



Gloria Jean Roberts

September 9, 1946 - September 9, 2022

Gloria Jean Roberts was born September 9, 1946, to Adelina and Cristobal Castro as their 2nd child in Floresville, Texas. She was raised with her siblings Rebecca, Jesse, Mary, Cristobal Junior, Adelina, and Josie. Gloria's faith in God started with her mother and her baptism into the catholic faith at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church as an infant. She grew in her relationship with God each year at the Sacred Heart Catholic School, where she received her confirmation upon graduation. This faith-filled childhood started a long faith-filled life in the Catholic Church and with God.

Upon graduating from Floresville High School, she moved from home to live in Huntsville, Alabama, at the Redstone Arsenal with her sister Rebecca and her husband, Daniel. She later moved to New York City, where her life would forever change. When a young soldier, James Michael Roberts, from Virginia, was visiting his father, who worked at the restaurant, noticed late one evening, directly outside the restaurant window; Gloria and her aunt attempted to get a taxi as the rain poured; however, those nearby were off duty and would not take a fare. Since it was very late, James went out and offered to give them a ride which Gloria was thankful for and gladly accepted. Unfortunately, however, the destination was far from their home, so the young soldier stayed to offer them a ride back home, to which Gloria and her aunt were surprised that he waited. It was not until the ride home that James learned Gloria Jean Castro's name and that she was from Texas.

Gloria was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen, and he took a chance

at asking her out before James had to return to his military base in Virginia. But, as he built up his courage, the words just came out without thinking, "You have the most beautiful big brown cow eyes I have ever seen. Will you go out with me?" Then he realized what he had said, but before he could attempt to say something intelligent, she said yes.

After several continued monthly weekend visits from James, the couple knew they were meant for each other and decided to get married. So, on October 1, 1966, they traveled to Maryland and were married by the Reverend Thomas Davis at the Little Wedding Chapel in Elkton, Maryland. In 1967, they later married into the Catholic Church in Okinawa, Japan.

Gloria proved her commitment to God through love and devotion by raising our two daughters in the Catholic faith and Church. In addition, to her life as a working mother, she always served others and served the Church. After watching his wife's devotion and selflessness to help those around her and continued love for God, her husband, James, also converted to Catholicism. Though struggles were around, as a military couple who moved around the world, Gloria continued to present herself as a disciple of God and teach his word wherever they lived.

Of Gloria's many jobs throughout her life, teaching adult Catechism, counseling young mothers during their pregnancies and early motherhood, and volunteering at homeless shelters, her dedication to helping others was the most rewarding. She not only spoke of God's word to everyone she met, she constantly donated food and clothing to the homeless and those in need, especially families and children, around holidays.

After moving between Japan, Germany, Hawaii, and California, Gloria settled with her husband in Severn, Maryland, where James retired from the military and bought a house in 1986. That house is where Gloria continued her worship and raised her family, including her youngest child Kimberly, who currently resides, and her granddaughter, Chelcey, who was raised in this home. Gloria and James helped raise Chelcey as her mom was a single mom, and Chelcey always loved how blessed she was to have three parents.

Throughout her life, Gloria continued to travel for vacations and always made a point to visit her family back home in Texas. Her family was always on her mind and of utmost importance to her. Gloria's house was always open to those in need and filled her home with her love of God and the love of others. She was an active member in the St. Bernadette's Parish as a Eucharistic Minister alongside her husband, James, and was a continued active member of the Parish.

After Gloria dedicated 32 years as a Medical Supplies Coordinator for Kimbrough Hospital on Ft. Meade, she chose to retire, relax, enjoy her life, go on many vacations with her husband, and spend time with her family. While Gloria battled brain surgery for aneurysms, pancreatic cancer, and her husband's cancer, she never lost faith in God's word. Despite her many struggles and trials, her faith remained strong and she continued to watch mass at home when she could not attend in person. It was her love of God and her family that, against all odds, gave her the strength to survive another three years with cancer, choosing to pass on to heaven on her 76th birthday surrounded by her immediate family in her home in Severn, Maryland. Although she is no longer here on Earth, we know that her soul and spirit are in heaven living an Eternal life with God.

Gloria is survived by her husband James M. Roberts of 56 years, their daughter Kimberlly Nordstrom, granddaughter Chelcey Nordstrom (adopted daughter), daughter Courtney Roberts and her spouse Kristine Brenneman, and grandson James A. Roberts.

She is also survived by her sister Rebecca and her Husband Daniel Rocha; brother Cristobal Castro; sister Adelina Gutierrez; sister Mary Germer; brother Jesse Castro and his wife Grace Castro; sister Josephine Mainz and her husband Randy Mainz, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She will forever be in our hearts and minds. We will love and cherish her forever.

