 and they have one son Brian. Over the years they lived in various cities including Denver, CO, Holt, MO, and Omaha, NE.

Gloria was an avid cook, baker, gardener, and card player who loved to entertain family and friends. For several years she baked and decorated wedding cakes and was well known by nieces, nephews, and kids in the neighborhood as the “cookie lady”. Many hours were spent teaching nieces how to bake and decorate sugar cookies as well as cooking and baking during the holidays and special occasions for family and friends. During the early years, many a night were spent playing cards with family and later participating in several neighborhood card clubs. A look in our cupboards will confirm her title as the “Tupperware Queen”, and for several years she was recognized as one of Denver’s top sales ladies. Following the family’s move to Omaha, news of her cooking and baking skills got her volunteered for three years as the “Chief Cook and Bottle Washer” for the priests of St. Gerald’s Catholic Church in Omaha. Gloria always loved gardening, especially tending to her flowers in spring, berries in summer, and making plans for the next years’ garden. Of all her activities, she was best known as the life of the party and for having and making crazy fun. She was always the focal point of family get-togethers and often functioned on little sleep having stayed up late baking, cooking, or planning some crazy game or activity she dreamed up!

Gloria is survived by her husband, Larry and son Brian, both of Omaha. Brothers Gordon (Jody) of Overland Park, KS and Garth of Kearney, NE. Sisters Gaylene Else (Rodney) of Brighton, CO and Geraldine Bamford (Reno) of Roca, NE. Brothers and Sisters-In-Laws Don Wick (Gaylene), Arlene Clark (Charlie), Mary Gray, Dan Wick (Denise), Ron Wick and Virginia Evans, Lois Smith, Tom Wick (Barb), Ed Wick, Lena Jo Rouse, Christine May (Kent). Gloria has 39 nieces and nephews, 62 great nieces and nephews, and 1 great great nephew.

Gloria was preceded in death by two infant boys, her nephew Nathan Fellows, niece Amber Bamford, and sister-in-law Patricia Neubauer.

Cemetery Details

Stanley Cemetery

Amherst, NE

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W. 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W. 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria J. Wick*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Donna - September 10, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ *Larry and Brian,
Gloria was always so kind to us and we are forever grateful for her
friendship. We will miss her laughter and funny jokes. Thank you
Gloria for being in our lives. We will miss you so much. Our hearts
are broken.
Rheuben and Barbara Hair*

Barbara Hair - September 09, 2016 at 09:15 PM



“ *Larry and Brian, we are so sorry we can't be there with you at this
difficult time, but please know you are in all of our thoughts and
prayers. We love you!*



Donna Rios - September 09, 2016 at 08:30 PM

CG

“ Prayers to you, Brian and family. Remembering all the fun times and believe me they were not only fun, but a bit crazy and zany too. That's how I will remember her.

Bob and Carol

Carol Greenwood - September 09, 2016 at 11:43 AM

CG

“ I remember that Gloria was one of the first people I met when I moved to Scottsbluff many years ago. Due to each of our many moves, we joked over the years about "following each other around". We admired her so much for her seemingly endless energy despite her health battles. She was a strong woman and never let it get her down - I was always amused in her delight in being able to tell Doctors they were wrong (and she was always right!). I'm sure she will find some Doctors in Heaven to keep in line. We will miss her and know we have a special angel watching out for all of us. Larry and Brian, our prayers and condolences are with you both, as well as for the many members of her large extended family.

Tony and Cheryl Gerace

Cheryl Gerace - September 09, 2016 at 11:26 AM

JK

“ Larry - So sorry to hear about Gloria. Always enjoyed visiting with her and know she will be greatly missed by all. May all your special memories help console you at this time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Loel and Joan (Else) Kugler

Joan Kugler - September 08, 2016 at 08:21 PM

BJ

“ We knew Gloria through many couples card parties over the years. The food, laughs and fun were plentiful and she was a large part of all of it. She was a warm and fun loving person who added a lot to the lives of many. She will be missed. Our prayers are with Larry, Brian and the family.
Bill and Myrna Johnson

Bill Johnson - September 08, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gloria J. Wick.



