



## Mary Ellen Morrison

December 9, 1943 - December 5, 2022

Mary Ellen Morrison was guided by the angels to heaven on December 5, 2022 and now is eternally joined with her husband, Donnie Wayne Morrison, and her parents Stanislaus (Stash) and Theodosia (Tilly) Gorka.

Mary Ellen was born on December 9, 1943 at St. Joseph's hospital in Houston, Texas to Stash and Tilly Gorka, the eldest of six children. She is survived by daughter Kathryn (Kathy) Heinze and spouse Christopher (Chris) Heinze; son, Donald (Donnie) Morrison and spouse Silvia Morrison; grandchildren Jacob Heinze, Emery Heinze, and Hannah Morrison; five siblings Thomas Gorka, Sandra Timte, Janice Moore, Deborah Borski, and Geoffery Gorka; and several nieces and nephews and numerous cousins from the Gorka family, Laskowski family, and Morrison family, including her godson Alexander Moore and her goddaughter Stacie Yates.

Mary was an authentic person who was an extraordinary wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend. She was generous with her time and talent as an educator, a religious education teacher, a church and community volunteer, a member of a service sorority, and an integral part of the family. She was also an avid Astros fan and was an Astro Space-ette usher in the Astrodome in her younger years.

She attended Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School and St. Pius X High School. After graduating high school, she continued her education at Texas Tech, finishing her degree in education at the University of Houston. She went on to earn two masters degrees in Education. Mary served as an Educator (teacher, aide, volunteer, tutor and other) for close to 50 years in the greater Houston area, including, St. Rose of Lima, Our Lady of Fatima, Resurrection, and HISD. Her work ethic and undeniable service to others is an inspiration to all.

Devout and pious, she attended daily mass for most of her adult life and earned countless Catechism hours as a religious education teacher and a first communion catechist at St. Ambrose. Most recently she joined her daughter as a third grade CCE teacher at St. Edward in Spring, Texas. She enjoyed the

time she spent with Catholic Daughters Court Christ the King at St. Rose of Lima and with Alter Guild at St. Rose of Lima. She also attended St. Edward Senior Saint meetings and participated with Bible study groups. Her favorite part of life was being with family. She loved us all. Every person she met, she left with a smile.

A viewing and visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, December 8, 2022 with a recitation of the Holy Rosary led by the Catholic Daughters at 7:00 p.m. at Joseph J. Earthman Generations, 234 Westcott Street in Houston, Texas.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, December 9, 2022 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 3600 Brinkman Street in Houston, Texas 77018. The Rite of Committal will follow at 12:00 noon at Forest Park Westheimer cemetery in Houston, Texas 77077.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are Donnie Morrison, Christopher Heinze, Thomas Gorka, Geoffrey Gorka, Anthony Borski, Andrew Moore, Alexander Moore, Garrett Gorka, and honorary pallbearer Michael Timte.

Flowers are appreciated or in lieu of flowers you may donate to Mary's favorite charities, St. Jude's Children Research, Our Lady of Fatima Missionaries, or a

charity of your choice, or make a mass offering to celebrate Mary's life.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and we sincerely thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy.

# Tribute Wall

“ My grandma, Mary Ellen Morison, shared almost as much of my life with me as my parents did. I recall every single moment we spent together.

*It's difficult to believe she is gone, let alone that she left me without giving me a chance to say goodbye.*

*I understand that this is the reality of life, even though it may be difficult for me to comprehend and accept.*

*I wanted her to live at least another ten years so she could meet my children. Although Jesus Christ knows best, I wasn't prepared for her to leave.*

*May you always walk in the sun and be surrounded by God's blessings. Nobody can ever understand the joy you brought us. We were heartbroken to lose you, yet you weren't gone by yourself. When God called you home that day, a part of us went with you. You were constantly missed and needed. We sobbed a million times. You wouldn't have passed away if love could only have saved you. May you have peace as you sleep and the Lord be with you.*

*I'd like to share a few Bible scriptures and prayers with you in memory of her.*

*Revelation 21:4*

*'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'*

*Matthew 19:14*

*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."*

*Matthew 5:4*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

*Thank you*

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**Jacob Heinze** - January 13, 2023 at 09:25 PM

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“ We were saddened to read of Mary Ellen's death today. My brother-in-law died the same day and his funeral was also on Friday. We met at St. Anne's Young Adult Club in the 60's. We keep in touch through the years. Our prayers are with you for a wonderful lady that took wonderful photos which expressed her feelings. Joe and Jackie Fritz Schoppe

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**Joe and Jackie Schoppe** - December 13, 2022 at 10:59 AM

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“ Q: What will you never forget about Mary?

A: Mary Ellen loved all she met, most especially, her family, and extended family. She loved to take photos with her pocket film camera, of family get togethers such as the annual Gorka Reunions. She also shared so kindly. This past June, Mary Ellen and her sister Janice , visited Virginia on the porch of her Richmond facility. Mary Ellen was willing to share fresh cherry tomatoes with Virginia, from a styrofoam coffee cup, that were harvested from Janice's garden. What a kind gesture. What a beautiful sweet person Mary always was. God bless her and her children. Cindy Gurecky Bilski

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**Cindy Gurecky** - December 07, 2022 at 04:40 PM

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“ As A frequent visitor in my early years to the Gorka house ,Mary Ellen was the Big sister in the family and always had a smile for me .Her gentle way of saying something or asking you to do something always made you want to do as she requested . She always had a kind word for everyone .She was a great role model for the people who were around her .A an angel on earth .She will greatly missed .

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**Diane Felter/Raab** - December 07, 2022 at 04:12 PM