



Gladys R. Showalter

June 15, 2022

Gladys R. Showalter, 100, of Lancaster, PA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Born in Red Lion, PA, she was the daughter of the late William and Hattie (Smith) Reichard. She was married to her beloved husband, the late Merle J. Showalter, for 31 years until his passing in 1975.

Gladys graduated from Red Lion High School and attended Thompson Business College in York. She worked as a secretary at the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg and later at Raub Supply, EHD, and Lancaster Guidance Center in Lancaster. In retirement, she worked for the Bon-Ton department store in Park City until the age of 88. She was a Lancaster County poll worker for many years. She was a member of Lancaster First Assembly of God Church. She and Merle started their family in Pittsburgh, PA, and moved to Lancaster in 1956. Gladys enjoyed reading, cooking, sunbathing, swimming, gardening, caring for her daughter Kim's cats, and shopping for a bargain.

She is survived by her loving family including her daughters: Carol A. Gabay, Beth S. Marsh (Greg), Kay J. Lengle, and Kim J. Showalter; grandchildren Timothy S. Sinner (Miriah Topper), P. Kate Marsh, Zachary M. Gabay (Corinne), Scott A. Sinner (Paige Klugherz), Hillary A. Kirk (Robert), and Emily A. Marsh; great-grandchildren James, Porter, and Caleb. She was preceded in death by her siblings Everett Reichard and Elisabeth McLaughlin, and sons-

in-law David Gabay and Charles Lengle.

Relatives and friends are invited to Gladys' Funeral Service on Friday, June 24, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Paul Boisvert officiating at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Susquehanna Memorial Gardens, Dallastown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lancaster First Assembly of God, 1025 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Cemetery Details

Susquehanna Memorial Gardens

250 Chestnut Hill Rd
York, PA 17402

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Gladys R. Showalter*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - June 22, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ *Gladys R. Showalter*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - July 11, 2022 at 10:39 AM

HS

“ So many memories of my childhood riding my bike from my grandmother's house (Lillian Anspach) up the street to Gladys and just "hanging out" over the summer when I'd come to stay with my grandmother for a few days.

I never knew quite what I'd get into doing when I got there, but one phone call and I was off on my grandmother's bike! I remember playing with the lite-brite that was on the back porch and helping in the gardens in the back yard. ONE of her girls would be there helping sometimes, but I don't really remember which one! It wasn't until I was a lot older that I even knew that she had twins and two other daughters! LOL!

Between Gladys and my grandmother, I always seemed to have enough pocket change to ride the rest of the way up the hill to buy some candy or an extra special treat from the grocery store. Did they really allow us to do that alone back then? YUP!!! Best Times Ever!

Gladys is and will always be my "extra" grandmother who enjoyed my company as much as I did hers when I'd come and visit.

Holly Sarti - June 23, 2022 at 09:59 PM

HS

“ 4 files added to the album *Friends of Gladys*



Holly Sarti - June 23, 2022 at 09:46 PM

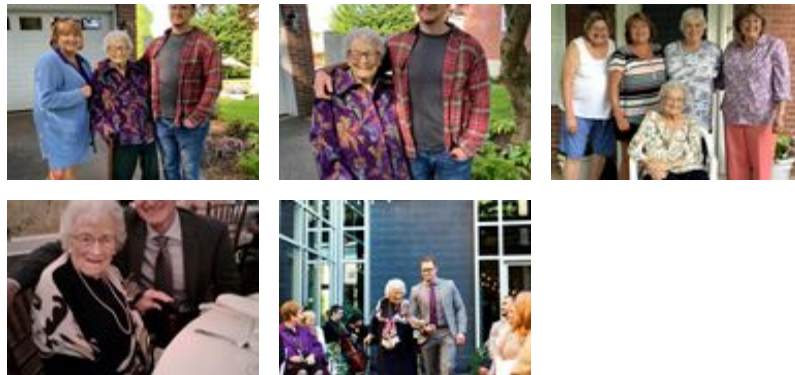


“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.thegroffs.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Gladys R. Showalter.

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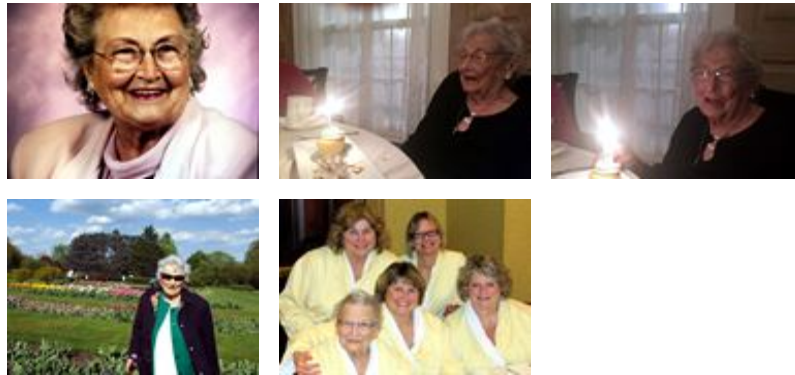
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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - June 23, 2022 at 01:32 PM



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The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - June 22, 2022 at 05:00 PM

SS

“ *Steve and Gina Sinner purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gladys R. Showalter.*



Steve and Gina Sinner - June 22, 2022 at 03:22 PM

LS

“ *Gladys and I carpoled together when we worked at EHD back in the late 1970's. She was such a kind, caring, and friendly person whose smile would light up her face and make you feel welcome. What a special lady! My condolences to all of her family.*

Laura Stackhouse

Laura Stackhouse - June 21, 2022 at 10:09 PM

HK

“ I worked with Gladys at the Bon-Ton. While working together we realized we lived only a few houses apart from each other. I really enjoyed working with her and getting to know her. My sympathy goes out to you. She was a wonderful woman.

Heather Kline - June 21, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gladys R. Showalter.



June 19, 2022 at 08:38 PM

MI

“ Dear Kim, HI, do you remember me? Michelle from Savemart. I'm so sorry to read in the newspaper that your mom passed. I hope you are doing well. My condolences to you and your family. Take care.

Michelle - June 19, 2022 at 04:33 PM