



Gloria Knott Schurman

November 21, 1940 - December 5, 2025

Gloria Schurman, age 85, passed away on Friday, December 5, 2025.

Gloria Knott Schurman (b. November 21, 1940), known affectionately to many as Glo, made life's final journey December 5, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. She is much beloved and deeply missed by her son and daughter-in-law Mark and Sue Schurman (nee Crites), grandchildren Haley, William and Daniel Schurman, nieces, nephews and cousins, and dear friends old and new. Gloria was preceded by siblings Kay Muckenthaler, Ralph Knott, and Marjorie Godlewski (nee Desautels), parents Frank and Genevieve Knott (nee Dudzinski), and Helmut Schurman, to whom she was briefly married and maintained a lifelong friendship.

Born in Detroit, Glo spent much of her childhood in Weslaco, TX, later moving to Prescott, MI where she graduated high school at 16. Her adult life took her to Detroit, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Boston, returning to the Detroit area in the late '80s. Since 2017, she was pleased to call Holland, MI her home.

Whether inside an Egyptian pyramid, atop the Eiffel Tower or Machu Picchu, on African safari, or beside a giant tortoise in the Galapagos, across 7 continents and more than 100 countries, Glo explored and experienced the world with a joyful sense of wonder and adventure. She was a passionate

genealogist, deeply researching and publishing Knott, Dudzinski and related families' ancestries through the 1700s. This inspired more travel, to small towns and villages in the US, UK and Poland where she combed early church and civic records and enjoyed meeting "new" extended family along the way. In later years she became an avid distance swimmer, enjoyed strength training, and was a near daily fixture at her local fitness center. And Glo's curiosity and creativity was expressed through art, as she worked prolifically for two decades in oils, watercolor, collage, pen and pencil, and sculpture.

Gloria's professional life was also important to her and another source of travel and friendships. In 1965, she became a sales agent for United Airlines. She embraced the work, particularly the early computing technology it relied on, and certainly the travel benefits. Gloria later became manager of a successful travel agency. In the '70s she recognized the age of technology arriving and developed skills in computer programming, eventually becoming an IT manager. This led to changing industries, first to broadcasting and then automotive. Gloria was proudly among the first US employees of Mazda Motor Corporation, where she retired in 2005.

For Glo, each new trip, passion, or profession was approached with boundless enthusiasm, a terrific work ethic, and the welcoming of new friendships. As she said recently, "I'm so grateful for what I've been able to see and do, and all the wonderful people I have known. They have made it a grand life."

The family will host friends in remembering a life well lived between 4:00-7:00 pm on Monday, December 15, 2025, at Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant - Macatawa Room, 216 Van Raalte Ave. Holland, MI 49423. Please use main restaurant entrance.

Donations to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org are also

encouraged.

Per her wishes, Glo's ashes will be shared with the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, "so I can keep on traveling."

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant
216 Van Raalte Ave.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gloria Knott Schurman*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - December 12, 2025 at 02:30 PM

KK

“ *Kathrine K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Knott Schurman.*

Kathrine K. - January 16 at 05:32 PM

SB

“ *Susan B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Knott Schurman.*

Susan B. - December 12, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gloria Knott Schurman.*



December 12, 2025 at 02:08 PM

LM

“ Love, Terry, Joella, Tracy, & Miles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Knott Schurman.

Love, Terry, Joella, Tracy, & Miles - December 12, 2025 at 07:06 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Gloria Knott Schurman.



December 12, 2025 at 07:06 AM

AK

“ Agnes & Adam Kosla purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gloria Knott Schurman.



Agnes & Adam Kosla - December 11, 2025 at 07:44 PM

SJ

“ Sally J. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Knott Schurman.

Sally J. - December 10, 2025 at 12:50 PM

RK

“Glo was an inspiration, what with her work, travels, and varied interests. She was so generous with her travel experiences and knowledge. She put together a group to travel Australia and New Zealand. Instead of traveling for free, she split the money she would have received with her fellow travelers. She was so proud to share her adventures with us at breakfast at the Inn Place and O'Mara's. She was such a terrific artist and enjoyed telling us of new ways she discovered painting. Glo, you will be missed!

Roland Kase - December 10, 2025 at 11:36 AM

SJ

“Sally Joldersma lit a candle in memory of Gloria Knott Schurman



Sally Joldersma - December 09, 2025 at 05:49 PM

SJ

“I had such a wonderful joy in my heart working with Gloria on the PVCA Board. She became a personal friend and I cherished our relationship. We celebrated her 85th birthday and 2 weeks later she was gone. It was Gods will and I am so glad that she did not have to go thru months and months of chemo. She had a wonderful life and lived it to the hilt! Great memories Gloria! Love and Laughter....Sally Joldersma

Sally Joldersma - December 09, 2025 at 05:48 PM

DL

“ It was such a pleasure knowing Gloria. She was a courageous, adventurous, and caring lady. I will miss her at her fitness center.

Deb Lonik - December 09, 2025 at 05:38 PM

TS

“ It has been wonderful getting to know Glo over the years. She certainly is a role model to me, to travel and explore. Best memory is when she lost her voice but had her order written on a 3 by 5 card. Always a laugh. I will miss her.

Terri Spence - December 09, 2025 at 04:19 PM

CM

“ So Thankful for my Friendship with Gloria at Evergreen. The Travel stories she shared were Awesome! The paintings & details of her artwork are Amazing 🌟!! I will Always be Very Grateful I Shared Special Time with Gloria 🙏. Gloria was Very Proud of her Beautiful Family !! We Will Keep the Memories in our Hearts 💖. Connie Meinke

Connie Meinke - December 09, 2025 at 03:52 PM

BR

“ From the moment I met Glo I was struck by her positive energy. She made an impact with her love of life, by embracing the beauty of our world, and by sharing her joy & laughter with others. The painting she did for us will remind of us of her and the joy she shared. You guys are in our thoughts.

Brian De Roos - December 09, 2025 at 12:58 PM

BH

Jay and I were so lucky to have Gloria as our neighbor. We said we hit the neighbor lottery with her. We will miss her and we send condolences to her son Mark and his family. Truly a life well lived. Beth and Jay Hernly

Beth and Jay Hernly - December 09, 2025 at 06:06 PM