

Gloria Halm

Gloria Halm, 86, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at her home in Springfield, Virginia. She was born on May 21, 1935 in Jamaica, New York, to Mary and Joseph Pettinato. She was the youngest of three siblings. Gloria, also known to many as Cookie, graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School on June 24, 1953 where she completed her course of study in Stenography. Cookie went on to be a secretary for Stein Hall.

On May 3, 1959 she married Harry Halm and together they raised their children, Rita Rushing, Christina Kimball and Harry Halm, Jr. In 1968 Harry Sr. was provided with a work opportunity in Washington, D.C and so the family moved down to Springfield, Virginia. When the children were settled in Gloria found work in a school cafeteria to earn extra income and still be able to care for



the children before and after school. Her kindness and good nature were apparent to her coworkers and she made several lifelong friends in the process. She eventually went on to work at the United States Agency for International Development where she retired after 31 years of service. She was so dedicated and so beloved by her boss that even after her retirement at the age of 72 he tried to convince her to come back and work for him again.

Gloria loved to play cribbage and won a variety of local tournaments with the trophies to prove it. She enjoyed weekends gambling at Dover Downs and came home with her pockets full more often than not. Her home was always open for her children or grandchildren to stop by with only a moment's notice, and she would always provide a home cooked meal and an understanding ear. Her warmth and compassion were only matched by her quick wit and sense of humor. She could turn any situation on its head with a clever joke. Gloria is survived by her children, three grandchildren, Elizabeth, James and Daniel, granddaughter Camille Smith, and sister Rita Grinsell. Gloria was predeceased by her brother, Roger Pettinato.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday January 19th at St. Raymond Roman Catholic Church in Springfield, Virginia. Visitation begins at 10:00am, with Funeral Mass to follow at 11:00am. Interment will be held at Fairfax Memorial Park. Donations may be made in Gloria's name to a charity of your choice.

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