



Gloria Melillo

October 22, 1952 - June 9, 2023

Gloria Melillo, 70, of Laurence Harbor, New Jersey passed away on Friday, June 9th 2023 surrounded by her loved ones.

Born Wednesday, October 22nd 1952, Gloria was the daughter of Joan and the late Charles Dittrich.

Raised in Bloomfield, New Jersey, Gloria graduated from Bloomfield High School. She was creative and skilled in her arts and crafts. She was a talented seamstress and would go on to manage a fabric store, The Rag Shop, here in New Jersey for many years. She met the love of her life, Dennis Melillo and the couple wed in 1986. Gloria had three beautiful children that she adored and treasured.

In her spare time, Gloria could be found sewing, embroidering, or crocheting. She could sit for hours and hours creating beautiful gifts for her loved ones to enjoy and cherish. She also spent a lot of time in her beloved garden. She was an avid reader; her books allowed her to escape into new worlds and captivating stories. She was a true animal lover. Gloria bred and raised many Labrador Retriever litters of puppies in her lifetime. She had a strong connection to all of her dogs, as she raised them all with immense love and care.

Gloria's deepest love was her family. She took great pride in her loved ones and was always there when someone needed her. No sacrifice was too great as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and daughter. Gloria will be profoundly missed by all those that were blessed to have known her. Her beautiful spirit will forever reside within her family's hearts.

Gloria was predeceased by her loving father Charles and her cherished son Dennis, Jr .

Gloria is survived by her devoted husband of 37 years, Dennis, by her beloved daughters Tracey Hoppey and her husband Kevin, and Taryn Kaiser and her husband Gus, by her loving mother Joan Dittrich-Griffith, by her adoring grandchildren Ethan, Meghan, Miles, and Cody, her caring sister Dianne and her husband Dr. Paul Harper as well as her nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Saint Joseph's Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
(732) 679-4422
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com
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Service

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Service

JUN 15. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Joseph's Cemetery
360 Broadway
Keyport, NJ 07735

Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Melillo*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *VERY VERY SORRY TO ALL LOVED ONES LEFT BEHIND /GONE TO EARLY/Always have fondest and most favorite memories of you going back to your dad and bloomfield 1965 .WOW What A great sweet lady.love Richard Hunter/*

richard hunter - June 15, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Tracey Hoppey lit a candle in memory of Gloria Melillo*



Tracey Hoppey - June 14, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gloria Melillo.*



June 14, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gloria Melillo.

June 14, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Melillo.



June 14, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear about cousin Gloria and send our sincere condolences. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead. Our hearts are with you at this difficult time. 🌸
With love,
Janis & Robert Zapotosky

Janis Zapotosky - June 13, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Melillo.



June 13, 2023 at 10:54 AM

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“ I will forever remember walking into the Melillo home when Tracey and I were teenagers, and seeing Gloria with beautiful long red hair, laughing and singing, dancing around her kitchen, "hey Nance" rings in my head. I will always keep that memory in my heart. She had such an amazing presence to her. Rest peacefully in paradise Gloria, I love you.

Nancy Weber - June 13, 2023 at 10:45 AM