



Gloria Crawford

February 1, 2022

Gloria Crawford left this world February 1st, 2022. Whether you called her Goldie or Grandma, family or friend, she was a beautiful and rock solid presence in so many lives and we are all better for it.

Gloria was born in 1947 in Polson, Montana. She was the daughter of Albert and Betty Seifert and grew up on Flathead lake with her brother and two sisters. She never missed the opportunity to water ski or attend a dance in those days. Gloria loved to sew, and would often create a new outfit to wear out almost every Saturday night. Throughout High School she always had a job and was an extremely hard worker. She graduated from Polson High School in 1965 and moved to Denver, Colorado to attend Central Business College. She graduated in 1966 as a legal secretary and moved back to Polson and took a job with McCurdy Law Firm. She fell in love with James Crawford and the two were married in June of 1969.

Gloria and Jim spent several years in Spokane before moving to Moses Lake – the place they would call home. Gloria worked for a number of law firms before making her lasting career of 33 years at Calbom & Schwab. Not only did she love her job, she loved people and made many lasting friendships over the years. From traveling, to watching car and boat races, and time at the casino she maximized experiences with friends. She loved to entertain and cook. She was a huge WSU Cougar fan, naturally, when two of the most precious people in her life became players, she became the ultimate fan. She loved to celebrate the 4th of July, she loved big family get togethers, and playing games.

Gloria was an organized woman who never forgot a birthday or anniversary. You could always expect a hand written card to be in your mailbox a day or two early. She was famous for her fried chicken and mashed potatoes, and you always knew she had the fixings to make the most incredible ice cream sundae at a moment's notice. There is a whole generation of kids who will never forget her giant candy drawer as long as they live.

Gloria's heart was big. And while she didn't have any biological children, she sure had a

lot of people in her life that she treated like her own. We will all miss her.

Gloria is survived by her husband James Crawford, Mother-in-Law Millie Crawford, sister-in-law Myrna Kershaw, sister Kathleen Hartsoch, Sister-in-Law Peggy Seifert, several nieces and nephews, and the entire Raymond family.

Friends and family are invited to honor her incredible life on Wednesday, February 9th at 2:00 pm. The celebration of her life will be held at the Moses Lake Alliance Church (1100 N Grape Dr Moses Lake, WA 98837) with a reception immediately following. Gloria will be laid to rest the following day, Thursday, February 10th at 11:15am at the Washington State Veteran's Cemetery (21702 W Espanola Rd, Medical Lake, WA 99022).

You may join the celebration of life that will be live steamed by following the link below.

<https://vimeo.com/673727722>

Cemetery Details

Washington State Veterans Cemetery

21702 W. Espanola Road
Medical Lake, WA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **9**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Alliance Church
1100 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Graveside Service

FEB **10**. 11:15 AM (PT)

Washington State Veterans Cemetery
21702 W. Espanola Road
Medical Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I just wanted to say Gloria and Jim helped me out more then they would ever know. They were so loving and caring toward me and my Ace and treated us like family. I'll never forget how proud they were when I graduated from college and took me and Ace to a nice dinner at the country club. I love you guys so much. I'm sorry about your loss Jim. I love you take care.

Marti Pfaffle - February 09 at 06:43 PM



“ In the 1970's, my parents, Don & Sharie Hanson, loved to spend every New Year's Eve at the Crawford's house. My younger birthdays on January 1st could have been an afterthought amongst the hangovers and festivities. Gloria always did a little something extra to make me feel special on my day.

Gloria was always the planner of the group. We did many cool things in those days because of Gloria. White water rafting, planning for us to participate in a fishing derby, and taking us to her hometown in Montana where we got to see a calf birth and ride horses. Gloria was the best. I loved her unique laugh and visiting Jim and Gloria was always exciting for my brother and me.

Thank you for all the great times, Gloria. We all love you.

P.S. A few weeks ago, I was one of those kids again, at age 54, that had to get my hands in that M&M jar. She also made me some of her signature cookies. We all will miss you dearly.

With love, Don, Sharie, Joe, and Ted Hanson

Joe Hanson - February 09 at 01:45 AM



“ Joe Hanson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Crawford



Joe Hanson - February 09 at 01:17 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joe Hanson - February 09 at 01:16 AM

BM

“ I am so thankful for all the memories that were made while working and playing with Gloria. We shared the ups and downs of life throughout the years, and a lot of chocolate. She was my teacher, mentor, counselor, and friend. We had such laughs over simple little things. Her cookies were amazing along with everything else she baked. I will cherish her recipes, although I never seemed to figure out her magic touch. One of my fondest memories was when Gloria dusted off her accordion and played a little tune, which brought cheers to the party. My thoughts and prayers to Jim, all the family and the Raymond Clan. She will live on in all of us that were blessed to have known her.

Becky Massart - February 08 at 07:09 PM

BE

“ 6 files added to the album C&S family



Becky - February 08 at 12:00 PM

RI

“ Gloria will be missed by so many. She had an infectious smile and was always willing to help people. She lives just down the road from my parents and since they were related they would visit back-and-forth many times. When I became pregnant with my first daughter she was the first one to say we're having a shower for you. She was that person that was always there for you, although I lost touch with her when I moved away I always liked looking at her Facebook post and hearing about her. I miss you Gloria.

Roxy Ireland - February 07 at 03:36 PM

JA

“ *What happened..she was one of my favorite people.she always smiling i love you gloria rest now*

Janette - February 06 at 03:17 PM

CH

“ *Our dear friend Gloria was a one of a kind Montana girl. Tough as nails & the best cook/baker. She was never afraid to tell me what I needed, even if I hadn't seen it. 😊 She & Jim we're both our boys Godparents. ❤️❤️ We will miss her smile & hugs. Rest In Peace Gloria.*



Carole Hopkins - February 05 at 02:36 PM

SW

“ *Jim, family and friends, sorry for your loss, She is at peace with Jesus. God bless and peace be with you all.*

Shirley and Mike Woodworth

Shirley Woodworth - February 04 at 08:48 PM

MA

“ *So sad. She was always so positive and upbeat. I will miss her texts. So sorry.*

Marilynn.sanzone - February 04 at 03:16 PM

JC

Very sorry to hear of Gloria's death. We had fun when we were young on LaBella Lane.

Jim Culbert - February 05 at 02:21 PM

IH

Gloria was a most precious aunt and friend and champion for all of her nieces and nephews. When she was in high school and lived at the lake, she had her own space, the "guest house". Of course us younger nieces were over the moon when she graciously allowed us to hang out there and listen to her cool music.(she was very patient). Gloria always had beautiful hands and I loved to watch her create in her kitchen; everything so perfect. I was blessed to hold those hands and have good chats when she was a patient at Harborview. Ever the perfect host, she always had a meal and treats for us when our family would stop by to visit on our way to Montana. I remember telling her recently that I admired her will power, as she always had a jar full of M&M peanuts sitting on her kitchen counter, and I told her that if I had one of those, I'd just stand there and eat the whole thing and then fill it back up!! We had a good laugh. I will miss her and our weekly talks.....

Ilene Hamilton - February 07 at 04:35 PM