



Glema Collins Burke

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Passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family and companion, Ralph Ness. Glema was born on June 24, 1940 in McCombs Kentucky. She was the daughter of Lula (Hite) and Ballard Collins. She married Gerald W. Burke on September 3, 1960 and they were married for 42 years, until his death in May of 2002. Predeceased by her spouse, Gerald W. Burke; her sisters, Connie Stallsmith and Yvonne Bevins; her brother, Charles Collins and her parents Lula and Ballard.

Surviving are her children, Sandra (Paul) Labuda of Acme, PA, David (Andrea) Burke of Fishers, IN, Carrie Williams of Greensburg, PA. Eight grandchildren who she adored; Alyssa, Michael, Lindsey, Zach, Hannah, Jacob, Olivia, and Nicholas. Companion and best friend Ralph Ness of Shillington, PA. Sisters, Arizona Eyster of Vienna OH, and Jeanne McCurdy of Littleton, CO. As well as, many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Glema retired from the University of Pittsburgh - University Center for International Studies. She loved her job and all of the international travel it entailed.

Glema had a life of service to her church, her community, and her friends. She will be deeply missed.

Thank you to her many friends who supported Glema in her time of need with love and support.

Thank you to the staff of Bethlen Communities who assisted with Glema's care.

Thank you to Excelsa Health Home Care & Hospice and MedCare Equipment Company for the compassionate care your staff provided to Glema.



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Services have been entrusted into the care of Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 301 Curry Hollow Rd. Pleasant Hills. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019, 11 am, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 200 North Market Street, Ligonier, PA, with Pastor Bob Cummings to officiate. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Glema's honor to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Jumonville Christian Camp & Retreat Center, to Laurel Faith in Action, or to Excela Health Home Care & Hospice. Condolences may be left at www.jeffersonmemorial.biz.



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BR

Bruce Reber posted:

My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends. May you find some comfort in the promise found in Revelation 21: 3-4 and 1 Thessalonians 4:14. Knowing that there is an opportunity to be reunited with loved ones.

April 12 at 8:29 AM

WS

Wolfgang Schloer posted:

I am very sorry to hear about Glema's passing. She was a wonderful colleague and friend to me during our time together at Pitt. She truly was the heart and soul of UCIS, and a lot of what I learned as an administrator I owe to her. Over the years, I have often missed her common sense and compassionate approach to solving problems. I am grateful for having known and worked with her. Wolfgang Schlör, Associate Provost for International Initiatives, Georgia State University.

April 10 at 8:45 AM

JO

Josephine Olson posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Glema. We often were on committees together when she worked for UCIS at the University of Pittsburgh. She was such a warm, classy lady as well as an outstanding administrator. I was sad when she retired and now even sadder that such a wonderful person has passed away.

April 10 at 4:59 AM

BS

Brooke Sowers posted:

Such a wonderful woman and an amazing MOPS mentor. I will always remember the stories she shared with us and how she made me want to be a better Mother and a better person.

April 9 at 12:09 PM

CL

Carmelo Mesa-Lago posted:

Glema was not only an excellent administrator but a fine human being always ready to help with any problem one had, As former Director of the Center of Latin American Studies at Pitt I am grateful for her life of service to the international programmas at Pitt and to CLAS in particular. Her family must be proud of her. Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Distinguished Service Professor of Economics and Latin American Studies, Pitt

April 9 at 6:31 AM



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MH

Michele Ferrier Heryford posted:

It is with great sorrow that I have heard of the news of Glema's passing. Glema herself probably would not have remembered this, but years and years ago I was a GSA at UCIS, pregnant with my first child, and sometimes struggled to make ends meet from pay check to pay check. Glema would always ask how I was doing and once I mentioned that it would be tricky to get to the end of the month. The next day she had advanced my stipend so I could buy groceries. My daughter is now 32 and I have worked full time at UCIS for over 20 years, but Glema's kindness and thoughtfulness never left me. I had the honor of working with her for many years and she always lead with grace and goodness. Such a loss for your family. My prayers are with the Burke family. In gratitude for having known her, Michele Ferrier Heryford

April 9 at 6:15 AM

JH

Janna Haubach posted:

It was with sadness that I ran across Glema's obituary on Facebook. I have such special memories of her as she was a terrific friend to my mother, Anna Miller. Sending prayers and comfort to all of her family and friends!

April 9 at 4:44 AM

FM

Francine Mccauley posted:

WE ARE SO VERY BESSED TO HAVE KNOWN THE BURKE FAMILY...TO HAVE WORKED ALONGSIDE GLEMA FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH! Loving Hugs to all, Gratefully, Francine (McCauley) and family x12

April 8 at 6:37 PM

JM

Jeanne Mccurdy posted:

My loving sister, Glema - Growing up, you were always my mentor, someone I could admire and emulate . I have always known you would be there for me when needed. I will remember the fun we had, especially on some of our trips, and how some in our family started referring to us as \"Thelma and Louise.\" Remembering how we laughed until we cried about some caper that one of us pulled. You were taken too soon, and my heart aches for your children, grandchildren and best friends. You will be missed by so many. I am comforted knowing that you are at peace on your new journey. Loving sister, Jeanne

April 8 at 4:36 PM



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Patricia McGreevy Kalcevic posted:

I will always remember her hospitality for Ligonier Days...it was so much fun, she welcomed everyone. She was a very special person, the brightest smile and warm personality...I will miss her very much!

April 8 at 2:09 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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