



Gloria F. Graves

May 3, 1926 - November 20, 2019

Gloria F. Graves, 93, of Peoria passed away peacefully at her daughter's home in Peoria at 2:02 AM, Wednesday, November 20, 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

Born May 3, 1926 in Creve Coeur to the late James and Helen (Smith) Deluhery, Gloria married Clifford O. "Bud" Graves on June 21, 1947 in Peoria. He preceded her in death on October 19, 2000.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Clifford Jr. "Skipper" and Jim; two brothers, James Deluhery and Bennie Deluhery; and one sister Diane Olson.

Surviving are her four daughters, Nancy (Steve) Luenz of Lakeside, AZ, Katherine Graves (Bill Rowbotham) of Peoria, Mary Ann (Steve) Jostad of Creve Coeur, and Billye Sue Graves (Ronald Porter) of Peoria; one daughter-in-law Patti Graves of Peoria; one brother, Gary Deluhery of San Francisco, CA; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Gloria graduated from Woodruff High School in 1944. She was a homemaker until her children were of school age. She then was employed for 16 years as a bookkeeper for Illinois Furniture, retiring in 1984. Her greatest joy was raising her children.

Gloria enjoyed vacationing with her family. She and Bud spent many winters in Bonita Springs, FL. She loved playing cards, bunco, and bingo with her friends and family. Gloria also loved spending time in the sunshine and often

said "That's the way you start the morning."

Gloria was kind, smart, generous, and was a good listener that gave great advice.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the memorial service.

Gloria wished to have her body donated to science. Anatomical Gift Association will use Gloria's precious gift to aid medical field research in order to enrich the lives of others.

Memorial donations may be made to the South Side Mission or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gloria F. Graves



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 26, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Gloria F. Graves

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Gloria was a giving kind wonderful lady who encouraged me to travel to Europe and experience memories and friends that have lasted throughout my life. When she left Illinois Furniture I felt like I was losing my Mom. She was the best. I never heard of Trefzgers until she brought in a chocolate coffeecake one day and I never hear or see Trefzgers without thinking of Gloria and her kindness.

george purdy - November 25, 2019 at 11:14 AM



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Nana
Vicki
Cooley

“ *What a wonderful sweet lady! She was such a blessing to her daughter in law Patti! Best mother in law ever is what she would say! My condolences to the family!*
Vicki Cooley

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“ *I'll always remember Mrs Graves with her sweet smile, just like the one in her picture. She was a kind lady, and myself, and my family were blessed to have known her.*
Martha Fisher Lawler

Martha Fisher Lawler - November 21, 2019 at 10:55 AM