



Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa

November 9, 1938 - July 4, 2025

If you have ever met someone who immediately made you smile, who wanted to learn all about you, and whom you remembered for a lifetime, you may have met Gloria Jean Stanfa.

Glo passed away on July 4, 2025 at the age of 86. She was ready to move on to her next adventure, but to say she will be missed is an understatement.

She was born Nov. 9, 1938 in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Bruno and Alma (Neiman) Stoll. If you questioned why she enjoyed being the center of attention, she would smile and remind you she was an only child.

She attended Walbridge Elementary and graduated from Libbey High School in 1955. On March 1, 1958, she married Dennis Stanfa, and together they raised three daughters. Although she lived another 35 years after his death in 1990, no one was able to take Denny's place. Their reunion will be a joyous one.

Glo enjoyed a long career as a secretary at The University of Toledo, beginning in 1967 in the Geology Department, then working in Campus Security, and finally retiring from the Physical Plant in 1990. After her retirement from UT, she worked part-time as a bookseller at the former Little Professor Book Store in Holland, Ohio.

Her greatest passion was people. Her friends meant the world to her, especially her lifelong "travel group" friends. With her friends and family, she explored the United States, Europe, and several tropical locations. One of her greatest joys was taking each of her beloved grandchildren on a high school graduation trip to the destination of their choice.

Glo was creative and curious, funny and fun-loving, spiritual and spirited, entertaining and inspiring. A force of nature, she served not just to her daughters and granddaughter but also to her grandsons as the example of a positive, open-minded yet strong woman. She had a penchant for making a short story long, for making others laugh, for being able to laugh at herself, and for making any stranger her friend. She will always remain at the heart of countless favorite memories and stories.

She is survived by her daughters Lori Stanfa (Mike Schroeder) and Sherry Stanfa-Stanley; grandchildren, George (Jordan) Stanley, Kyle Stanley, Cori Hedrick, and Cole Schroeder; and son-in-law Tom Schonecker. She was preceded in death by her husband Denny and daughter Denise (DC).

Visitation will be Monday, July 21 from 4-7 p.m. at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road in Toledo. A Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Choroideremia Research Foundation, the Dennis and Gloria Stanfa Scholarship at The University of Toledo Foundation, or the DC Stanfa Memorial Writers' Award at the University of Dayton.

While Glo's passing leaves a great void, we celebrate a life so very well-lived.

Please view and sign Glo's online guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **21.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Mass

JUL **22.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Lori, Mike & Cole,
Sorry very sorry to hear of your mother &
grandmother's passing. She was always a joy
to see & always spoke so highly of her
daughters & grandchildren. I know she's had
a difficult few years of late. May she rest in peace now. She will be
missed. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. With our deepest
sympathy, Dr. Nemeth & Staff



Theresa Nemeth, OD - July 29, 2025 at 07:49 PM

NC

“ Nyoka Craddolph purchased the Garden Accent
Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the
family of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa.



Nyoka Craddolph - July 21, 2025 at 05:25 PM

NC

“ Nyoka Craddolph planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa.

Nyoka Craddolph - July 21, 2025 at 05:25 PM

KS

“ Glo was such a fun mom as I was always hanging at the house with Lori. She was fun, exuberant and had great stories. RIP Glo and fly with the angels! 💖

kim sanecki - July 21, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa.*



July 20, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ *Mark Schroeder Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa.*



Mark Schroeder Family - July 20, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa.*



July 20, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa.*

July 20, 2025 at 12:26 PM

LF

“ I enjoyed visiting Glo, she was a great storyteller, and I always felt better after talking to her.
Sending my condolences to her family friends and caregivers. She will be missed by all of us.

Laurie Flowers - July 19, 2025 at 02:38 PM

TG

“ The name Gloria floated around our house since the day I was born from my mom and my dad. You see, Gloria was one of the “original Golden Girls”. My mom and Gloria were high school friends and remained that way until my mom passed a few years ago. I have such a fondness for that entire group of ladies but Gloria stood out because of her infectious laugh and permanent smile. Thanks for all of the wonderful childhood memories of you, my mom and the rest of those beautiful, funny, sweet ladies that we all called the “Golden Girls”. It’s a rare thing to have friends that long in life, so happy you were one of ours. Rest in Peace Glo and go find my mom and get a game of Bunco started and plan your next trip!❤️

Teresa “Albright” Graven - July 16, 2025 at 06:43 AM

JH

“ Julie Huchrowski purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa.



Julie Huchrowski - July 15, 2025 at 11:45 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa.*



July 15, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ *What a beautiful lady inside & out. I met Gloria & Denny when they lived on Leland Ave. I absolutely adored her 2 beautiful little girls. I would visit them everyday & entertained Lori & Denise while Gloria would do her daily chores or relax in the sun. When they moved to Indianola, Gloria would pick me up to babysit, adding a third beautiful daughter, Sherry at the time. What a beautiful family! I married & moved but never forgot the family. My Mom would keep me in the know, when the Stanfa girls married & send me pictures. I remember reading Denise's book & learned so much more about their growing up years. Gloria, what a beautiful Mom you were! I am sure you are again with Denny & Denise. So many memories of you deep within my heart. Rest in peace beautiful soul.*

Pamela Jankowski - July 13, 2025 at 01:48 PM

SB

“ I was born and raised in the 1400 block of Walbridge Avenue in Toledo. My mom was a good friend of Bruno and Alma Stoll's. She would comment on Gloria from time to time. Beecham Street ran right into the three Jirinec's houses. My mom, Erma Jirinec lived there 69 years and was the last original neighbor of the Stoll's. I cannot remember the year they moved off of Beecham Street. Mom was a wonderful baker and surely baked something for them over the years because that is what she did. She always said they were wonderful neighbors. They kept their house up like no one else did. God Bless Gloria with her sweet mom and dad.

Sally Jirinec Bennett - July 12, 2025 at 09:15 AM

JF

“ When Gloria worked for my dad at UT I would see her at one of the bars for a few happy hour drinks. She would say “ I don't see you and you “do not” see me, ok. Yes Gloria dad will never know.

Jeannine S Fortunato - July 11, 2025 at 10:09 PM

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“ I worked with Gloria for ten years at the University. We were very good friends, my children and hers got to be very good friends also. She made me laugh....alot. I loved her dearly and she will, indeed, be missed. I always told her that God loved her and held her in his hands....I was not wrong.
Donna Gibson

Donna Gibson (Palmer) - July 11, 2025 at 08:22 PM

GP

“ *Cousin Gloria was a beautiful human being. I lost touch with most of my mother's family when she died In 1966 when I was 9. So I was stunned when, at age 19, I sulked into the UT campus security office with a pile of parking citations I had no ability to pay but which would prevent me from registering for the next semester. So I was stunned when this ball of energy at the front desk I didn't recognize snatched the tickets, ripped them into shreds, and pronounced: "In memory of your dear mother, Gary" I'm sure she could have been fired for that. But Gloria has had a place in my heart ever since for lifting my spirits at a low point in my life.*

gary pakulski - July 11, 2025 at 08:05 PM

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So Glo Jean!

Donna Gibson (Palmer) - July 11, 2025 at 08:25 PM

YT

“ *Yves Tooson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean (Stoll) Stanfa*



Yves Tooson - July 11, 2025 at 04:42 PM