



Martha Gail Glista Adams

December 23, 2017

Martha (Tillson) Glista Adams went peacefully into the Lord's arms on Dec 23, 2017 in Fort Collins, CO after a short battle with multiple myeloma.

She was born on Aug 10, 1941 in Utica, NY the daughter of the late Francis & Gweneth Tillson. Marty was graduate of Whitesboro HS where she made many friends and began to establish her lifelong social network. She held many professional positions throughout her life and worked with special needs children at BOCES from where she recently retired.

She was married first to Norman Glista and later to Charles Adams.

Marty will be remembered for her small stature yet big heart. She was a dedicated volunteer with many organizations and an active member of Whitesboro Presbyterian Church. Marty was an avid quilter and reader. She enjoyed spending time with family and her many close friends. Marty also loved to travel and enjoyed new experiences.

She was predeceased by her daughter Denise Glista. She is survived by her son David Glista and his wife Lisa Boesch of Fort Collins; and grandchildren Logan and Sydney Glista. She is also survived by her sister Carol Lovins of Jacksonville, FL and brother and sister-in-law Bill and Gerri Duerheimer of Portsmouth, VA; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A tribute to Marty's life will be held in Central NY at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Gail Glista Adams*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Please send a message once a service has been established in the Utica area. Martha was a friend for many years and a member of our local quilt club. We would like to say goodbye to her. Thank you. studentstitcher@hotmail.com*

Toni Rosinski - March 13, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ *I became friends with Martha when we were hired at Oneida National Bank in June of 1974. Many years of shared events both good and bad. I just can't believe she is gone so quickly. Please e mail me at foxie6704@yahoo.com when you have a service in the Utica area. Love to all the family.*

Mary A Bauer - January 12, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ *Remembering fondly the times we all spent together summers at Hinckley Lake with the bowling crew. We had some great times. The parties you hosted at your house in Utica. Your infectious laughter would get us all going. Rest in peace, my friend. For memorial celebration - dagriffith524@gmail.com*

Debbie Griffith

Deborah A Griffith - January 07, 2018 at 08:44 PM

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“ Sweet Martha I will miss you forever we became fast friends and shared a lot of fun times I am so thankful for that we had a blast. David and Lisa I am so sorry for your loss lucky for you that you got to call her mom she was a great lady and friend she was happy to be with you this past year it was difficult to say goodbye to her when she left but I know she was happy. Logan and Sidney although I didn't know you she talked about you often and was so proud of you. Gerri and bill small world I couldn't believe it when I found out Martha was your sister she was a wonderful person and I was so lucky to call her my friend we had so many great times. I will treasure my friendship with her she will hold a special place in my heart . Hugs to all 🙏 For Martha Geo1234@ roadrunner.com

cindy roberts - January 07, 2018 at 03:51 PM

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“ Martha was one of a kind, a wonderful friend and neighbor for so many years. It was always so nice to meet for breakfast, lunch, dinner or just coffee. We could catch up on family, what books we were reading (we liked the same authors) or the world in general. She started me on my long sewing career and I will always be gratefu .

David, I shall miss your mom. My condolences to you, Lisa, Logan and Sydney.

Ann Stone - January 07, 2018 at 09:57 AM