



Gloria Louise Aukema

February 11, 1943 - September 30, 2024

Wantage - It is with great sadness that the family of Gloria Louise Aukema announces her passing after a long battle with cancer and peripheral neuropathy. She passed away peacefully at home on Monday, September 30th, 2024, with her loving husband, Bill and her daughter, Kristine by her side. She was 81.

Gloria was born on February 11th, 1943, in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the only child to the late Anna Rose and John Martin. After graduating from Jersey City State College, she began her career in teaching, which spanned more than 40 years. She started teaching elementary education at the Helen Morgan School in Sparta, NJ before pausing her career to raise her 2 children. Once both children were of school age, she resumed teaching at Sparta Middle School and then at Sparta High School, where she taught mathematics until she retired.

Gloria was affectionately referred to by her students as “Judge Judy” not just for her no-nonsense demeanor, but for her caring, compassion and desire to make a difference in her students' lives.

In 1964, she met her husband Bill, who was the love of her life, and they wed on July 16th, 1966. They went on to have 2 children, Scott and Kristine, and remained happily married for 58 years until her passing. After retiring, they

enjoyed frequent travel, cruising and were active members of the Sussex United Methodist Church.

Gloria is survived by her devoted husband, Bill; her children, Kristine and Scott,; daughter-in-law, Tiffany and grandchildren, Tyler and Will. Gloria loved her family and friends and was loved by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at the Sussex United Methodist Church, 15 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Gloria L. Aukema's memory to the Sussex United Methodist Church.

Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ. Online condolences may be offered to the family on www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sussex United Methodist Church
15 Bank Street
Sussex, NJ 07461

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Louise Aukema.*



October 23, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ *Bill, Sorry to hear of Gloria's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.*

Sally and Mike Del Corsano - October 22, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ *I was so sad to hear of Gloria's passing. I only knew her from her office visits when she came to see Dr Rao but that's all it took to see how sweet she was. My condolences to Bill and family. She will be missed. Rest in peace sweet Gloria. 💕 love Mary Ellen (Dr Rao's medical assistant*

Maryellen Lepore - October 17, 2024 at 08:44 PM



Bill, I am so sorry to hear of Gloria's passing. This is Gail Hatke Feeley. My Mother was always talking about the great times they had together. From my few interactions Gloria was such a wonderful person even through all she went through. She is at peace. My sincerest condolences to you and your family.

Gail Hatke Feeley - October 23, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gloria Louise Aukema.*



October 14, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ *Gloria was such a loving and caring person. She and her husband, Bill went to great lengths to assist my brother, Brice and his wife Susan throughout their final months. We will always remember her kindness. We are deeply saddened by her passing and send our sincere condolences to her family. Annabel and Gene Czajkowski*

Annabel Czajkowski - October 12, 2024 at 08:02 PM



I taught with Gloria at Sparta Middle School. She was kind and had a beautiful smile. The students loved her. Sending condolences to her family and friends

Fran Schlenoff - October 14, 2024 at 02:50 PM



Gloria was such a lovely person. Sorry for your loss.

Jo Ann Zajac - October 15, 2024 at 05:04 PM



My mom and Gloria were friends since Kindergarten . We had a lot every Sunday Dinners when I was young at their house. Gloria always made you feel welcomed . Sending Condolences to her family.

Diana Khieu - October 26, 2024 at 03:09 PM