



Gloria Ponozzo

March 18, 1944 - October 18, 2016

Born in Boise, Idaho on March 18, 1944, Gloria Jo (Lytle) Ponozzo, 72, has lost a valiant battle with cancer. She passed peacefully in the early morning hours of October 18, 2016, surrounded by the love of her life, all of her children, her sister and one of her best friends.

Raised in Southwestern Idaho, Mom started her family in the Boise and Mountain Home area. Ultimately, she made her way to Soap Lake and Ephrata where she remained until the time of her passing.

A member of the Ephrata Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mom lived with the promise of eternal life.

Never afraid of hard work, Mom built a life for those she loved working as a waitress, certified nursing assistant and domestic violence advocate. Mom attained her cosmetology license and opened her own business in Ephrata, Hair We R, where she eagerly served numerous clients over the years. Mom absolutely loved the time she spent with her customers, so much so that after closing her business, she found a way to provide for those customers who emphatically refused to go elsewhere. Beyond the haircuts, perms, and styling, Mom was their friend. Someone they could confide in, debate with and lean on for advice (even if it wasn't something they wanted to hear).

Mom served as a foster mother to more children over the years than we could ever count. She bonded closely with each and every child placed in her care; she would have raised them all given the opportunity.

As quoted by one of Mom's many friends, she was remembered as one who was "socially kind, thoughtful and liberal in her views when it came to treating other people the way that Jesus said to treat them. She was not afraid to speak up for what she believed was morally right."

Another friend remembers Mom as a woman whose "faith in God and strength tempered

everything. She was balanced and kind, and while we sometimes got frustrated with each other, she quietly reminded us of how we are supposed to be... kind, loving and accepting.”

Though Mom found great comfort in the direction provided through the Word of God, her personal sense of direction left a lot to be desired, as evidenced by the fact that travel from Ephrata to Walla Walla resulted in the occasional and unintentional detour through Spokane.

Mom looked forward to our annual family camping trip up Chinook Pass. She loved the mountains, trees and the babbling streams. Her talents were many - she enjoyed baking, singing, writing, and knitting. Above all, Mom cherished time spent with her family.

If Mom were to have written this obituary herself, you would not have found, nor heard of, her many qualities. Mom was quick to praise others, especially her children and grandchildren, and slow to accept gratitude and reward. Mom always strived to find the best in others, no matter their mistakes or missteps. She was incredibly proud of us all, and we loved her deeply in return.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Ella Lytle. She is survived by her loving companion of 30 years, Tony Kamstra, her absolutely spoiled-rotten and beloved pug Gabby, her sons Dave Ponozzo (Randie), Stratford; Scott Ponozzo (Lisa), Ephrata; Bill Bird (Kim), East Wenatchee; and Joe Ponozzo (Loni), San Antonio, Texas; her daughters Jo Ellen Krone (Jason), Kennewick; and Toni Ponozzo, Kennewick; her sister, Debbie Barbee, Beaverton, Oregon; 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Please join us in celebrating Mom’s life. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, October 30th at the Ephrata Seventh Day Adventist Church, 45 D St. NE; Pastor Dan Knapp officiating. Light refreshments will be provided following the service.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many medical professionals who have provided loving and compassionate care to our mother over the past several years.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation at www.columbiabasincancerfoundation.org

Please share your memories, photos, and condolences with the family at www.kayserschapel.com/obituaries/Gloria-Ponozzo

Events

OCT **Service** 12:00PM
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Ephrata Seventh-Day Adventist Church
45 D Street N.E., Ephrata, WA, US

Comments



“ My condolences to Gloria's family and loved ones, especially at this time of year as your loss is so new. I just learned of the passing of this very special person. I will be forever grateful for her kindness and care for my cousin Robert Thomson. He was a person who most people turn away from but Gloria did not and was his angel on earth. She showed me that with love and jelly beans, a lost soul can come back to us. Thank you dear Gloria.

