



## Mrs. Gloria J. Powers

September 17, 1945 - December 3, 2013

Gloria Jean Powers, 68, of 15 Kellie Drive, Pittsfield passed away Tuesday evening, December 3, 2013 at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by her family. Born on September 17, 1945 the daughter of Michael and Carmella Fiorillo Cozzolio, she was a 1963 graduate of Pittsfield High School.

Gloria truly loved her life-long career in the food service industry. She worked at Berkshire Frosted Foods for over 20 years. In 1985, she founded B&G Restaurant Supply with her late husband, Bernie. Gloria and Bernie grew a successful business out of a passion for serving their customers and taking care of their employees. Today B&G employs over 40 employees and has a second location in Albany, N.Y. B&G supplies accounts all over the country and is rated one of the top 100 foodservice dealerships in the United States.

Gloria enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She always looked forward to the 4th of July parade, going to casinos and touring Disney World. She was a New England Patriot fan and enjoyed attending sporting events with her husband. Most of all, she was proud to be "Mimi" to her five grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her loving, caring, personality and the way she found a positive light in every situation. She was warm, generous and had a magical way of making everyone feel special.

She was a communicant of St. Charles Church. Gloria was a proud and active

member of C.I.A.O. and UNICCO. She was a member of the Skyline Country Club. She liked to golf and travel, most recently to Italy, the home of her ancestors.

Gloria was predeceased by her husband, Bernie Powers, whom she married on June 10, 1967. He died on November 21, 2011.

She leaves a son, Robert F. Powers and Kristie Scarafoni of Lenox and a daughter, Tricia Dambrauskas and her husband Todd of Needham, MA; five grandchildren, Mackenzi & Makayla Powers, Luciana Scarafoni Powers and Avery & Isabella Dambrauskas; as well as her four sisters, Connie Rabideau of Northboro, MA, Marie Mathews and her husband, Mark of Pittsfield, Barbara Handy of West Boylston MA, and Patty Bianco and her husband, John of Pittsfield; and will be sadly missed by her brothers-in-law, Dr. Gerald Powers and his wife, Nancy of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and John Powers and his wife, Paula, of Pittsfield. Gloria was predeceased by her brother-in-laws Richard Rabideau, John Handy, Frances, Robert and James Powers.

Gloria leaves four aunts; Mary Cozzolino of Chatham, NY, Anne Giardina of Ghent, NY, Caroline DuPilka and Phyllis Fiorillo, both of Poughkeepsie, NY; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Gloria Powers will be Saturday, December 7, 2013, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Calling hours at St. Charles Church will be Friday, December 6, 2013 from 4 to 7 p.m. If friends desire, donations may be made to the Bernie Powers Memorial Fund, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201 in her memory. Donations in Gloria's honor will be used toward Heart Disease and Cancer Research. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ON THIS WEBSITE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gloria J. Powers.*



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December 06, 2013 at 12:29 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear that Gloria has passed. I met Gloria and Bernie in the early '90's in my first days as a sales rep. Gloria always gave me her time and especially her guidance to truly help me in my endeavors. Her kind and helpful nature was so endearing, it was always a pleasure to visit Pittsfield. May God be with her and Tricia and the Powers family. I'm sure she is with Bernie - together again.*

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**Steve Bennett** - December 06, 2013 at 08:29 AM



“ *Tricia and Family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. I'm thinking about you often and sending prayers your way. Lots of Love to you All.*  
*Love, Rebecca Fontaine*

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**rebecca** - December 05, 2013 at 11:57 AM

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“ *Barry Blakeslee/ Blakeslee Restaurant Supply purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Gloria J. Powers.*



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**Barry Blakeslee/ Blakeslee Restaurant Supply** - December 05, 2013 at 11:48 AM

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“ *Bobby, Tricia, Marie, Connie, Barbara, Patty, Aunt Ann, Aunt Mary and family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. We were blessed to have Gloria in our lives.  
Love, Fran Meltz*

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**Fran Meltz** - December 05, 2013 at 07:33 AM

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“ *Tricia, Bobby and family, my deepest sympathy. Gloria was truly a wonderful person, and I am thankful to have been a part of your family growing up. I will always cherish the memories of trips to Fla with them, and the long drives back. With Love Candace (Doyle) Delano*

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**Candace** - December 05, 2013 at 06:51 AM

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“Gloria and I have a history that dates back to our grade school days at Hibbard School. We were "polio pioneers" and were the only two people in the school who fainted on shot day. We were bonded for life but didn't know, at that time, how interconnected our lives would become. That first double date with Bernie and Jerry, years later, was the start of a very special journey. We both became Mrs. Powers and the adventure began! I spoke with Gloria by phone the night before Thanksgiving and we had a great visit which ironically turned into a life review. We agreed that we had been good support for one another especially when comparing notes on the adventures of being ,married to the Powers boys! I thank God for that call but most of all that Gloria has been part of my life. She was gentle but tough, courageous but humble, beautiful and brilliant but not conceited. Gloria was generous in so many ways. She will be in my heart forever. Love especially to Bobby, Tricia, the whole family, and to all the B&G employees who will miss her so much. . Nancy Powers, SIL

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Nancy Powers - December 04, 2013 at 09:17 PM