



Gloria Maria Rice

October 31, 1949 - July 10, 2025

Gloria Plaza Rice, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025 in Fort Collins, CO at the age of 75.

Gloria was born in Omaha, Nebraska. She married Derald Rice in 1969. They moved to Salina, KS, and then to Fort Collins, CO in 1976.

Gloria spent the majority of her career working in the Colorado State University Financial Aid Office as a financial aid counselor. She was a recipient of the CAFAA Administrative Employee of the Year Award. Gloria was dedicated to helping students, and many of them came back after graduation to thank her for all her help.

Gloria had a deep love for her family and friends. She was a friend to everyone and made friends everywhere she went. Those who knew Gloria will remember her as kind, loyal, and compassionate.

Gloria was a member of Saint John XXIII Catholic Church and it was an important part of her life.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Derald; daughter, Michelle (Derek); son, Joey; grandchildren, Rebecca, Aliciana, Cassandra, and Cameron; and her brother and sisters, Tony (Sue), Cecilia (Tom), Anita, Rita, and Christine (Kip).

She is also survived by her German Shepherd, Bella Chica.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, Gloria and Ernesto Plaza.

Viewing will be from 2-7pm with the rosary to follow at 7pm, Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at Bohlander Funeral Chapel. The funeral mass will begin at 10:30 am, Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Saint John XXIII Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 15. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Rosary

JUL 15. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Funeral Mass

JUL 16. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Saint John XXIII Catholic Church
1220 University Ave.
Fort Collins, 80521

Graveside Service

JUL 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

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“ Our sincere condolences to the Rice and Plaza family for the loss of our beloved cousin, Gloria Rice (Plaza).

It was a pleasure to see our cousin Gloria at one of our family gatherings in Omaha Nebraska. The gathering was at the GI Forum in South Omaha.

We all had a wonderful time together. Gloria, as always, was calm, pleasant and a beautiful cousin. We will all miss her presence.

Martha & John De Marte

Carmen & Don Arias

Steve & Judy Gonzales



Carmen Arias - July 14, 2025 at 07:09 PM

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“ When I was young I would play and occasionally spend the night at the Plaza home. She was the oldest sibling, her sister Cecilia & me would be pretty loud, I don't remember Gloria ever yelling at us though. She was kind. It's been so many years that I hadn't seen her. In the past few years as her parents both passed she would come back to Omaha. She would also come to visit her younger siblings even after that. She would attend mass at the church she was brought up at. She NEVER lost the faith her parents instilled in her. She never stopped checking up on her younger siblings. Cecilia shared that she never complained about the suffering she endured during her bouts with cancer. She was truly a beautiful Christian woman.

God bless and heal the pain all the family feels at this time.

Lord care for her now the way only you can until they reunite with her in Heaven.

Thank you Lord for your promise of ever lasting life with YOU in heaven.

Rose Chavez

Rose Chavez - July 13, 2025 at 09:50 AM