



Gloria M. Waite

August 3, 1947 - June 21, 2016

Gloria Marie (Garrison) Waite was born August 3, 1947 in Three Rivers, Michigan to Douglas and C. Jeanne Garrison. The loving mother and grandmother passed away June 21, 2016 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She spent most of her life in Bangor, graduating in 1965 from Bangor High School. She also graduated from Western Michigan University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees. She retired from teaching at Bangor Public Schools in 2008. She loved spending time with her family and friends, reading, and visiting casinos. She is survived by three daughters, Jennifer (Mike) Kolosar of Paw Paw, Sara Waite, and Barbara (Gordon) Ferguson of Bangor, one granddaughter Rebecca Marie Waite, and one grandson Nolan Pete Crandall. Also surviving is sister, Gail (John) Weisgerber of Portage, and brother Doug (Cherie) Garrison of Marquette, 1 niece and 3 nephews. Visitation will be Friday, June 24, 2016 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bangor Chapel of the D.L. Miller Funeral Home, with the funeral to be held on Saturday, June 25 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Bangor, officiated by Reverend David Markel. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Bangor, where she was a long-time time member and bell-ringer.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church
12 Charles Street
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

AB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Gloria taught me a lot when I spent a semester as her intern. Loved her laugh and how much she cared for her students. She will be greatly missed by all.

Ashley Barricklow - June 24, 2016 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ Jack said Gloria was his first girlfriend. We both have such fond memories of her. For me especially her smile and her laugh. We know she is in good hands now. Rest in peace Gloria. We will miss you. Jack and Ruth Murphy

Jack and Ruth Murphy - June 24, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“Gloria was a second mom to me. Thinking back, I suppose she was a second mom to everyone in town. If there was a person born to mother others, it was Gloria! With her common sense and joyful laugh, she always was there with a helping hand no matter what.

I played at her house often as a little girl and many of my fondest memories of childhood took place with her there. She never yelled at us for making a mess or singing too loudly, like my mom would have. And she was there again in later years too, writing me notes during my cancer treatments and sending me funny things to keep my spirits up. She taught me a whole lot simply by having my back. Like literally. I remember being really little and coming out of the bathroom at church with my skirt tucked into my underwear when Gloria nabbed and rescued me with a little joke so I didn't feel too stupid about it (note: I have always been careful to check ever since).

She was always doing stuff like that. She was 100% on your team, no matter what. When my mom was on the phone for two hours at a go, laughing her head off, with the long cord dangling across the hallway so I had to either hurdle or limbo under it, nine times out of ten she was talking to Gloria.

Now that Gloria is gone, I feel like I have lost a huge part of the scaffolding that has held me and my family up. A part of my childhood has just vanished. My mom's not going to laugh like she used to on the phone in the late 70s, and it's hard to see how much she misses one of her dearest friends. Time passes like that—so fast until you look and it's just gone.

What comforts me are the sisters I still feel I have in you, Jenny, Sara and Barbie. While I'm not completely sure you wouldn't just let me wander around with my skirt tucked into my underwear just for giggles, you are the part of your mom I will never be able to let go. I love you and am praying for strength for all you girls.

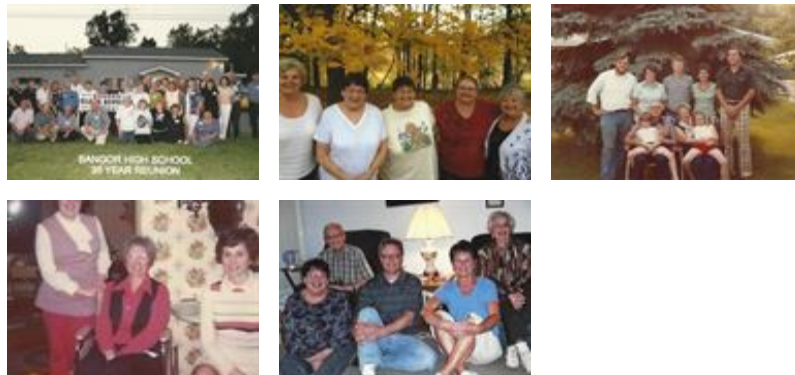
Goodbye, almost-mom. And thanks for the laughter and love.

