



Gloria Boone Franklin

August 24, 2020

Gloria Boone Franklin, 96, of Tequesta, Florida and Berwyn, Pennsylvania, passed away on Monday, August 24th, 2020.

Gloria was a vivacious and charismatic woman; her magnetism could be felt by all who encountered her. She was known as “Glo” by friends and loved ones, a name truly befitting her radiant personality.

Born in Lancaster, PA, she was the daughter of the late Grover Cleveland Boone and Ethel Mae (Geisler) Boone.

Glo grew up on North Pine Street, Lancaster, during the Depression in a home that was never lacking in love and happiness. Upon graduation from McCaskey High School, Glo went to work at Armstrong Cork Company as a mail girl. She posed as a photographer’s model in the company’s magazine advertisements. She had the privilege to pursue her passion for art by attending the Philadelphia College of Art.

Glo was a lover of beauty, which expressed itself through her many talents; her love of gardening, oil and watercolor painting, doll making, fashion and design. She used her creative abilities and work ethic to establish and run the Carriage Trade dress shop, which became the Main Line’s premier woman’s clothing store. Later, she also opened the Red Hen, the southern sister store in Tequesta, Florida. It was not uncommon for celebrities and even president’s wives and daughters to shop at these stores.

After marrying Bob Franklin, an avid golfer, Glo decided she wanted to learn how to play the game. She went on to become a three-time Women’s Club Champion at Aronimink Golf Club in Newton Square, Pa. Glo and Bob developed friendships with and often hosted several professional golfers, especially the well-known Chi Chi Rodríguez. Glo and Bob were avid boaters and enjoyed many trips from Florida to the Bahamas with friends aboard. There, they enjoyed snorkeling, fishing for grouper, and lobster hunting. They also owned several racehorses. Glo was a lover of animals, often with a dog or two in tow, or

attracting stray cats, runaway swans and even wild raccoons into her life.

Gloria was a member of Jupiter First Church. A highlight for her was traveling to Israel with fellow church members. She loved to travel and visited many beautiful places in her life.

Glo was devoted to and loved her family. She always looked forward to making yearly trips to the Boone Reunion in the mountains of western North Carolina where her father was born and raised. She hosted countless family Christmases and 4th of July family gatherings at her beloved home in Berwyn, Pa. She was always the life of the party, and an animated story teller, with hours and hours of tales to share from her fascinating life.

Gloria was a loving woman, who loved life and felt privileged to experience a very full and blessed one. She was one of those extraordinary people you may only meet once in a lifetime.

Gloria is survived by her son, Kenneth McCormick (Valerie) of Birchrunville, PA, her sister, Patricia Boone Herweh (John) of Lancaster, PA, her grandchildren: Megan McCormick, Keenan McCormick, and Manita Hartley (Mike), her friend of 40 years Anne Coll, and many nieces, nephews and loving friends.

In addition to her parents, Gloria is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Franklin, and her sisters: Virginia Bare, Mary Hertzler, and Sylvia Jackson.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Friends are welcome to greet the family at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will immediately follow at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery.

The family wishes to include everyone and will make available a live webcast of the service starting at 2:00 p.m. that can be found at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/73360947>

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Salvation Army, 131 S. Queen St., Lancaster, PA 17602, and or Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073.

Cemetery Details

Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East
Greenfield Road
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
admin@thegroffs.com
<https://thegroffs.com/>

Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
admin@thegroffs.com
<https://thegroffs.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Boone Franklin*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Larry & Susanne Furr purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gloria Boone Franklin.*



Larry & Susanne Furr - September 01, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ *We want to express our sympathy to Glo's Sister Pat and to her Nephew John Herweh. We know that Pat was particularly close to Glo and we hope that there is solace for Pat in knowing that Glo lived a full and happy life. We also know that John and his Wife Dixie, our Daughter, are saddened by the death of his very special Aunt Glo.*

*With Love,
Larry and Susanne Furr*

Larry & Susanne Furr - September 01, 2020 at 08:36 AM



Thank you both so much - we will certainly miss Glo! Thanks for the beautiful plant - Mom really appreciated your thoughtfulness.

John Herweh - September 03, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *I meet Gloria in Florida when my husband's company was fixing the building. In 2003 After talking about the Red Hen is Tequesta. After looking at pictures. We realized my mom was a model for her fashion shows . She became a mother to me. I spent several years driving Gloria and Bob to and from Florida. I always enjoyed the road trip with Gloria. I myself was born as raised in Doylestown. I spoke to Gloria about 2 months ago. She was waiting for her Apartment building in Florida to be done so she could come down and see it. We were suppose to get together when she did. I will miss her dearly. She was an amazing woman. Rest in Peace Glo*



Sandy Swafford - August 31, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Two of my favorite Glo stories show just what a dynamic spirit she had and what an interesting life she led.

One: Once, while swimming in the ocean at her condo in FLA, a shark decided to see if Glo would make a good lunch. It started pumping her, a common shark behavior meant to see if their next meal might be dangerous. Knowing this, Glo started punching the CRAP out of the shark at every pass. Ultimately, the shark decided Glo was too formidable an opponent and swam off.

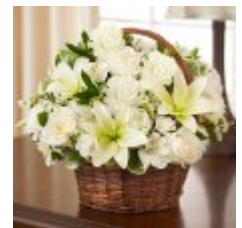
Two: In her younger days Glo looked almost identical to Doris Day. So much so that people would mistake her for Doris. Once, at the racetrack, (I think) fans of Doris crowded around Glo asking for an autograph. Glo insisted that she was NOT Doris. Then a friend says, "Oh come on Doris, give them an autograph!" And she did.

Melissa Kolczynski - great niece

Melissa Kolczynski - August 29, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Gloria Boone Franklin.



August 29, 2020 at 01:32 PM



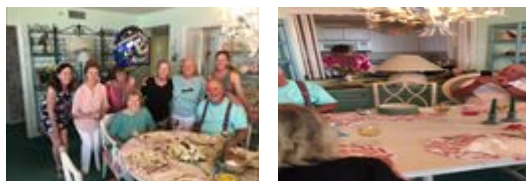
“ Love Chrissie and Nardy purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gloria Boone Franklin.



Love Chrissie and Nardy - August 29, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Seena Kilcoyne - August 28, 2020 at 07:37 PM

LI

“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Lisa - August 28, 2020 at 03:23 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



mary davis - August 28, 2020 at 12:08 PM

LI

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lisa - August 28, 2020 at 10:15 AM

PN

Our deepest sympathy to Pat ,John & Family. Gloria was a unique,talented and beautiful soul who loved God,her parents,her family and all people,her Country AND Pine Street! Anyone who had the privilege of knowing her appreciated her warm and loving personality.As one of God's angels she is probably warming up the choir!

Phil,Mickey & Chris Nissley - September 02, 2020 at 07:05 PM