



Gloria Lee Nelson

May 31, 1941 - June 12, 2021

Gloria L Nelson entered heaven on June 12, 2021 at the age of 80. Preceded in death by sister and brother-in-law Sadie and Ted Abrahamson. Graduated from Benson High School and Swedish Hospital School of Nursing. As an RN, Gloria lovingly cared for children at Fairview Southdale Hospital pediatric department. Gloria Nelson, RN, MS was the first Nursing Director of the Children's-Minneapolis PICU. Along with Drs. Katkov, Singh, et al developed the cardiology program at Minneapolis. After 30+ years of nursing leadership in PICU, she transitioned to advancing and operationalizing the PFCC mission at Children's on both hospital campuses. She initiated the first bereavement support group with Rev. Bob Flory. An incredible mentor to all, empathic listener, strong advocate for excellence in clinical care, and voice for children and families.

Blessed to have had Gloria in their lives are nephews and nieces, Doug (Carol) Abrahamson, Karen Abrahamson, Nancy (Dave) Kuker, Bruce (Beth) Abrahamson, Sue (Ken) Mc Dermott, great nephews and nieces Brian, Shelly, Nic, Rachel, Tori, Ella and their families. Gloria is also remembered by many wonderful cousins and dear friends that enriched her life. Gloria gave and received Love in abundance with all family and friends. Gloria loved life and her favorite things include traveling, theatre, movies, bridge and other card games, meeting family or friends for lunches and dinners, the Minnesota Vikings, drinking coffee and making lefse. She once lived in Hawaii and

traveled their numerous times. Gloria enjoyed a trip to Norway, family and friend vacations Up North in Minnesota, visits to family in California, a cruise to Alaska and many road trips across the USA. Aloha Oha! Service to be held Wednesday, September 1 at Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Road, St Louis Park, MN. Visitation at 10:00 am and service at 11:00 am. Memorials to Children's Minnesota Hospital Minneapolis campus.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Westwood Lutheran Church
9001 Cedar Lake Road South
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Church Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gloria Lee Nelson.*



August 30, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *I was a classmate of Gloria's at Swedish Hospital and have always enjoyed her company. I have lived in Virginia (state) since 1970, but have always attended the 5 year reunions of our nursing school class. For the past several years Gloria and I have followed each other on Facebook. I always enjoyed her kind words and lovely posts. She even followed my daughter's posts (also a nurse). I will miss those contacts on FB. So sorry for your loss of a special Aunt. She often posted about nieces and nephews, travel, friends, etc. I will be sending an update to our fellow graduates of the class of 1962 and will also notify SHAA. Gloria will be missed. Loved her friendly smile and joy of life. Too bad we always lived so far apart as it seems that she enjoyed many of the things that I enjoy also. I will be sending a donation in her memory to Lights of Love, The Ladies Board at Inova Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg, Virginia. This is an organization that I have been very active in and it provides scholarships to nurses. I am sure that Gloria would approve. I am not sure where they can send an acknowledgement card to. We have a service on the first Sunday in December where we light a candle and the name of the person remembered is read aloud. There is also a lighted tree outside the hospital during the holidays.*

Judi Munson - July 09, 2021 at 10:08 AM

JH

“ I had the pleasure of working under Gloria in PICU for many years. She taught me so much as I started my PICU career and was instrumental in my development as a nurse. Gloria's strengths were numerous but at her core she advocated for patients and families throughout her career. She was an outstanding nurse leader and made an impact on many patient's lives but also the lives and careers of those who worked under her. She will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers to her family in this time of grief.

Julie Hampson

Julie Hampson - June 29, 2021 at 11:28 AM

DD

“ I had the privilege of working with Gloria and learning so much from her about truly caring for and about people. Her warm smile and sincere approach to patients and families brought a sense of security and comfort to any situation. She was always receptive to my questions and helped me develop confidence and skill advocating for the psychosocial care of children as a new child life specialist. Gloria was a good friend to so many here at Children's; her influence as a nurse and leader was vast and lives on in all who knew her. Peace to her family.

Diane Dingley - June 25, 2021 at 09:46 AM

MW

“ I will remember Gloria fondly as she was the person that started my life long passion for patient advocacy. As a young mom with a medically fragile son 20+ years ago she gave me opportunities to share my story and mentored me on how to be the best advocate for my son. I am honored to have had her in my life, and will be forever grateful. My love to her friends and family.

Melissa Winger

Melissa Winger - June 23, 2021 at 03:14 PM