



Mrs. Gloria McAlister

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Gloria Maria (Marchetti) McAlister, BELOVED mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother born October 21, 1923 left this earth on September 3, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe McAlister; her father-the patriarch of the family-Luigi Marchetti; her mother, Giaconda (Augustini) Marchetti; sisters-Elizabeth Moss and Josephina Carter; brothers-Geno Marchetti, Umberto Marchetti, and Joseph Marchetti. She is survived by her daughters-Derina Lassiter (Carl) and Debby Norman (Joe) and her son Michael McAlister; her grandchildren: DeAnna Walls (Michael); Star Laurence; Dane Easler; Tara Duncan (Shawn); Heather Norman; Andy McAlister; Vincent McAlister; and her great-grandchildren: Falynn Norman; Haven Walls; Blake Norman; Christopher Bitter; Eden Laurence; Glorie Duncan; Ava Laurence; Dennon Easler; and Tyler McAlister.

Gloria was the last member of the descendents from the immediate Marchetti family who came to the United States from Barga, Italy with the hope of building a better life. These strong family ties were passed down to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was the matriarch of her family and was known and loved by all as "Mama Gloria."

She was a devoted wife to her husband, Joe McAlister, for 55 years. Gloria traveled and lived with him around the world through his work as a fisheries advisor for the USAID and the United Nations. She resided in the West Africa nations of Ghana and Nigeria; Panama; Costa Rica; Malaysia and Oman. She fondly recalled connections with friends from these locations throughout her life and stayed in contact with them for decades after their jobs with the UN had ended.

She drew strength from her unwavering trust in God and her Catholic faith. She gave to various charitable organizations associated with animal rights, children's hospitals, and orders within the Catholic Church, as well as Saint Joseph Catholic Church of which she was member for many years. She passed along many stories, recipes, and



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prayers to all who came to visit.

Visitation will be at Spring Hill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Pike South, Madison, Tennessee 37115, on Wednesday September 6, 2017 from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, Rosary will be held at 6:30pm. Visitation will also be held on Thursday September 7, 2017 from 12pm until 2pm at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1225 Gallatin Pike South, Madison, Tennessee 37115, with the funeral mass to follow at 2:00pm. Officiating: Father John Baptiste and Father Ben Butler. Burial: Spring Hill Cemetery following the funeral.

Pall Bearers: Shawn Duncan, Dane Easler, Troy Jernigan, Blake Norman, Jeff Stacey, David Wade and Michael Walls. Honorary Pall Bearers: John Jernigan, Joseph Lohner, Carl Lassiter, John Laurence, Joe Marchetti Jr., Johnny Marchetti, Andy McAlister, Michael McAlister and Pete Norman.



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Visitation

- Wednesday**, September 6, 2017
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



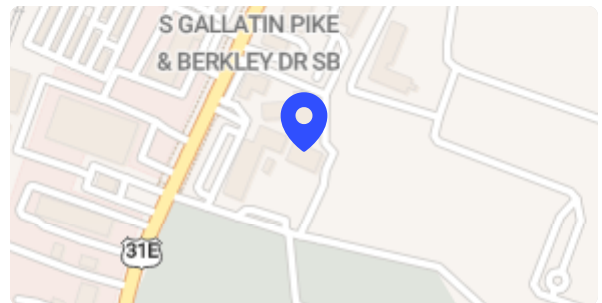
Rosary Service

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- 6:30 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
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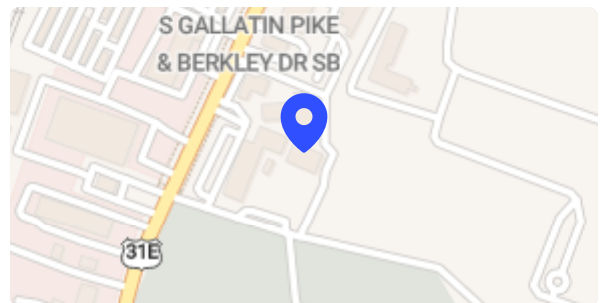
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Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

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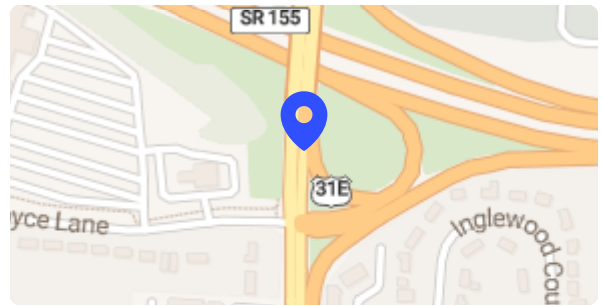
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Cemetery Details



Historic Spring Hill Cemetery

5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216





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TM

Tracey Masterson lit a candle in honor of Gloria.



September 9 at 5:36 PM

DT

Debbie And Tyler posted:

Momma Gloria, you will surely be missed by all. I was accepted into your family with open arms. From the first time I met you I could feel the love. You have done a lot more than most people thru love and understanding. You will be in my heart and prayers always. Debbie and Tyler

September 7 at 4:01 AM

SW

Sandra Watt sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McAlister family.



September 6 at 6:39 AM

TC

Tamela Campbell posted:

It has been a true honor to have known this woman and a privilege to have felt her love - she was a true inspiration during my teenage years growing up with Star and DeAnna as well as a role model into my adult years as a Wife/Mother. Her longevity has given me so many hopes for my own journey in this life that I will forever be inspired by. This world will be a different place without her but she has left a legacy that will never be forgotten and will live on forever in many of us. Just a beautiful soul. Let her rejoice in reuniting with her loved ones that have left before her and give the entire Family peace in knowing how much she loved each and every one of you.

September 6 at 5:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the McAlister family.



September 6 at 5:08 AM



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Michael McAlister posted:

She Was A Wonderful Grandmother To Me And All Of My Cousins,That Was Full Of Respect And Dignity,She Will Forever Truly Be Missed By All Of Us in The Entire Family,i Love You And Miss You Very Much Momma Gloria With All Of My Heart And Soul,You Always Made Me Happy To Call You My Number 1 Grandmother

September 6 at 3:55 AM



The Gleason Family Of Santa Rosa, Ca lit a candle in honor of Gloria.

God Bless You. May Peace, Love and Beautiful Memories encircle the celebration of Gloria's lovely life

September 6 at 2:01 AM



Mary Margaret Lambert shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

She was a gracious and charming woman of God and I feel blessed to have known her.LoveEddie and Mary Margaret Lambert

September 5 at 2:42 PM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the McAlister family.

September 5 at 2:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the McAlister family.

September 5 at 1:32 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McAlister family.

September 5 at 12:53 PM





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Linda Marchetti posted:

What a beautiful woman! Full of class, grace, fun and laughter! The moments and times we shared were priceless. The dinners, the wine and cheese parties, and the laughs are forever in my heart! You are a class act and one to always be remembered with a smile and soooooo much love! Thank you for your undying love throughout the years!

September 4 at 11:58 AM



Linda Marchetti lit a candle in honor of Gloria.



September 4 at 11:52 AM



Media

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Mary Margaret Lambert shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

September 5 at 2:42 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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