



Gloria R Smith

March 19, 1948 - March 11, 2026

Gloria was Born March 19, 1948 at Bozart Nursing Home in Toppenish, WA. She went home to be with the Lord on March 11, 2026.

Gloria was the second twin born 15 minutes after her sister, Grace. She was the 6th child of the 7 born alive to Paul Lee and Nellie Sue Macon Smith.

Mom always said that dad came out of the hospital room proudly holding up two fingers!

Our mom would always dress us twins alike and we would receive identical gifts for our birthday and Christmas, even though we weren't by any stretch of the imagination identical. We slept in the same bed and where one went, trust the other twin was close behind.

Now, many thought Gloria was angelic, but she could also be a pain in her twin's backside and could be very competitive. Sometimes she even wanted to engage in verbal and physical altercations with her when they were growing up and she was always ready to share her twin's secrets with someone.

Gloria attended grade school to high school in the Toppenish School District. In Middle School she began to blossom and discovered a love for learning. Especially in high school she proved to be a very bright and adept student and

graduated #11 in the high school class of 1966 with many honors.

Gloria attended Yakima Valley (Community) College and the University of Washington where she majored in Home Economics and Spanish.

Gloria was a very smart, beautiful (inside and out), funny, caring woman with bright eyes and a smile that would light up her face. She'd give you the shirt off her back if you needed it.

She also played the piano and had a beautiful alto voice which she used often as we were raised in church. Gloria made a commitment to her Lord and Savior as a child and renewed that covenant just a few years ago.

Unfortunately Gloria was plagued by a variety of illnesses and spent many years in care facilities.

She missed celebrating her 78th birthday with her twin by just 8 days, but God called her home in His timing where she was welcomed to her eternal home by her parents, other family and a multitude of friends.

Gloria is survived by her twin sister, Grace of Monroe, NC, nephews Malcolm (California), Maurice and wife Melissa and son, Mason of (Washington), Derrick (California), and nieces, Alana of (Oregon), Danielle of (Washington DC), and Renata and husband, Adam and sons (Oregon). She is also survived by grand nieces and nephews, many cousins, and friends who are like family.

Preceding Gloria in death and welcoming her into her heavenly home are her parents, Paul and Nellie and siblings, Joyce, James, Gladys, Paul and John.

The Smith family would like to say a fond thank you to Garden Village Nursing

Home staff, especially aides Christina and Talena for their stellar care of Gloria, especially during this past couple of weeks. For the past couple of years, they've worked so hard to facilitate weekly Zoom calls between Gloria and Grace, and as her health continued to decline, even more frequent calls were generated.

A special thank you also goes out to Melissa Kimble who went to visit her "auntie" as her schedule allowed and would transport Grace all over the valley when she was in town.

The family of Gloria Ruth Smith would like to thank everyone for their many phone calls, visits and other expressions of love during this difficult time. May God richly bless each one of you and give you His peace.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Road
Toppenish, WA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 12:00 PM (PT)

Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder Street
Toppenish, WA 98948
(509) 865-3222
info@heggiescolonialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Gloria I love you ! My last memories of you are happy ones, And you'll live in my heart forever ❤️ I Had the honor of working for Gloria since 2022 we share many memories, memories of laughter , conversations, and sometimes some tearful moments together. I will remember Gloria as a happy person who was a friend to anyone she came across, A individual with a huge heart and a personality that I will never forget . Not to mention a luaghter that ill always remember. ❤️



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