Stephanie (Grier) Van Koevering

Stephanie Grier Van Koevering - June 23, 2016 at 03:03 PM



“ 23 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - June 23, 2016 at 01:30 PM

JM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss girls. Just saw her at my dads funeral and she looked so good I didn't recognize her. Ill always remember her as the nice lady that took us to pre-school in Gobles Sara, and how she always worked so hard at Cliffs Country Meats on weekends, signing my paycheck and checking up on me. One of the special ones, I definitely will pray for her and you girls.*

Jake Munson - June 23, 2016 at 01:16 PM

NM

“ Jenny, Sara, Barbie, Rebecca, and Nolan....Our hearts are breaking, again. We loved your Mom, (and your Dad.) I always loved to listen to her laugh, and always wished I had her sense of humor and wit. She was a special lady, and we are so very sorry for your loss. What else can we say? She left us too soon..... Praying for peace and comfort for each of you.
Love, Ray and Nancy

Nancy Miller - June 23, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gloria M. Waite.



June 23, 2016 at 11:53 AM

BF

“ Bill And Susan Bray & Family lit a candle in memory of Gloria M. Waite



Bill and Susan Bray & Family - June 23, 2016 at 08:37 AM

MZ

“ Gloria was "bubbling" with life! That's how I remember her. I played hand bells next to her for 20 years and she brought joy to the group. Her genuine good nature, ability to laugh and oh, those smiling eyes. Truly a wonderful woman. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Melanie Thompson Zeiger - June 23, 2016 at 04:50 AM

JW

“ *Your mother was a very special lady with a huge heart, infectious laugh, and radiant smile. My thoughts and prayers go out to your families in this sad and difficult time. Jill(Munson) Withey*

Jill Withey - June 23, 2016 at 03:12 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gloria M. Waite.*



June 22, 2016 at 07:13 PM

MB

“ *Sorry to hear about loss of Gloria It is a great loss to our community*



Maggie Brooks - June 22, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gloria M. Waite.*



June 22, 2016 at 05:09 PM

CH

“ *Carma Hanners lit a candle in memory of Gloria M. Waite*



Carma Hanners - June 22, 2016 at 03:50 PM

 Nicki Grasso

“ *My sincere condolences to Gloria’s family. As someone who grew up with her in Bangor I can say that I cannot remember ever seeing her without a big smile on her face. From a small girl to a grown woman she never changed from being a kind, sweet & fun person.*



Nicki Grasso - June 22, 2016 at 01:47 PM

RM

“ *Ruth M. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gloria M. Waite.*



Ruth M. - June 22, 2016 at 11:13 AM

BJ

“ *I'm so sad and sorry for the loss of ur mother --Jenny -Sara and Barbie ... What happiness Gloria brought into my lifeI loved her with my whole heart ... May God comfort and bless u girls and grandchildrenbrenda*

brenda jasper - June 22, 2016 at 10:31 AM

CR

“ Jenny, Sarah and Barbie. My heart feels your pain and your loss. It is so terrible losing one parent, then to have your other one taken is even more devastating. May God bless you and wrap his loving arms around you at this time. God Bless.

Chris Rigozzi-Solano - June 22, 2016 at 09:20 AM

PC

Jenny, Barbie, and Sarah I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful lady. I will keep you all in my prayers

peggy watkins carlisle - June 30, 2016 at 11:56 PM

JD

“ Janice Dziubinski lit a candle in memory of Gloria M. Waite

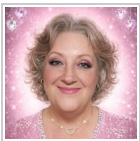


Janice Dziubinski - June 22, 2016 at 09:01 AM

LF

“ Jenny, Sara and Barbie - My heart aches for you during this time. Love, hugs and prayers.

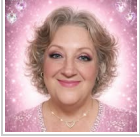
Leah Fall - June 22, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ Melissa Clayton lit a candle in memory of Gloria M. Waite



Melissa Clayton - June 22, 2016 at 07:40 AM



“ Jenny, Sara, Barbie, I am so sorry for your loss words are just not enough right now know, your mom was a great lady and loved by us all I know that. She was a wonderful teacher as well, Cole loved having her for his teacher. Praying for peace and comfort for the entire family at this very difficult time, love to you all. The Scott Clayton Family

Melissa Clayton - June 22, 2016 at 07:31 AM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss, Prayers to all.

Rick Dillman - June 22, 2016 at 07:18 AM

KO

“ I love the Waite Family, so sorry for your loss. May our thoughts and prayers be with you and may Gloria R.I.P.

Kim & Jeff Otten - June 22, 2016 at 06:34 AM

DE

“ GOD BLESS TO ALL OF YOU. WE WILL KEEP IN OUR PRAYES' WITH LOVE. DEL AND DEB HOOPER



DEL&DEBHOOPER - June 21, 2016 at 10:25 PM

TF

“ *The Grier family loves the Waite family!!
purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family
of Gloria M. Waite.*



The Grier family loves the Waite family!! - June 21, 2016 at
10:14 PM