The family asks that, in place of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in honor of her memory:

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Tribute Wall

JR

“Gloria was my loving wife for 56 years. We shared all the good times and sad times together. My meeting Gloria was truly predestined by God. An impulse sent me to New York City that weekend when I met Gloria. From that day forward our lives were changed forever. The touch of her hand was so warm, and she let me take her to the movies the next day. When I took her home she gave me a kiss on my cheek that lit a fire in me like nothing I had ever felt before. After dating for a couple of months we realized we were made for each other and got married. Since most of my life was spent going from boarding home to boarding home, no one ever gave me a hug, a kiss or said I love you. Church was confusing because people would sometimes go to church after go against what was preached, or they did not go at all. Gloria changed all that in my life. She truly loved me, always gave me kisses and hugs. She also taught me that God is a Loving God and established our growing faith in God together. As I looked back, Gods Love was at work that night I met Gloria. Gloria was a caring and giving person to everyone who needed her help and she taught me the same values. Being in the Army, we traveled the world together. I learned that she and our family were the most important thing in life. She also taught me that there was goal I could not achieve with the love and support of her and God. As we moved from place to place Gloria gave up many opportunities but always showed great pride and joy as I advanced. Her family welcomed me. Her mother treated me like a son and her brothers and sisters always treated me like their brother. I know that Gloria is now one of God's Angels and I pray that someday I will share the joys of heaven and be with her again to feel those kisses, hugs and her telling me she loves me.

James M. Roberts - October 26, 2022 at 02:12 PM

JM

“ These are the memories we will never forget the love and laughter we shared and the t shirts Gloria gave us we all had to pose for a pic.

Josephine mainz - October 06, 2022 at 02:52 PM

DC

“ I remember Gloria as one of my husband Carlos' favorite cousins. He introduced her to me as his kissing cousin.. \r\nI will never forget when she drove to Floresville to visit her cousin Carlos on the day of his surgery. She had to see him before returning back to Maryland. My husband never forgot that. I will always remember her sense of humor , her contagious laughter and beautiful smile. On her last trip to San Antonio she made sure to visit her cousin Boy with a short visit at Bill Millers..\r\nRest In Peace, Gloria, until we meet again.\r\nCarlos "Boy" and Delfina Castro

Delfina Castro - October 02, 2022 at 09:07 PM

JM

“ Q: What will you miss most about Gloria?\n \n A: I loved to hear Gloria's sweet voice she was soft spoken and had this infectious laughter. I miss you so much my beautiful sister

Josephine Mainz - September 28, 2022 at 05:35 PM

MG

“ Our deepest condolences to the Roberts Family. Aunt Gloria will always have a special place in our hearts. We will be praying for comfort and peace. \n~Frank Gutierrez and Family

Melinda Gutierrez - September 23, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *Gloria Jean Roberts*

Tasha Aguilar - September 23, 2022 at 02:57 PM

GC

“ There are so many memories that I hold in my heart of my sweet, loving Aunt. I can't recall how old I was, but I had to be really young during this particular visit to hang out with family. It was only my Mom and Dad and myself, and I remember bits and pieces of that trip like Kimmy and her Lincoln Logs that she let me play with (but only for a little bit) and Courtney not letting me drown while we played in the water of their backyard pool. It was so beautiful - surrounding it was the most beautiful sunflowers all along the fencing. My Uncle Jim, so tall and dashing would carry me around and was always trying to feed me stuff and keep me away from the bees that were flying around the sunflowers. Lovely, amazing memories — I have so many of them, but this trip remains one of my all time favorites because when we first got there I had a special gift for my Aunt. I can still hear my parents urging me to hand her the bag. As she took it from my small hands and opened it she squealed with delight and ran upstairs. I remember looking up at her as she reappeared moments later and she was wearing the same exact shirt that I had on that day —a teal colored t shirt that on the front written in bold white lettering the word GOGO. My nickname for my entire life and this amazing beautiful woman that I had been named after was now my namesake! I can still see her in my mind's eye, on the stairs, showing off her shirt but wearing a huge smile.
Truth be told; in my short life, I had only known her as my Aunt GoGo- but that teal shirt that my folks got for her is forever imprinted in my mind and in my heart. As is the memory of the inside of the closet; but you'll have to ask my cousin and lifelong Best Friend Kimmy about that! Little kids can be persistent about playing with Lincoln Logs and to be fair I'm positive I didn't heed her warnings!
I miss my Aunt GoGo, and although my heart is broken I know that by the grace of God I'll see her again. For now, I will treasure the memories I have of her and carry her with me for she is never far from my thoughts as she crosses my mind every time I sign my name. ❤️
—Gloria Jean Castro

Gloria Castro - September 21, 2022 at 02:48 PM

CW

“ *In memory of Mrs. Gloria Roberts. My condolences to the family. Mrs. Roberts was a woman who graced us with her beautiful spirit and kind heart.*

Chandra J Washington - September 18, 2022 at 09:47 PM

TK

“ *Sincerest sympathies to the family. Let her spirit guide you through this difficult time.*

Trip Krenz - September 15, 2022 at 01:25 PM

TV

“ *My deepest condolences to the Roberts, Castro, and Nordstrom families.*

Tony Velasco - September 14, 2022 at 04:05 PM

AR

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Gloria Jean Roberts - September 12, 2022 at 12:04 PM