



Gloria Bengtson

August 20, 2024

Gloria Ann (Koch) Bengtson, 81, of Bloomington MN, passed away on August 20th, 2024 peacefully at home, with her husband and daughter at her side. Gloria was born on August 22nd, 1942 to Julius and Alice Koch at her Grandmother's farm in Lowden Iowa. Gloria grew up in Atkins Iowa as a Lutheran Ministers daughter, she has one older sister, Susan and one younger brother Ken, after high school Gloria went on to attend Concordia College in St. Paul MN. She married Lloyd Wallin and remained in Minnesota, giving birth to her only child, Jennifer Lee in 1968.

Gloria's profession was secretarial, where she worked at St. Paul Rehabilitation Center, Central Fence and SouthView Acres Nursing Home. Later also working as an In-Home Health Aid.

Gloria remarried Warren Bengtson October 16, 1981, they would have celebrated 43 years of marriage this fall. Warren has said, "I saw her as somebody that took her faith very seriously. It stood out to me the more I was around her".

Gloria and Warren lived on their 10 acre hobby farm in Rush City, MN, where they had horses, ducks, geese, chickens, cats and dogs. She had a huge heart for animals concerned for their welfare and shelter. She took care of many feral cats over the years, everyone had food and a warm bed, she privately paid for countless to be spayed and neutered. When Gloria stumbled into the world of Border Collies, having up to four dogs at a time, five in total, she enjoyed them so. Gloria took on hobbies like making her elaborate

stained glass lamps and window hangings so often giving away countless pieces through the years. She took on quilting and knitting again giving away a lot of what she made, never accepting money.

Gloria especially loved her two grandson's, she learned all the Star Wars figures or what ever they were into through the years, wanting to be able to discuss or at very least listen intently to what ever their interests were. She was immensely proud of them especially the adults they have become.

If you knew Gloria, you knew she had a keen sense of humor with a twinkle in her eye.

Preceded in death by Julius Koch (Father), Alice Koch (Mother), Ken Koch (Brother).

Survived by husband Warren Bengtson, daughter Jennifer Larson (Matt Larson), grandson's JohnThomas Larson and Peter Larson & her beloved sister Susan (Koch) Brown (Jim Brown).

Gloria's strong Christian faith has been a large portion of her life, giving encouragement to others through scripture. Today Gloria would refer us to:

John 14:1-3 NKJV

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

I Thessalonians 4:16-18 NKJV

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Funeral Service will be on Saturday August 31st, at 10:00 AM at Hillside Chapel. Washburn-McReavy.com

There will be a visitation from 9-10 AM just prior.

Light food immediately after. Everyone is welcome to join us for a little socialization.

The family and anyone who wants to will proceed to burial on site at noon.

Her family want to personally acknowledge her Hospice Nurse, Mike who was with her for 23 months, her Hospice Music Therapy, Casey who played guitar and sang with her for 23 months, others in the Optage Hospice team who provided her and us with comfort and care. A large team of support from Founder Ridge Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington, who have provided a home and community to her in these last 2 years.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials preferred to Furball Farm Cat Sanctuary.

Nonprofit, Sanctuary for feral cats in Faribault MN <https://furballfarmcatsanctuary.com> She loved the idea of what they were doing to help with the suffering of unwanted cats. The sanctuary provides spay and neuter, food and a forever home.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Chapel Service

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

AUG 31. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Gloria Ann Bengston in memory of Gloria Bengston



Washburn-McReavy - August 24, 2024 at 02:21 PM



*Dear Warren, Jennifer, and family,
Dan and I just finished watching Gloria's funeral online.
What a beautiful service! The scripture verses were perfect!
We loved that Jennifer's sons shared their wonderful memories of
Gramma Gloria. (Apparently, she was good for encouragement, sound
Bible verses, and an occasional \$20 bill. 😊)
We are very sorry for your loss. We know you'll miss Gloria until the
day you meet her once again in Heaven.
We send you our love and hugs from Lake Tapps, Washington.
Wendy and Dan Neptun, 9/1/2024*

Wendy and Dan Neptun - September 01, 2024 at 11:31 PM



“ *My name is Irene I was a care giver for Gloria during her final days,
During her last days Gloria wasn't verbally saying much but one day
I was cleaning her up and she took just about every bit of her
energy and she told me she said you are so beautiful and those was
the words that I will always remember. Gloria you are gone but you'll
never be forgotten may you rest in heaven AMEN.*

Irene Reed - August 27, 2024 at 08:25 AM