



Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash

December 7, 1942 - April 12, 2025

Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash was born on December 7, 1942, in Salem, Missouri. She was one of three daughters of John Wilbern and Berniece (Johnson) Pace. Gloria grew up in Salem and graduated from Salem High School in 1963. She also lived in Chicago, IL, St. Charles, MO, and Rolla, MO, but she always returned to her beloved hometown, where she lived until she and her husband moved into an assisted living facility in Osage Beach, MO in January.

On August 1, 1965, she married the love of her life, Vertis Nash. Vertis's brother, Murl, united them in marriage in Salem. Together, they built a loving family, raising their twin sons, Keith and Kirk, along with their daughters, Kendra and Natalie. She was known for her quiet humor, boundless patience, and nurturing nature. Her grandchildren and great-grandson were her entire world; she treasured every moment spent with them.

A devoted homemaker and wife, Gloria had a genuinely caring heart, which was evident from an early age when she regularly took her four-year-old sister to school with her because it saddened her to leave her crying at home. Her caring spirit extended to others through years of babysitting. Affectionately called "Mammaw" by many, she had a giving heart that touched countless lives, enriching those around her throughout her life.

Gloria's skillful hands reflected her gentle nature. She learned to sew from her

grandmother at a young age, a skill she cherished and utilized beautifully, even crafting her daughter's bridal gown. If she knew you and found out you were having a baby, you were likely gifted a crocheted baby blanket, quilt, or tiny sweater set that became a treasured keepsake, each stitch filled with her love and care.

A longtime and active member of the Salem Church of Christ, Gloria was a Sunday School teacher and VBS helper. She shared her faith and kindness with her church family, whom she loved dearly.

Gloria passed away on April 12, 2025, in Osage Beach, Missouri, at the age of eighty-two. She will be deeply missed by her husband, Vertis Nash; her twin sons, Keith Nash and his wife Angie of Salem, MO, and Kirk Nash of Cuba, MO; her daughters, Kendra Nicholson and her husband Bradley of Walnut Grove, MO, and Natalie Beacom and her husband Aaron of Key West, FL; her sister, Gail Halbrook and her husband Ervin of Salem, MO; her grandchildren Glenn T. Nash and his wife Deandra, Cody Nicholson and his partner Tasha, Jenna Beacom and her fiancé Zebidia, and Connor Beacom; her great-grandson, Walker Nash; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J. Wilbern and Berniece (Johnson) Pace; her sister, Carol Ann Johnson; and her grandsons, Ryan Nash and Trevor Nicholson.

Her legacy of love, compassion, and quiet strength will continue to inspire all who knew and loved her. Gloria will be deeply missed.

Funeral Services for Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash were held Saturday, April 19, 2025, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Bro. Rick Prugh officiating. Congregational Hymns "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be", "This World Is Not

My Home”, and “Amazing Grace” were led by Kevin Prugh. Serving as Pallbearers were Glenn T. Nash, Cody Nicholson, Jason Halbrook, Connor Beacom, Dave Nash, and Bradley Nicholson. Honorary Pallbearers were Keith Nash, Kirk Nash, Trevor Nicholson, and Ryan Nash. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be left at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
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Wilson Mortuary - April 21, 2025 at 10:23 AM

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“ Tinu Akingbade planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash.

Tinu Akingbade - April 20, 2025 at 07:03 PM

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“ Tinu Akingbade purchased the Purple Open Rose with White Mums (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash.



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Mr. & Mrs. Nash were the first people that I met at the Rolla Church of Christ when I first arrived Rolla, MO, for my PhD at the then UMR. They PURSUED me and my sons with so much sincere and heart felt love , it was so had not not love them back. They soon became Papa and mama . In my culture if someone loves and treats you like their own child, then they are indeed, your papa and mama. Their sincere love and compassion helped to wash away all the negativity that I have experienced prior to meeting them and made me a full member of the RCC where a lot more love was extended to us. Both have held our hands, prayed with me and shared my tearfilled moments also. I know mama is an angel sent from heaven and I know that she has a masion up there. She and papa also have a huge forever place in my heart. I love you so much mama , and I am so very , very grateful for all of the love you and papa expended on the boys and I. Rest on sweetheart.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash.

April 18, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash.*



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“ *Tracy Araujo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash.*

Tracy Araujo - April 18, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ *Tracy Araujo purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash.*



Tracy Araujo - April 18, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ *Fly high sweet lady.. Thank u for letting me have the pleasure of taking care of Gloria she will be missed by all that loved her hugs*

Linda C Fitzwater - April 15, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Windy & Mike Nicholson and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gloria Lee (Pace) Nash.*



Windy & Mike Nicholson and Family - April 14, 2025 at 12:15 PM