



Gloria Jean Polley

October 21, 1949 - February 8, 2025

Our beloved Gloria Jean {Pritchard} Polley of Bloomington, IN, departed this life on Saturday, February 8, 2025. She was born to the late Mervin and Marie {Johnson} Pritchard on October 21, 1949. Gloria was a graduate of Bloomington High School where she excelled as the school's "Majorette;" in addition, to attending Indiana University.

Gloria accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior early in life while attending the 11th Street Pentecostal Faith Assembly Church. She met and married her "EVERYTHING" in life, Jerry D. Polley, on February 3, 1968, and together they shared 57 years of marriage. Shortly, thereafter, they welcomed their only child, Jason Roy Polley, who was the greatest achievement and anchor in her life. More importantly, she was most proud of the father he had become.

Professionally, Gloria worked as an administrative assistant at Indiana University and finished her professional career with 42 years at Kroger where she made it a point to recognize and remember all of her customers by name. Gloria was an avid fan of motor sports and the racing franchise both locally and at many surrounding racetracks. She and her husband Jerry would arrive hours prior to races in order to snag the coveted, best front row seat. Gloria could recall the names and history behind each racecar driver and their statistics. Gloria's most loved and cherished moments were following her grandson Jared in his quest at motor bike racing, never missing one of his competitions. Gloria was an undeniable Elvis fan. Attending one of his first

concerts at Indiana University where she had a front row seat, snagging one of his sought-after silk scarves. One of her all-time Elvis' favorites, "The Wonder of You" which she remarked, "the lyrics reminded her of her husband Jerry."

Walking alongside Gloria in her journey through life was her dog and loving companion, Gunner. His boundless energy and infectious enthusiasm were a constant source of joy, and he brought sunshine into her life.

The family she leaves behind is her husband, Jerry D. Polley, son, Jason R. Polley (Janelle), grandchildren, Alyssa (Taylor) Polley, Jared Polley, Jamon Eads (Ashley), Dason Eads (Emily) along with great-grandchildren, Willow Brooke Smith, Emmy Mae Eads and Breckin Curry. Additionally, many loved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Gloria's legacy will endure in the hearts of her loved ones and everyone she touched. Pulling from Elvis' repertoire "She did her way."

Visitation will be 12:30-2:30pm Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37 in Bloomington. Funeral services will be 2:30pm at the funeral home with Pastor Harold Godsey officiating. Burial will follow at South Union Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in memory of Gloria.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Condolences to you, Jerry, Jason, and all the grandkids and that great daughter-in-law that I know Jason is married to Gloria absolutely loved you. She loved all of you more than you'll ever know and just remember she's never ever away from you. She's not just in your heart and your memories, but she's also gonna be on your shoulder as Gloria does get her way. I have to put that in there cause she would've been just chuckling her head off about it. She was one of my best friends in junior high and then in high school. You kinda get parted from people and we reconnected through their Class reunions and her and I talked a lot on the phone not verbally but text a lot and I am so so gonna miss her, but for now I know that she's not sick anymore. She's up there in heaven with her mom and dad and anyone else's passed away in her immediate family or friends and God blessings to all of you. Lots of hugs and lots of prayers and God's name Bruce & Jan (Morrison) Lakefield, Minnesota.



Bruce & Jan Bakalyar - February 11, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Polley.



February 11, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Polley.*



February 11, 2025 at 03:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gloria Jean Polley.

February 11, 2025 at 03:33 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences in such a huge loss for you, Jerry Jason and the grandkids Gloria was an amazing person and she just always laughing and smile, but she was a crabby emoji she was just funny as heck. She was one of my best friends through junior high and high school and then we can reconnected after high school probably about 15 or 15 years ago or so through our class unions and so we text each other quite often and always make sure she was doing OK and she asked if I was doing OK and I'll tell you what I am so gonna miss her. I just I just still miss her text. I just text her. Oh Jesus probably may be about three weeks ago and then when you get busy with life and each day goes into one when you're retired and all of a sudden I'm losing another one of my best friends in high school and beyond no matter how much I tell you that I love your Gloria as a friend she impact my life a lot. We were a lot like each other cause we both came from business families so her dad and my dad always told us where to behave so we didn't do anything to harm the family name. We heard that a lot growing up but anyway I just wish you all the best. I can't be there cause I live in south Minnesota, but please know that mine and Bruce's prayers are with all of you. We love you and many many hugs and Gloria is always gonna be with you guys right on your shoulder. She's not going anywhere. Her body may be gone, but her soul is in heaven, but she will definitely be with everyone of you. She's not gonna let you get off that easy like she said she did things her way. I love y'all. God bless you



Bruce & Janice Morrison Bakalyar - February 11, 2025 at 12:05 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Polley.*



February 09, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *What a beautiful person, Gloria was. A fun, kind, lively lady. She loved her family & everyone. She never met a stranger. Yes, she's an angel now. So sorry she's gone. Love & prayers to the family.*

carolyn & Carolyn Robertson - February 09, 2025 at 09:28 AM