



Ghislaine Macary Ritts

January 4, 1937 - October 23, 2024

In Loving Memory of Ghislaine Macary Ritts

Ghislaine Macary Ritts, born in 1937 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, passed away peacefully on 23 October 2024 after a long, slow decline, at the age of 87. She left this world quietly and painlessly, surrounded by the love of her family.

Ghislaine met her future husband, Vince, while he was stationed in Haiti as an Army pilot on a mission to map the island. Despite the language barrier—she spoke no English and he spoke no French—they found a way to communicate and build a life together.

A woman of remarkable bravery and strength, Ghislaine left behind her family, friends, and the vibrant Caribbean world she knew to start anew in the United States. She learned English, adapted to American customs, and embraced her roles as a mother and an Army officer's wife with unwavering determination. There were no instruction manuals or how-to guides, just her sheer willpower and resilience.

During the 1960s, while Vince served two tours in Vietnam, Ghislaine single-handedly cared for her two pre-teen sons and two younger daughters. She was more than just a mother; she was our hero.

Rest in peace, Mom. Your legacy of love, strength, and courage will forever be in our hearts. We will always love you.

- Donations: Instead of flowers, please send donations to the “National Military Family Association”, which was founded by military wives who wanted to ensure their widowed friends were properly cared for ... or to “Hospice of the Chesapeake, Pasadena” who took great care of Ghislaine in her final days.

- Memorial: Instead of waiting over a year for the interment at Arlington Cemetery, the family is solidifying a venue on 23 November from 1-3PM around the Philadelphia International Airport. We will provide additional information and RSVP links as they become finalized.

Tribute Wall

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“ We have such wonderful memories of Gigi, her generosity, her love for friends and life. Heaven has a special new angel. 💕💕

The Edelines - November 13, 2024 at 11:07 AM

AJ

“ What can I say about Gys? From the day I met her I loved her. I was so happy when my brother married her. We weren't only Sisters-in-law but good friends. We may have lived far apart but Gys was always close to my heart. I will miss her smiling face.

Aunt Jeanette - October 29, 2024 at 05:25 PM

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“ Ghislaine was like a sister to my mother, I met her when she came to visit us in Brazil, it was the first and last time I saw her. However, our bond, the memories, her elegance and intelligence remained embedded in my memory!!! stay with G-d my dear

Israel Baumgartner - October 29, 2024 at 01:31 PM

GV

“ Ghislaine Macary Ritts

Gladys Vincent - October 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM

RP

“ *Ghis , my incredible and Beautiful cousin that I loved so very much !! I shared so many great memories with you! One in particular is our trip in a car to Disney Worrld also with my wonderful cousins : Vince , Phil , Sylvie and Taffy at Phil's house ! I will never forget this moment and cherish this forever ! Thank you for always encouraging and giving me advices whenever we met I always felt comfortable around you and you made me feel so special! Thank you again for loving me ! Gone but not forgotten! May you Rest eternally in peace ! I love you ❤️*

Ruby Price Pilie - October 29, 2024 at 09:37 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ghislaine Macary Ritts - October 28, 2024 at 01:56 PM