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Gloria F. Ducharme, 83, of Stafford Springs, CT, wife of the late William R. Ducharme, Sr., passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT. She was born in Stafford Springs, CT, daughter of the late Valentino and Elizabetta (Campo) Fontanella. She was a graduate of Stafford High School, received her Bachelor's in Music from the New England Conservatory of Music, and later in life earned her Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Master's in Reading from Eastern Connecticut State University. Gloria retired as third grade teacher from St. Edward School, and taught private piano lessons out of her home for over 40 years. She was a member of St. Edward Parish, Stafford Senior Center, and the director of the Golden Tones. She was awarded the honor of Stafford Citizen of the Year in 2003. After her retirement, Gloria spent her time volunteering at Evergreen Health Care Center where she played piano twice a week for many years, as well as tutoring at St. Edward School where she was known as "Grandmama". She was an avid UCONN basketball fan and loved traveling, her beautiful flower gardens, and had a great appreciation for the arts, especially opera. Gloria is survived by her son, William R. Ducharme, Jr. and his wife Patricia of Stafford Springs, CT; three daughters, Andrea Brunelle and her husband Robert of Sebastian, FL, Nancy Glinsky and her husband Michael of Woodstock, CT, and Krista Hicks and her husband David of Stafford Springs, CT; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; brother; Aldo "Tracy" Fontanella and his wife Agnes; sister, Elda Bruce; five sisters-in-law, Paula, Frieda, Esther, and Linda Fontanella, and Virginia Baxter; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by four brothers, Ateo, Alfio, Duffy, and Alfred Fontanella; and two sisters, Lillian Panciera and Dora Kellner. Her funeral will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011, with a procession forming by 10 A.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 A.M. at St. Edward Church, High St., Stafford Springs, CT.



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Burial will follow in St. Edward Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Calling hours are on Wednesday from 5-8 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Edward School Memorial Fund, 6 Benton St., Stafford Springs, CT 06076. For online condolences or directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



Tribute Wall

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KW

Kristen & Thom Wedegis posted:

Dear Nancy & Eric, Our heart breaks to hear of your mom's/grandmother's passing. We are keeping your entire family in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

March 29 at 4:24 AM

JM

Jerry Moschella posted:

Dear Nancy and Eric, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that you find comfort in all your great memories. Please know that I am praying for you and your families. Much love always!

March 29 at 4:24 AM

LP

Laurie Fontanella Pouliot posted:

My Auntie Gloria was such a wonderful person. She was always the life of the Fontanella Family. I have so many wonderful childhood memories of her. Like so many others before me and after me, I remember walking to their home on Furnace Avenue to get my piano lessons. I so cherished the family sing alongs at the piano. She will be greatly missed. To my cousins, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. I can't imagine how much you will miss her, but please know she is in a better place and will always be smiling down on you and your families.

March 29 at 4:24 AM

TP

Tammy Cunnian Panciera posted:

My Auntie Gloria was part of my happiest childhood moments. Too many memories to share but I will never forget the advice she gave me when my loving, husband, Kurt passed away. Only someone who has experienced the loss of their beloved can truly understand the grief and shock of losing a piece of your heart that can never be replaced.....Memories are what get you through and enable you to 'Live' again. My thoughts and prayers are with our family and all her adored her, for she was loved by all. Tammy XOXO

March 29 at 4:24 AM

MH

Michele Herring posted:

Andrea & Bob, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. I know how difficult this time is. Rely on family and friends, they are a great comfort. God Bless

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PT

Paul And Joanne Thibodeau posted:

As I was reading your moms obituary I was surprised of how many things she accomplished in her lifetime. I saw her maybe 3-4 times as I live in Maine, but always heard of her from Dave and Krista, and I'm sure if cats could talk they would talk of her kindness of animals. I know she must have been loved by all who knew her. I do know what you are going through Dave Krista and family and I also know I will be praying for your family, and for Thursday. I remember that at our moms funeral I was asked to write a poem, and I remember the one line that got the tears to flow. "it's always hard to say goodbye".

March 29 at 4:24 AM

JK

Jan Kasacek posted:

Gloria allowed me to fulfill my dream of entertaining at convalescent homes by asking me to direct the Goldentones about 4 years ago. It was a deep pleasure to work with her on this project and I also played pinochle with her in Willington for many years. She was an excellent card player. I will miss her greatly. She was a nice person and a great friend, but most of all a true lady with a big heart.

March 29 at 4:24 AM

RR

Roberta Rocchetti posted:

Gloria touched so many lives, she will truly be missed. She was a wonderful teacher and mentor. She will always have a special place in our hearts. We send our deepest sympathies. The Rocchetti Family

March 29 at 4:24 AM

GP

Gerry & Judy Pierson posted:

Bill and Pat, Sorry to hear about your mom. Sounds like she led an extremely active and full life. Best regards, Gerry & Judy Pierson

March 29 at 4:24 AM



Anonymous posted:

Andrea and Nancy, my sincerest condolences on the loss of your Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

April 24 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gloria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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