



Gloria Jean Kates

January 7, 2026

Gloria Jean Kates, 70, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Regina (Gagnon) Gavin. She was the cherished wife of the late Donald Kates and loving mother of the late Vikki Kates.

Gloria worked for Laidlaw Transportation as an IT Specialist for many years, where she was known for her dedication and strong work ethic. In her free time, she enjoyed reading and found joy in the simple pleasures of playing Farm Town on Facebook. She was also very active with the CLCF Gals Softball Organization and took great pride in supporting and being involved in the sport.

After losing a parent at a young age, Gloria stepped into a parental role for her siblings, becoming a second mother to them—a role she embraced with love and devotion. Above all else, family meant everything to Gloria. She was always checking in, offering support, and making sure her loved ones were cared for.

She is survived by her niece, who was like a daughter to her, Tina Osborne (Eric); her siblings Francis Gavin, Frederick Gavin (Deborah), Donna Noll (David), Thomas Gavin (Vicki), Gail Green (Wayne), Debbie Wilde, Mary Gavin (Mike Vota), and Charles Gavin. She also leaves behind many nieces

and nephews whom she loved deeply, as well as her beloved cat, Ozzy.

Gloria was predeceased by her sister, Brenda Acuna and is now reunited with her cherished fur baby, Sammi.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 17, from 10:00–11:00 a.m., followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. in Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, RI. A private burial will be held in the spring.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Memorial Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I miss you so much already auntie, this is my favorite photo of us because it was with you and uncle don. I'm so glad you're back with everyone you love who passed before you, but I wish we had a little bit more time with you here, I love you ❤️



Shania Acuña - January 16 at 02:42 PM

GB

“ You will be sorely missed, Gloria. Thank you for always feeling like family.

Grandma Buttercup - January 14 at 12:10 PM

LY

“ I never forget all the memories we've made in this family with you Auntie



Lynn - January 13 at 08:12 PM

SA

“ Golria you where an amazing person from an amazing family. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. God bless.

Sandra - January 13 at 06:56 PM

MB

Rest in peace Gloria

Marie Bouchard - January 15 at 05:40 PM

KJ

“ *My condolences to the Family of Gloria, she was a fun person, we'd talk often at the manor. She is now at peace with her loved ones that has passed before her....Hugs and prayers being said.*



kathy Jacob - January 13 at 05:41 PM

JO

“ *Love you Auntie. You had so much love for me and my family. On top of the fact that you would always be checking in on us all the time. I will never forget our memories. ❤️*



Jayden Osborne - January 13 at 03:28 PM

DW

“ *I miss the 5:30 morning phone calls she knew she could call me cause I'd be up 😞*

Debbie Wilde - January 13 at 11:22 AM

DW

“ *Debbie Wilde lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Kates*



Debbie Wilde - January 13 at 11:20 AM

TO

“ *Tina Osborne lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Kates*



tina osborne - January 13 at 08:57 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Donna Nolli - January 13 at 08:44 AM



Sister Breakfast .

Donna Nolli - January 13 at 08:45 AM

DR

I'm so sorry for you all. Hugs and prayers are with you all. ❤️

Denise Russo - January 13 at 10:39 AM



I love this photo ! These were some of the best times I remember , all my aunts looking like this . Love you all

Shane Gavin - January 13 at 03:31 PM

TO

“ *My second mom. I will love and miss you more than you could ever possibly know. Thank you for making me who I am today.*
Tina

Tina Osborne - January 13 at 08:42 AM

AG

I am so sorry for your loss Deb your sister was such a wonderful, sweet, kind person that she has gone too quickly. She's up in the heavenly heavens with no pain just enjoying your family. She was always so nice to me. She will be missed. 🙏🙏

allison gentry - January 13 at 11:01 AM

FG

“ *FRANCIS GAVIN lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Kates*



FRANCIS GAVIN - January 13 at 08:39 AM