



## Gloria Ruth Ketchum

January 26, 1938 - February 26, 2025

Gloria Ruth Ketchum, 87, passed away in Fort Collins, Colorado, on February 26, 2025. She was born on January 26, 1938, in Tamcliff, a small town in West Virginia's coal mining region, to Edith Acord and Elmer Meeks. Although born in Tamcliff, Gloria was raised in Logan, West Virginia, until her senior year in high school. Her early upbringing was shaped by the challenges of growing up in coal country, where life was often difficult, but the community was strong. These experiences helped shape her into a person with a strong sense of self-reliance and determination. As a senior in high school, Gloria, along with her mother and younger brothers Richard and Edwin, moved to Columbus, Ohio. A few years later, Gloria, Edwin, and their mother relocated to Riverside, California, where she would begin the next chapter of her life.

In 1960, Gloria married William John Ketchum, whom she met after moving to Riverside. By 1963, they had settled in San Diego, California, where she would spend most of her adult life—an area she cherished deeply and longed for after leaving later in life. It was in San Diego that Gloria had a distinguished career as an Equal Opportunity Specialist at the Naval Station San Diego, where she played a key role in managing Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) complaints and ensuring fairness in the workplace. She was proud of her career and the positive impact she had on those she worked with. After retiring, she continued to work as an EEO consultant well into her 70s.

Though her marriage ended in 1981, Gloria remained a devoted and loving mother to her son, Brian John Ketchum. For many happy years, she was deeply loved by Lloyd Tucker, the man she often described as the love of her life. While they never married, their bond was profound and enduring, and Lloyd's support and companionship were an important part of her life.

In 2005, Gloria relocated to Boise, Idaho, and in 2007 to Fort Collins, Colorado, to be closer to her grandchildren. Family was everything to Gloria, and she cherished every moment spent with her son, daughter-in-law Clair, Clair's parents, Pauline and Ed, and her grandchildren— granddaughter Jenna, grandson Joshua, and great-granddaughter Victoria. These precious relationships were at the heart of her life, and she deeply valued the time she shared with them. In Fort Collins, Gloria formed an especially meaningful and lasting friendship with Gloria Trybe, her best friend of nearly 17 years, whom she lovingly referred to as her "sister from another mother." Their bond was one of mutual love, support, and deep affection, and it brought great joy and comfort to Gloria in her later years.

Gloria is survived by her son, Brian John Ketchum; daughter-in-law, Clair Louise Ketchum; granddaughter, Jenna Marie Ketchum; grandson, Joshua Davis Ketchum; great-granddaughter, Victoria Dawn Ketchum; sister, June Rich; and brother, Richard Meeks. She was preceded in death by her mother, Edith Meeks; her brother, Edwin Meeks; and the love of her life, Lloyd Tucker.

A loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, Gloria's warmth, generosity, and devotion to her loved ones will be greatly missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity supporting dementia patients and their families in Gloria's memory.

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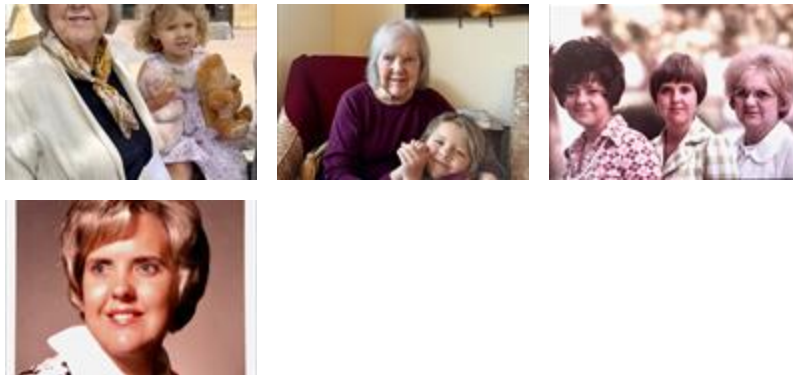
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“ Gloria was my Aunt.. I miss her and love her dearly, Shes in Heaven with my Mom, her older sister June( who I love and miss) ..& her brother Ed, and their Mom (Edith, and their Dad Elmer) love to all.. Rob Vannoy.., 7-26-2025.Phoenix, Az

Rob Vannoy - July 26, 2025 at 08:00 AM

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Brian Ketchum - March 08, 2025 at 11:19 PM

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“ Gloria was a very interesting Lady and it was always good to listen to her stories of the places she had visited. Family were very important to her ,we are happy to have spent most major holidays with her and the extended family especially this last Christmas which sadly ended up being her last. Sending love Andy and Sue.

Susan Smith - March 07, 2025 at 02:25 PM

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“ I am so sorry to here Mrs. Ketchum passed away. Even though I'm almost 60, I don't think I could ever call her Gloria. She will always be Mrs. Ketchum to me. She was always so loving and generous. She once hired me as a teenager to work in the human resources department at the Naval Station where she was the boss. I really needed that job between college semesters and I'll forever be thankful for that generosity. I thought one day that she'd get upset with me because she caught Brian and I drinking beers behind her back while she was out of town. Brian and I were so young and dumb after we finished the beers we threw the empties away in her trash can instead of a neighbor's or somewhere else. She didn't get mad when she found them. She actually got a kick out of how stupid we were for not being able to hide it better. My sincere condolences to the family. Mrs. Ketchum was an awesome lady.

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**Arturo Zepeda** - March 07, 2025 at 12:39 PM

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*Arturo. She loved telling that story about the beers. Thanks for the memories.*

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**Brian Ketchum** - March 08, 2025 at 11:21 PM

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**Brian Ketchum** - March 07, 2025 at 10:45 AM



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**Goes Funeral Care & Crematory** - March 01, 2025 at 03:17 PM