



Obituary

Died: Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Gloria Lavault Bisson Irzyk June 9, 1929 – May 21, 2019
Gloria passed away on May 21, 2019 at her home in Fairhaven, MA, surrounded by her family. She was the fifth of seven children of Hector Lavault and Blanche Gaudette-Lavault. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her five brothers, Colonel Paul A. Lavault, Larry, Marcel, Robert and John, and her first and second husbands, Roland Bisson and Thaddeus Irzyk. She leaves behind her sister Jeanine Lavault Duchaine, sisters-in-law Jacqueline, Eleanor and Diane Lavault, her children Mark, Michele and Mona Bisson, daughter-in-law Elaine O'Keefe, son-in-law Shawn Whalen, step-children Todd Irzyk and wife Melinda, Jan Irzyk and wife Patricia, Felicia Howland, and step-grandchildren, Jerry Howland II, Stephanie Irzyk Bartolati, Vanessa Irzyk, Nicholas Irzyk, Sean O'Keefe, his wife Claire, and many nieces and nephews.

Service Summary

Funeral Mass

11:00 AM Fri Jun 14, 2019

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

235 North Front St. New Bedford

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Gloria was born in New Bedford and lived on the Southcoast of Massachusetts her entire life. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, earned a degree at the Campbell Secretarial School, and completed certifications as a Notary Public and real estate agent. After her marriage to New Bedford restaurateur and community leader, Thaddeus Irzyk, over forty years ago, she found her true calling as the chief hostess and event organizer at Thad's Steak House of New Bedford. In her role as "the hostess with the mostess" she served many people who remembered her even after many years and approached her in public when she was out and about. Invariably, people expressed kind words of appreciation for her help in organizing their celebrations.

When the restaurant was not consuming their time, Gloria and Teddy traveled to Poland and other wonderful places. For many years they wintered on Marco Island developing a close-knit group of Floridian friends. Going to Marco was the highlight of the year where they relaxed in the warmth and hosted many friends and families at their condo.

Although Gloria's life was filled with people and social engagements, she also enjoyed her solitude and private life. She was a caring neighbor and beloved by many in her Fairhaven community where she lived for four decades. She was an elegant woman who exuded grace and style. She loved ceremony, and manners mattered to her. She was an avid reader, a skilled gardener, and a golfer. Above all she cherished the company of her children.

Relatives and friends are invited to her funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Bedford on Friday, June 14, at 11 A.M. Gloria's remains will be buried alongside her husband, Teddy's at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Nurses of Fairhaven and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church of New Bedford.

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