



Gertrude P. Paneque

July 13, 1939 - May 8, 2026

Gertrude "Gert" Paneque, 86, of Little River, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2026.

Born on July 13, 1939, in Staten Island, New York, Gert spent most of her life there before recently making Little River her permanent home.

Gert was the beloved wife of Albert "Pete" Paneque for 63 years and devoted mother to her daughter, Lisa Dalrymple, and son-in-law, Chris Dalrymple. Lisa was not only her daughter, but truly her best friend — the two shared an unbreakable bond filled with love, laughter, and lifelong memories. She was also a proud and loving grandmother to CJ, Patrick, and Madyson, who brought immense joy to her life. Gert was predeceased by her sons, Albert and Michael Paneque.

She was also the loving sister of eight siblings, all of whom predeceased her. As the last of the Smith girls, her passing marks the end of a cherished generation deeply rooted in love, strength, and family tradition.

Gert devoted her life to her family and raised her three children with unconditional love and care. She found happiness in gardening, trips to Atlantic City, and spending time surrounded by those she loved most. Known for her vibrant personality and warm spirit, Gert was often the life of the party

at family gatherings, always bringing laughter, joy, and unforgettable memories wherever she went.

Gert lived a colorful life brimming with love, kindness, laughter, and joy. Her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 from 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel.

A service will begin at 5:00 PM in the chapel.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Peters Cemetery

52 Tyler Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10310

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel
325 Hinson Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ Love:Michael, Tami, Isabella & Christian purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gertrude P. Paneque.



Love:Michael, Tami, Isabella & Christian - Yesterday at 12:29 PM

GF

“ Guy Smith and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gertrude P. Paneque.



Guy Smith and family - May 11 at 08:37 PM

PB

“ You will be missed terribly aunt Gert. You were the last of the Smith siblings. I have such great memories of you and I will cherish them. Rest in peace.Love your niece Pattie 💔

PATRICIA BURRELL - May 11 at 07:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gertrude P. Paneque.



May 11 at 06:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude P. Paneque.

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“ Giggy Gert was so much more than a grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend — she was comfort, laughter, tradition, and love all wrapped into one person. Some of my favorite memories were the simple everyday moments with her. My sophomore year of high school, after summer school, I went to her house every single day. No matter what was going on, her home always felt safe, warm, and full of love. Those afternoons became some of the memories I cherish most.

We were always sleepover partners — whether it was at Nanny’s house or our Atlantic City trips. Those nights were filled with stories, laughter, comfort, and the kind of memories you don’t realize are priceless until years later. And somehow, to this day, Giggy Gert’s bed is still the most comfortable bed I have ever slept in. There was just something about being there that made you feel completely at peace.

Her loss leaves a hole in our family that can never truly be filled. She was the last of the Smith girls, the end of an era, and with her goes so much history, strength, love, and tradition. It’s hard to imagine family gatherings, holidays, and everyday life without her presence.

But even in our heartbreak, we are so lucky to have had her. Lucky for the memories, the laughs, the sleepovers, the stories, and the unconditional love she gave so freely. Giggy Gert will forever be a part of who we are, and she will be deeply missed every single day.

Toniann Judith Torre - May 11 at 05:15 PM