



Gloria M. Kopec

January 29, 1943 - March 30, 2026

Gloria Marie Kopec, a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend, who peacefully passed away with her loving family by her side on March 30, 2026. Gloria was born on January 29, 1943, in Stamford, Connecticut, and her final moments at home were filled with warmth and comfort, surrounded by those she cherished most.

Gloria was predeceased by her parents, Sabino and Alice (Borea) Melchionne, and is now reunited in eternal peace with her husband Edward (Bud) Kopec, cherished granddaughter Christina Dawn Kopec, and brothers Frank and Sabino V. Melchionne. A lifelong resident of the Cove area in Stamford, Gloria graduated from Stamford High School and began her career alongside her brothers, opening Cove Pizza. Later, she served as Cafeteria Manager at Rippowam High School, where her nurturing spirit and culinary talent made a lasting impact on countless lives. Her passion for food led her to help launch Stamford's first food truck, "NY Pushcart Hot Dogs," with her brother, serving the community until her retirement.

Gloria's legacy shines brightly through her devoted sons, Edward (wife Lisa), William, Johnny, and Dennis (wife Noelle) Kopec. She was a proud grandmother to Kelsey, Joseph, Tyler, Avery Kopec, Bryan, Amanda McQuaid, Cassie Gargiulo and great grandson Rudy Michael McQuaid, all their presence brought immense joy to her life. Her loving family also includes

nieces Danette and Suzette Melchionne, many cousins, several great nieces and nephews, sister-in-law Kathleen Melchionne, and in-laws Paul and Marie Kopec. Each of them carries Gloria's memory in their hearts, cherishing her gentle nature and unwavering kindness.

Gloria found joy in cooking and eagerly embraced new culinary trends, often collecting recipes from TikTok and sharing her delicious creations with everyone around her. Her kitchen truly was the heart of her home—a place filled with laughter, warmth, and the unforgettable aroma of homemade meals, creating lasting memories for family and friends. She also loved a lively game or card night, enjoying the togetherness of every gathering.

Although Gloria's presence will be deeply missed, her compassion and kindness will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

We invite you to join us in celebrating her life at a visitation on Thursday, April 2, 2026, from 4pm to 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902.

A prayer service will be held at 5pm at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

In honor of Gloria's memory, and in lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the American Heart Association, a cause close to her heart. Contributions can be made using this link: www.heart.org/en.

As we say our goodbyes, we hold Gloria close in our hearts, grateful for the love and light she brought into our lives. May she rest in peace, embraced by the love of those who have gone before her.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfunera

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Prayer Service

APR 2. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Billy and all the kopec family
So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a pure right down
to her fingertips. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.may
Gloria gentle soul rest in peace. Love always Angela &mike martin
&family (Duckie) 🌹❤️❤️🍀💚🙏🙏😘😘*

Angela martin Duckie - May 01 at 07:28 PM

AM

“ *Gloria was one of those rare people who remembered things from
previous conversations, even after you hadn't seen her for a long
while. She was always genuinely curious about you and your life.
She was one of the most selfless people I ever met and willing to
help anyone in any way she could. They don't make 'em like Gloria
any more. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this
difficult time.*

Allison A. MacDonald - April 02 at 11:07 AM

GV

“ *We are so very sorry to learn of Gloria's passing and sending our
deepest condolences to the Kopek and Melchionne families. Gloria
was a sincere, kind person, and we always loved seeing her.
Her legacy lives on in the great family she raised. Wishing you all
peace and comfort during this very difficult time.
Sending all our love and prayers, Jerry and Gina Ventre*

Gina & Jerry Ventre - April 01 at 10:53 PM

GW

“Gloria was one of the nicest persons I ever met. She was always kind and loving to my sister Kathy and warmly welcomed her into the family when she married her brother Frank. Kathy loved her very much as they had become close friends over many years. Gloria was always kind to me, too, remembering to ask how things were going with my wife and son. People mattered to Gloria and you felt good just to be with her. She was a beautiful person who gently touched many lives She will be deeply missed.

Gary Woods - April 01 at 09:25 PM

PM

“Many good and fond memories of Gloria, like the late 1970s and early 1980s running the hot dog truck and supply runs with Frank to Port Chester, backyard cookouts, and most recently - she was tech savvy...boy did she know how to use her iPad and teach mom a thing or two! I will miss our visits, and missing her company already, may God hold you close, until we all meet again!

Peter MacDonald - April 01 at 09:03 PM

BD

“Dear Danette, Suzette and the whole extended family, I am very sorry. Aunt Gloria was one of a kind. God bless her and all of you.

Barbie Dietzman - April 01 at 04:04 PM

DC

“ To the Kopec and Melchionne Family, so very sorry and saddened to hear of Aunt Gloria’s passing. Lifting you all up the many days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

A lot of sweet memories of her! May her legacy and love of family shine in your hearts and keep those memories close.

Love Dawn, Brianna, Michael and Frankie

dawn coppola - April 01 at 01:03 PM

SM

“ Gloria was not only my aunt but my friend and confident We had countless adventures together that I will never forget. She even made going grocery shopping fun.
She was my sous chef my taste tester, and my idea girl. I loved cooking with her and will miss her input.
We would get hysterical at all the debacles that would happen to us. My favorite memory is taking her and Cathy to Johnny’s trailer and driving them around on the golf cart.
The weekends were filled with many laughs.
I will miss speaking to her every night as I drive home from work telling her about my day. I don’t know if I will ever be able to keep time again because she always told me what time I had to be somewhere and when to leave even if I didn’t want her to
She has given me more love than words can ever express
She was an amazing selfless woman who only gave to others, and never complained about her many struggles in life, always looked at the bright side of things and hoped for a better day tomorrow..

Suzette Melchionne - April 01 at 11:40 AM

DM

“ *Danette, I'm going to miss seeing Aunt Gloria's smiling face at your house, for all your Parties, and get togethers, she was truly a love, because of all the fond memories she will always be with us, May she RIP* ”

Dodi McCollem - April 01 at 09:20 AM