Kathy Duff - December 12, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ So much fun at Bill's Berry Farm



Randie Ponzoso - October 29, 2016 at 08:19 AM



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Toni Fulton - October 27, 2016 at 11:30 PM



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Toni Fulton - October 27, 2016 at 11:29 PM



“ Hope Anderson Ellsworth lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponzozzo



Hope Anderson Ellsworth - October 26, 2016 at 12:34 PM



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Jill Bessett-Gaunsage - October 26, 2016 at 01:49 AM



“ Such an awesome lady and friend. Was always the best hair dresser in Grant County. Wonderful neighbor too. I will miss you so much, Gloria. Good Bless.

Gloria Valline - October 26, 2016 at 12:52 AM



“ Deana Massey lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponozzo



Deana Massey - October 25, 2016 at 11:28 PM



“ Tami Bernard lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponozzo



Tami Bernard - October 25, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ Michelle Kamstra lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponozzo



Michelle Kamstra - October 23, 2016 at 08:44 PM



“ Lois Kamstra lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponzoso



Lois Kamstra - October 23, 2016 at 05:51 PM



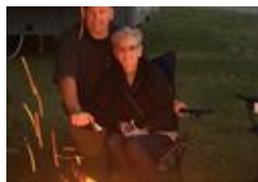
“ Ashley Beck lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponzoso



Ashley Beck - October 23, 2016 at 05:25 PM



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Randie Ponzoso - October 22, 2016 at 11:16 PM



“ Such a wonderful day that was....we love and miss you!



Randie Ponzoso - October 22, 2016 at 10:57 PM



“ Toni Hunting lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponzoso



Toni Hunting - October 22, 2016 at 05:50 PM



“ Great Aunt Gloria, I love you and I will miss you. Rest peacefully and I will see you again.



Allie Greenwell - October 22, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ Toni Fulton is following this tribute.

Toni Fulton - October 22, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ Donn Cook lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponzoso



Donn Cook - October 22, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ Toni Fulton lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponzozzo



Toni Fulton - October 22, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ Gloria Charles lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponzozzo



Gloria Charles - October 22, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ My apology. The post from Gloria Independence, is also from me. I was trying to identify myself by saying I live where I live, which is Independence Mo. God ble with you.

Gloria Charles - October 22, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ We were brought together by Paul Cole II as FB friends, but we connected and became real life friends. Our friendship may have been short in time, but I came to genuinely love her. We will meet in Heaven. May you find peace and comfort knowing she is at peace and happy. Her weary days are over. A special Angel now watches over you.

Gloria Charles, Independence MO - October 22, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ The best memory I have of your mom is playing games with her and the whole family. She had the most infectious laugh! She LOVED to laugh. She'd buy a new game and we would all try it out. I remember when Balderdash came out and we tried it. It was hilarious, coming up with the most ridiculous answers... Always a good time playing games. Of course her baking was always a widely known pleasure for those lucky enough to enjoy it! My thoughts are with all of the family. I know Gloria is out of pain and watching over you still. She loved her family fiercely and always will. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Jill Bessett-Gansauge

Jill Bessett-Gansauge - October 22, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ Gloria and I met just prior to a very tough time in both our lives. We bonded and remained friends the rest of her life. We didn't see each other often, but we exchanged birthday greetings yearly and kept in touch sharing online. She and her family visited Walla Walla a year or two ago and I treasure the time spent with them that day. I send hugs and pleasant memories of an amazing woman who is gone far too soon.



Carol Smith - October 22, 2016 at 02:49 PM



“ Jil Bessett- Gansauge lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponozzo



Jil Bessett- Gansauge - October 22, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ Randie Ponzoso lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ponzoso



Randie Ponzoso - October 22, 2016 at 12:34 AM



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Randie Ponzoso - October 22, 2016 at 12:32 AM



“ Sisters

Scott Ponzoso - October 21, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Gloria Jo (Lytle) Ponzoso



Toni Fulton - October 21, 2016 at 01:43 AM



“ Love this! Such a great pic of Gramma Lytle, Gloria and Debbie!

Jil Bessett- Gansauge - October 22, 2016 at 02:48 PM