



Gloria Jean Genovese

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Gloria Jean Genovese, loving mother, sister and aunt, died quietly at home on Feb. 17, 2024 at age 74 after a long battle with cancer. A resident of San Diego since 2013, she never regretted leaving the cold New York winters behind. Gloria loved to bask in the sun at Ocean Beach, watch the elephants play at the San Diego Zoo, see live theater under the stars at the Old Globe, and wander among the cherry blossoms at the Japanese Friendship Garden. She would often gloat that while the folks back east had had another snowstorm, she herself was wearing sandals and enjoying an ice cream.

Gloria was born Sept. 14, 1949 in the Bronx, NY, where she acquired an accent at an early age that she held onto with pride throughout her life. She attended St. Raymond's School until the family moved upstate to Kinderhook, NY in 1963. Gloria graduated from St. John's Academy in Rensselaer, NY in 1967.

While raising her three children as a single mother, she worked as a Sales Clerk at Macy's department store. She often told her children that they were the most important anchor in her life, and took pride in all their accomplishments. Through the toughest times, she held her family together with love, determination and courage.

Her love language was food; she enjoyed cooking, baking and savoring a good homemade meal, and if she cared for you, she fed you. She was the Breakfast Cook and then Cheese Packager at the Old Chatham Shepherding Company, NY in the late nineties where she perfected her love of camembert and bumped elbows with chef Melissa Kelly (and once, even, with icon Martha Stewart!). At Baron's Marketplace, San Diego, where she worked from 2015 onward as Product Sample Demonstrator, she reveled in chatting with customers about food and recipes, and experimenting with new combinations of ingredients. She made many friends among the customers and staff. Gloria had a generous, open heart, and her kindness shone brightly to everyone she met.



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She is survived by her three children Beth Merriman, Joan Merriman, and Charles Merriman; her sister Dorothy (Todd) Hotaling; nephew Joshua (Kelsey) Hotaling and niece Jessica (Andrew) Stering; and her cousins Frank (Lois) Genovese, Nicholas (Mary Lou) Genovese, Michael (Robert) Sabatino, Gail (Tom) Greco, Marie Flahive, and Connie LoVecchio. She is predeceased by her parents, Carl and Agnes Genovese, and her sister, Margaret Cooper.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 12:30 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, San Diego, with burial service following at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Afterwards, a short reception will be held at Greenwood Mortuary at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, it was Gloria's wish that charitable donations be made in her name to The Old Globe's General Fund, Old Globe Theatre, P.O. Box 122171, San Diego, CA 92112, or to St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 6th Ave, San Diego, CA 92103



Events


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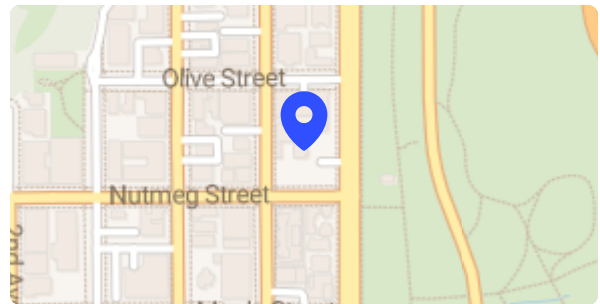
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FUNERAL SERVICE

 **Thursday**, March 7, 2024

 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM PT

 **St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral**
2728 6th ave, San Diego CA 92103

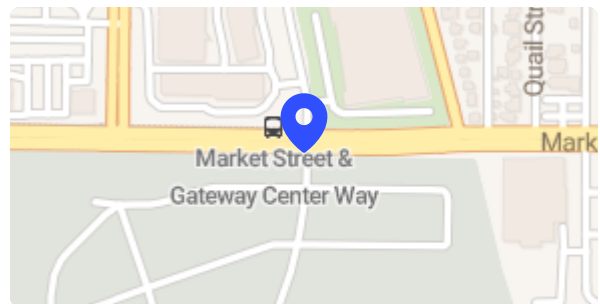


Committal

 **Thursday**, March 7, 2024

 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM PT

 **Mount Hope Cemetery**
3751 Market St, San Diego CA 92102





Tribute Wall

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Rhoda shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I met Gloria in San Diego when she was the Food Sample Hostess at Barons Food Market. The first time we chatted I knew she was from the East Coast! We became friends soon after that. We had many lovely visits on the balcony of her apartment, took walks together and talked almost every week up until a month before she died, even after I had moved to Ohio in 2020. I took the picture on her obituary when I visited her in November 2023. The added pictures are from that visit, also. She was a mentor of courage, faith and love of friends and family. Every conversation included her news of Joan, Beth, Charles, Dorothy & family, Michael, Robert and other family members and friends. It is true that she never regretted moving to Sunny San Diego from Northern New York!!! She was an excellent cook and a gracious human being. Her friendship is a gift that forever lives in my heart. My sincere condolences to all of you who feel the same way. ❤️ and prayers. -Rhoda Bryan



March 9 at 4:52 AM



Charlie Mehlich & David Ha sent an Arrive in Style to the Genovese family.



March 6 at 1:27 AM



Sarah Leff posted:

I am a friend of her son Chuck. Sending condolences and love during this difficult time. She sounded like a lovely woman.

February 27 at 1:36 PM



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MS

Michael Sabatino posted:

Well cuz you gave it a good fight. We have so many memories as far back as when we lived on Benson St in adjoining apartments. We were like siblings and was grateful for having you in my life. You will be missed and now you are with the angels and out of your suffering. Watch over us all love to all the family that you are getting reacquainted with. Love Michael & Robert

February 27 at 8:11 AM

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Patricia Genovese March 5 at 11:36 PM

Gloria over the years the fun we had together and little chats at times I felt we were like sisters I keep thinking about your visit last summer it was so great to visit with you give Ed a hug from me ❤️

DH

Dot Hotaling March 4 at 5:21 AM

Cannot believe you are gone. You were the best big sister and I miss our calls so much. Please hug mom dad and Meg, watch over us.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gloria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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