



Gloria Leona (Lesnefsky) Baylor

March 15, 1934 - May 28, 2021

Gloria Leona (Lesnefsky) Baylor, age 87, of Bloomsburg, passed away on Friday, May 28, 2021, under hospice care at Kathy and Domenico's home where she had lived since 2014. She had been in failing health over this past year.

She was born on Thursday, March 15, 1934 in Shumantown, a daughter of the late Stanley and Mary (Zapach) Lesnefsky. Gloria graduated from the former Beaver High School. On August 27, 1955, Gloria married her loving husband, Allen Daniel Baylor, who preceded her in death on October 6, 2013. Gloria was a dairy farmer's wife who milked 20 plus cows twice a day up to three times a day while raising three children. After mom and dad sold most of the dairy herd in 1974, mom then worked for my Uncle John Adler in his machine shop, where she drove the "Blue Goose" truck to Kawneer many times. She was a member of the Mainville Emanuel Lutheran Church and a member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Mom would always be willing to go for drives with Kathy and Domenic to Woolrich, Routes 220/87/120 and 6 were some of the favorites. Okome mountain in Pine Creek Valley, Kinzua bridge was visited many times, spring visits to Hershey Gardens, fall drives to Keuka, Seneca, and Cayuga lakes, September trips to High Knob overlook and visiting Hoagland run, accompanying Kathy on her CME ventures, Providence, Rhode Island, Boston, MA and multiple trips to Burlington, Vermont to name a few. In June 2018, Mom went with Kathy and Domenic to Chicago, IL on their way to the Upper Peninsula in Michigan and visited where Dad was stationed, Fort Sheridan in Illinois. On June 23, 2018 she stood in the front of Highland Park hospital 60 years to the day where she delivered her daughter, Karen. That was a very special day. Mom also was my beach buddy to Rehoboth Beach, last being the summer of 2019 when she was 85 years old and attended performances of the Radio City Rockettes Christmas show every year till it became too much walking for her. Mom loved the Statler Brothers, and especially Jimmy Fortune and his song, "Elizabeth." We always attended the Fair when the Statlers were performing, watched the Statler show when it was on, and a couple years ago, Mom got to meet Jimmy Fortune and have her picture taken with him. It was one of the highlights of her life.

Mom loved going to Crosscutters games, solving New York Times crossword puzzles, but in later years, found enjoyment in doing Search a Word puzzles. She was a fan of Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

In addition to her parents and husband, Gloria was also preceded in death by a son, Dennis Wyatt Baylor, two sisters, Margaret Hartranft, Frances Schell, and three brothers, Stanley Lesnefsky, Paul Lesnefsky, Albert Lesnefsky.

Survivors include her beloved daughters, Kathy Eileen Baylor Giorgio, M.D. and husband Domenic, of Bloomsburg, Karen Denise Baylor of Kulpmont, a grandson, Matthew Allen Baylor and wife Rachel of Bloomsburg, a great grandson, Jack W. Baylor, and a sister, Arlene Tessie Lesnefsky of Bloomsburg.

At the request of Mom, there will no be funeral service, but family and friends of Mom (and others!) are welcome to attend the regular church service at 10:15 at Mainville Emanuel Lutheran Church this Sunday, 6 June 2021, where special funeral prayers for Mom will be said by Pastor Christine.

Kathy, as a daughter first and a physician second, would like to extend special thanks to all the caregivers who took care of her during her many hospitalizations these last 3 months. The Trauma and Neuro units at Geisinger, the nurses and staff at Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital, Bloomsburg Care and Rehab Center.... what they do is so important in taking care of our loved ones, Dr. Keith Boell, who was so gracious and for whom I will always remember after having that difficult decision to place Mom on hospice on Mother's Day, Dr. Fellin who discharged Mom on May 11 to hospice care, to the hospice team of Jackie who of took care of Mom's personal needs, (the nurses and aids make taking care of a person while bedridden look so easy !) the hospice nurses Julie and Amanda, the social worker, Heather, Dr. Sheehe and Dr. Joseph.

A special thanks to my husband, Domenic, my Auntie Arlene who lives with us as well, and my family for their unwavering support during this difficult time, my former patients who understood my decision for retiring early to take care of my Mom, coworkers who supported me especially Candy, my former CMA and Christy, Deb, my former office manager, my fellow physicians, Becky, Pastor Christine, and Bonnie my cousin and an RN, who on Mom's last day gave me advice and support.

