



Carole K. Gillette

November 19, 2022

(nee Pasniak) Born to Eternal Life November 19, 2022 at the age of 80 years. Beloved wife of the late Ronald. Loving mother of Jacquelyn (Jon) Griffiths, Anthony, Jene and the late Jeff. Dear grandmother of Noi Gillette, Kyle and Sylvia Gillette, Nicholas (Kori) and Miranda Griffiths and great-grandmother of Miguel and Jackson. Sister of Patricia Schultz. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Anthony and Genevieve Pasniak, sister Nancy Welch and brother David Pasniak.

Memorial Visitation Sunday, December 4 at Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Rozga-Walloch Chapel (4309 S. 20th St, Milwaukee, WI 53221) from 1:00-3:00 PM followed by Memorial Service at 3:00 PM.

Previous Events

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DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

DEC 4. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Carole was born in Milwaukee, WI on August 30, 1942, to Anthony and Genevieve Pasniak. She was third born of 4 children. As a child Carole and her siblings were polish dancers, wearing elaborate costumes, many made by their mother Genevieve. She was proud of her Polish heritage and jokingly told the rest of us we were mutts. She was the only one who was 100% Polish, and we were all Heinz 57. Carole was a lifetime member of Local Lodge 3073, of the Polish National Alliance and also belonged to many other organizations, like the Polish American Congress. She Represented her Lodge for many years at Polish Fest. She graduated from Pulaski High School in 1960 and married Ronald Gillette immediately after graduation.

In 1971 they moved to Wausaukee, Wisconsin, with their 4 children Jackie, Tony, Jene, and Jeff. While living “up north” they met the Collier, Hyde, and Smith families, at a 4H meeting and they became inseparable friends. When the political climate at the 4H extension in Madison became what they felt was unfair, she and her friends started a new Youth Organization, called MCYO (Marinette County Youth Organization). Their children participated in this organization, including shows at the County Fair. Carole was very involved in politics and was a proud Democrat. She even campaigned for her state Representative, Lloyd Kincaid and Senator William Proxmire. She also ran for local offices, such as town clerk. Carole attended North Eastern Technical Institute and graduated with an Associate Degree in stenography and was able to obtain a real-estate license at the same time.

Ron and Carole moved back to the Milwaukee area in 1986, where she was a real-estate broker for many years. She was later employed at Pick-n-save as a florist/floral manager, where she retired at at the age of 62.

Carole was always rooting for the underdog and believed in giving everyone a second chance, even when others didn't think she should. She was generous to a fault. She had a wonderful sense of

humor and was quite feisty. She was extremely creative and often made Halloween costumes for her kids and later for herself. She was a very talented artist.

She would do anything for her children and grandchildren. Her love of horses started in northern Wisconsin and when her family moved back to the Milwaukee area, Carole and her husband Ron, opened a horse boarding business, where at one time they had as many as 40 horses. This included many that belonged to family and friends. She was very active in her children's and grandchildren's lives. She had 5 grandchildren, Noi, Kyle, Sylvia, Nick, and Miranda and two Great Grandchildren, Miguel and Jackson. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren show their horses at the Racine County Fair and many other open shows or taking her granddaughters Sylvia and Miranda to Job's Daughters events which is a branch of the Masonic Lodge. She would jokingly tell them she wasn't their chauffeur, as they sat in the back seat together. She was a voracious reader and even tried her hand at writing a couple of romance novels.

To know Carole was to love her and most of Carole's friends, were friends for life. She kept in touch with her friend Karen, who she had known since the 2nd grade, and was a witness at her wedding. She cherished her friendship. Carole had a full life and made the most of her 80 years on earth. One thing is for certain she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. I'm sure, Carole and her friend Gary, are having one of their jam sessions, playing guitars, drinking mass quantities of coffee, singing old country songs, and telling stories of the old times. She's surely laughing with her husband Ron and her family and friends...

Jacquelyn Griffiths - January 03, 2023 at 12:54 PM

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“ *Cherl Whitton purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Carole K. Gillette.*



Cherl Whitton - December 01, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Carole K. Gillette.*



December 01, 2022 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Our sincerest condolences to the Gillette Family. Carole will always be remembered as a kind, friendly, and warm individual who was very proud of her Polish ancestry. Her smile and genuiness would light up the room. Carole's commitment to fraternalism is just one of her legacies. Thank you, Carole, for your friendship and a life well-lived. (From Sarasota, FL: Ann & Dr. Mark Pienkos - National First Vice President, Polish American Congress, and Past President of the Polish American Congress - WI Division)*

Mark Pienkos - November 28, 2022 at 10:41 AM