

REMEMBRANCE

Hello, my name is Beth, Glenda's oldest daughter. Thank you for being here.

I want to share a little about our mom and how she celebrated life each day of her 81 years.

Glenda not only lived life, she embraced life, squeezing as much as possible into one day, one month, one year at a time.

Glenda was an adventurer

Over the course of a few years back in the 80's and 90's, Mom owned a Wind Surfboard, played tennis at the rec center, and attended ballet classes.

With Pepper they explored the West Virginia mountains via bikes and kayaks.

Mom loved roller coasters and amusement parks, always being the first one to volunteer to try some new crazy scary ride.

We know she earned her pilot's license and adored flying. She even went on an acrobatic flight, a gift from Pepper, always one of her favorite stories to tell.

Mom reminisced about spending time on the Chesapeake Bay with her beloved Aunt Ma boating, swimming, and crabbing.

Glenda loved to travel and was the perfect traveling companion.

Our trips to the beach, Cleveland, Niagara Falls, Asheville, New York, and Italy are filled with memories and funny stories.

She took her first cruise with her cousin Sue when she was 45 and loved it. Next trying a Barefoot cruise to the Caribbean. Mom voyaged all over Canada and Europe with Pepper, meeting friends along the way. Her last trip was to the Panama Canal with good friends. Checking yet another item off her bucket list.

Glenda was an advocate.

Always available to diagnose the latest scrape or ailment. We trusted her knowledge, experience and straightforward advice on all matters.

Glenda could be a listening ear and was the first person to call with good or bad news.

Mom was social.

She loved parties and going out to dinner, the theatre, and to events with friends. She loved to pick an outfit and get her nails done. And look out, when the music started, Mom was up and dancing.

Mom was fun.

My childhood memories include weekly trips to the library, building forts with blankets, playing board games, and making popcorn for movie nights. She celebrated half-birthdays, let us play with her makeup and hosted the best slumber parties for our friends.

Mom loved her family.

One of Mom's most proud and beautiful moments was when Missy and Kevin found her. Most know the story. If not, someone here can tell you. I know for sure it was a miracle of love.

Mom's love for her children and grandchildren was evident each day.

She delighted in having 8 grandchildren and made an effort to have one one-on-one time with each grandchild. Whether it was a special lunch, homemade Halloween costume or the famous Charlie Cookies, a connection was made.

Mom attended **all the events**. Soccer games to Field Trips. Swim meets to Concerts. Graduations to Engagements. Hot air balloon flights to donkey rides.

Me-Me was there.

Mom lived a big life, but she also enjoyed the little things.

She loved her morning coffee, a burnt hot dog from the grill, beer with steamed crabs, and a good chocolate milkshake with vanilla ice cream and chocolate syrup.

Mom was an avid reader and could talk at length about the book just finished or one just started. Mom loved jig saw puzzles and did the daily Wordle.

A good day for mom was when she was learning, creating, or working as a nurse.

A great day for mom was when she was teaching and serving her community.

The best days for mom were spent with Pepper, her children, grandchildren, family and friends.

She taught me that challenges are adventures, problems are puzzles and mishaps are memories.

Our mom made every day count.

She was a friend to all she met and loved by many.

She was/ IS an inspiration and today we celebrate a life well lived.