God bless you all.

Till we meet again, Mom.... I love you.

Kathy

The Allen Funeral Home, Inc., 745 Market at Eighth streets, Bloomsburg is honored to be serving the Baylor family.

Memorial contributions in Gloria's name are suggested to: Pine Creek Preservation Association PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776 or Mainville Emanuel Lutheran Church c/o Gail Horne 236 Church Road Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

Comments



“ Dr. Baylor and Family

We were very sorry to learn of you're moms passing. May she rest in peace and meeting you're dad up in heaven. We miss you very much. Our deepest sympathy to you and you're family. God bless all.

Flo and Frank Snyder

Florence Snyder - June 07, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ Dr. Baylor, we were so sorry to read of your mother's passing. We know she meant the world to you. That was such a lovely article that you put in the paper.

Our thoughts and prayers go.out to you and your family. With sympathy, Maynard and Karen Miller

Maynard and Karen Miller - June 05, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ Kathy and Nick, you are in our thoughts and prayers. What a lovely tribute to your mom - I enjoyed reading of some details of her life and enjoyed you mentioning all the fun trips the two (and three) of you took over these past years! What a lovely photo as well. It is such a blessing to have (and have had) loving and caring parents. I'm glad you and your mom had all these wonderful times and memories. Prayers for God's peace during this time. We love you both! Lisa and Nick

Lisa Hamill - June 04, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ I was so sorry to learn of your mother's passing, Dr. Baylor. I think I have an idea of how much your mother meant to you, and the gift of your time over these last months has probably been wonderful for both of you. May she Rest In Peace, and may your memories of her bring you comfort in the days ahead. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers and sending you a virtual hug. Kay Nazarchyk

Kay Nazarchyk - June 04, 2021 at 04:20 AM



“ I was so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you. Joy McGinnis and Fred Takacs

Joy mcginnis - June 03, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gloria Leona (Lesnefsky) Baylor.



June 03, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to you, Dr Baylor and your family on the passing of your dear and beautiful mother. It appears you have many memories of your time together. Miss seeing you and having our chats. With love and prayers,
Marie Stancavage

Marie Stancavage - June 03, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ Dearest Dr. Kathy Baylor, and Domenic,
My heartfelt sympathies to you, with the passing of your mother, your best friend. Kathy, we often spoke of how our situations almost paralleled one another, and I was of the belief that leaving your excellent practice was the "right" thing to do, and the most unselfish act a daughter could return to her parent. Your loving words, your generous thanks to those supporting you, your tireless care to everyone in your circle, and the unending love to your mother are cherished by all. I wish to hold you, in my prayers, in these future months. God will Bless you, and your husband, and your Aunt. Be well.
Love and compassion,
Rita and David Millard

Rita M. Millard - June 03, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ Dr. Baylor,
Very sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved mother.....Lee & Virginia Rupert

lee - June 02, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss - know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Linda Hummel

Linda S Hummel - June 02, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ Brenda Pitonyak lit a candle in memory of Gloria Leona (Lesnefsky) Baylor



Brenda Pitonyak - June 02, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ After reading Gloria's obituary, I learned we have ALOT in common--Pine Creek, Kinzua Dam, High Knob Overlook, and even Keuka Lake (where my daughter Emily attends college). What a beautiful tribute to Gloria and may she rest in peace. Sending hugs and love and praying for peace and comfort. Sincerely, Brenda Pitonyak and Family

Brenda Pitonyak - June 02, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ Aunt Gloria was my Mom's youngest sibling and my first babysitter, a duty she shared with Aunt Arlene. When I first learned to speak, I could not say "Gloria," so she became my "Gaga," (and this was long before Lady Gaga). The story goes that Aunt Gloria, a teenager at the time, was feeding me prunes and got really freaked out when I swallowed a prune pit! Needless to say, it all worked out in the end, but this episode became a cherished family story.

Aunt Gloria brought so much light into the world! She was kind, caring, and had a delightful sense of humor. Godspeed, Aunt Gloria. You will always be my Gaga.

David Hartranft - June 01, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ What a beautiful and special tribute to your mother. Not only were you a special doctor to your patients very caring, compassionate, and loving to us, but especially so to your mother . Glad you had such a close bond with her. What wonderful memories you have with all the two (and sometimes three) of you did. Sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Sonia and Don Fisher

sonia D fisher - June 04, 2021 at 12:05 PM