September 08, 2016 at 07:17 PM

MJ

“ We had lots of laughs over the chicken joke while playing cards. A wonderful, funny, crazy lady'

Myrna Johnson - September 08, 2016 at 03:21 PM

VB

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute



Vicki Brown - September 08, 2016 at 12:28 PM

VB

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Vicki Brown - September 08, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ Gloria made a special Halloween treat for our son one year because she knew we were new to Omaha and were reluctant to have him trick or treat just anywhere. One of my favorite co-workers of all time.

Nancy Hansen - September 08, 2016 at 12:22 PM

VB

“ Larry, I feel your loss like everyone else who knew Gloria. She always had that bright smile and some kind to say to everyone. Love you guys loads, Vicki (Medley) Brown

Vicki Brown - September 08, 2016 at 11:52 AM

JT

“ Jane Wilson & Christine Charleston-Papillion Times purchased the *Fall Fantasia* for the family of Gloria J. Wick.



Jane Wilson & Christine Charleston-Papillion Times -
September 08, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria J. Wick.*



September 07, 2016 at 11:56 PM



“ *Gloria always made me feel welcomed in her home. Home made pie (a Gloria specialty) was on the menu.*

Jerry Cooper - September 07, 2016 at 10:46 PM



“ *Larry, sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers to your family.*

Kevin Pratt - September 07, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria J. Wick.*



September 07, 2016 at 08:49 PM

FS

“ *It is always a blessing being with Gloria and she is always so caring. She loves having fun with family and friends. You never down hearted after spending time with Gloria. We will love and miss her.*
Franklin and Linda Saltzgaber



Franklin Saltzgaber - September 07, 2016 at 07:59 PM

NG

“ *Our memories of our time in Holt, Mo. are special mostly due to time spent with the Wick family, Larry Gloria and Brian. I met Gloria thru the New Neighbors Club and the rest is history. We dressed up like chickens for bowling and the fun never stopped. We have been blessed to have known her. Our thoughts to Larry, Brian and family Nancy , Terry, Michael and Kristin Grisham. 25256 Loon Blvd. Warsaw, Mo. Phone 660 438 6665*

Nancy Grisham - September 07, 2016 at 07:38 PM

PE

“ Larry and Brian,

I just heard about Gloria last night. It came as such a shock as I didn't know that she was in the hospital with health issues. We have one Gloria story that still makes me smile to this day. Everyone was still living in Brookhaven. We were all still friends. Emily was about 6 or 7. We had been to a number of your amazing Christmas parties with all of Gloria's incredible lineup of cookies, candy and baked goods everywhere. We also had been the happy recipients of plates and plates of decorated cookies for almost every holiday. One Christmas, I decided to tackle decorated cut out cookies. They tasted ok but didn't come close to Gloria's in looks. Little 'ol Emily came into the kitchen and in a very excited tone said: "Oh mom, the girl across the street would be so proud of you!" That memory always makes me laugh except for right now. It's making me cry. So, typing through bifocals AND tears, I hope you can make sense of this.

Much love to you and Brian,

Peggy, Carl, Chris, and Katie Evans, Sarah Pufall and Emily Weber

Peggy Evans - September 07, 2016 at 07:12 PM

WR

“ I met Aunt Gloria, Uncle Larry and Brian shortly after I began dating Donna. We were stationed at Offutt AFB, and lived in Bellevue. We loved visiting Gloria, especially during holidays because she always made cookies and other traditional candies. We also had the joy to receive Gloria at our small apartment outside the base. I will always remember on night when I cooked for her and Larry. I prepared "Arroz con Gandules" and Chicken Stew. She liked the food so much that she asked me to share the recipe. A couple of weeks later, Gloria gave me a copy of a local weekly publication so I could read the article she had written about her dinning experience, and where she also posted the recipe I gave her.

Gloria made everyone around her a happy person, regardless of her pain. I've have met many strong people, but not many like her. Aunt Gloria will be missed.

RIP

From: Willie

Willie Rios - September 07, 2016 at 04:39 PM

Jen
Wick

“ Uncle Larry & Brian,

So sorry for your loss. Aunt Gloria was the life of the party and will be missed so much. Sorry that we cannot make it this weekend.

Love,
Doug, Jen & Hannah Wick



Jen Wick - September 07, 2016 at 03:42 PM