



Gloria J. Boudreau

February 26, 1935 - October 25, 2020

Gloria J. (Mellberg) Boudreau, 85, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Born February 26, 1935 to the late Eric and Dorothea (Ericson) Mellberg, she was raised and educated in Springfield, graduating from the High School of Commerce and Springfield College, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Microbiology in 1956. She later received her teaching certification from the University of Massachusetts. In October 1960, Gloria married Robert Boudreau, with whom she raised four children. Gloria worked as a microbiologist at the VA Medical Center in Northampton, and later taught middle school science and college biology classes. A talented writer, she also published fiction and nonfiction articles for children and adults, as well as a children's book, "The Immune System". She won two awards from the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators for her children's magazine stories. Always active in her community, Gloria volunteered with the South Hadley Public Schools and South Hadley Senior Center. She is predeceased by her son, Richard Boudreau, and brother, Walter Mellberg. Gloria is survived by her beloved husband of sixty years, Robert Boudreau; loving children, Carol Bogdanovich and husband Jan of Bellingham, David Boudreau of Northampton, and Diane Boudreau of Tempe, AZ; three cherished grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her family lovingly remembers her for her avid reading, prolific knitting, joyful off-key singing, and universal love of desserts. All services will be held privately for the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the South Hadley Public Library, 2

Canal St., South Hadley, MA 01075.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“Gloria was a favorite "parent-of-a-friend" when I was in middle and high school. I always felt at home in her household. She was funny, and smart, and an inspiration to me as both a reader and writer... I was on a huge romance novel jag for a while and she was trying to write one - I remember hearing her describe the specific plot requirements (first kiss by a certain chapter, etc.). She made the most delicious cake out of one of my least favorite foods - tomato soup - and lots of other tasty treats as well. I was honored to receive a copy of her book signed, "To Christy, who knows how long I've tried to get a children's book published. This should prove no one is ever too old to achieve a goal." I am so glad to have known her, and will miss her very much. Love to Bob, Carol, David, and Diane.



Christy Johnson - October 27, 2020 at 09:58 PM

CB

Christy, Thank you so much for sharing your fond memories. Hope you enjoy the cake.

Carol Bogdanovich - October 30, 2020 at 09:39 PM

DB

Thank you, Christy. I know my mom adored you and was grateful that I had your friendship.

Diane Boudreau - November 05, 2020 at 11:48 PM

SS

“ During the 80's when I was studying undergrad, I became best friends and roommates with Gloria's daughter Carol. Visiting Carol's parents back then was so fun. Gloria was always so bright and sunny. Those would be the two words that I think of when think of Gloria. And if you asked me what attracted me to her daughter Carol as a roommate and best friend, I would have to say that it was due to Carol being so i kind, so unconditionally loyal and loving, and so exquisitely fun and funny whenever laughter was needed. And SO positive positive about life, no matter what it dished out out! (FYI: I was a huge pain to live with back then. Let's just say I had "maturity issues"!), ,I can't help intuiting that she passed that on to Carol. What a legacy she left for me and all others who knew her!

Sue Sullivan - October 27, 2020 at 07:41 AM

CB

And thank you for sharing your mother-daughter drawing with my mother and I. It was a very special gift.

Carol Bogdanovich - October 30, 2020 at 09:50 PM

DB

Thanks for sharing that, Sue!

Diane Boudreau - November 05, 2020 at 11:50 PM

MM

“ Our deepest condolences. Melonie and Dan

Melonie Mancini - October 26, 2020 at 12:34 PM

DB

Thank you!

Diane Boudreau - November 05, 2020 at 11:50 PM