



Gloria Sue Kornbau

December 26, 1943 - March 17, 2020

Gloria Sue Simpson (Champion) Kornbau, 76, of Murrells Inlet, SC passed away peacefully in her home on March, 17, 2020 under the care of Amedisys Hospice.

Gloria Sue was born in Charlotte, NC on December 26, 1943 to the late Hazelene Simpson and was adopted and raised by her Aunt, Queen Elizabeth Haire and her husband, George Cecil Haire, Sr. She married the love of her life, George A. Kornbau in August of 1978 and they had a beautiful marriage until his passing in 2004. In 2008, Gloria met and fell in love with her Significant Other, Les Rockow. In the wake of losing their spouses they found each other and became a wonderful couple for several years. Les loved and took care of her until her final breath.

Gloria Sue studied English with a minor in Psychology at Queens College (now Queens University of Charlotte) where she earned her teaching degree. In her younger years she was a Swim Instructor for the Suttle's Swim Club in Charlotte, NC. a Certified NAUI Diver Instructor, and a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Gloria Sue spent many years traveling the NASCAR Circuit modeling and spent many days at Charlotte Motor Speedway. She was the 1st woman to win an all men's Demolition Derby in the 1960's in Charlotte, NC. The Scenes from that Derby are in the movie The Last American Hero (1973) where she is seen driving the car "Sweet Sue"

After moving to Myrtle Beach, Gloria Sue and her husband, George, owned

and operated George and Gloria's Chart Room Tavern in Garden City, SC for nearly 30 years. The Chart Room was a place where friends could come together and have a safe and happy time with each other. Gloria and George were always on site to ensure that all of their loyal customers were always in good hands.

Gloria Sue was a more than 40 year member of the Women of the Moose. She was a founding charter member of the Myrtle Beach WOTM Chapter #268 where she was the first College of Regents recipient. She assisted in the founding of the Surfside Beach WOTM Chapter #1950 and later moved her membership to Surfside Beach Chapter. She held many prestigious positions within the WOTM including the College of Regents Chairman, Star Recorder Chairman, Academy of Friendship, Deputy Grand Regent and College of Regents Board Member, Grand Council. In 2016, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award for more than 40 years of commitment and dedication to helping others. She was also a member of the Myrtle Beach Elks Lodge #1771 and then later the Murrells Inlet Elks Lodge #2797, the Murrells Inlet VFW Post 10420 and the American Legion.

Affectionately known as Gigi to her children and grandchildren; she was also called Sue by all who knew her growing up in the Charlotte- Belmont, NC area. She will always be remembered for her outgoing personality, contagious smile and her beautiful voice when singing Patsy Cline songs. She never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a hand to someone in need. Her spirit of service lives on through her children and grandchildren.

Gloria Sue is predeceased by her biological mother, her parents, her husband, her son 1st Sgt John R. Champion, Jr., US Army (Ret), Her brothers: George Haire, Jr, Donald Haire and Jerry Haire and her sister, Emily Tickle.

She is survived by her beautiful and amazing daughters: Leslie Jean Champion (Shelby) of Tampa, FL, and Susan Celeste Champion McConnell (Nathan) of Southport, NC. Four step sons: Jeff Kornbau and Michael Kornbau, both of Myrtle Beach, SC and Gerald Kornbau and George Kornbau, Jr. of York, PA. A lovely step daughter, Regina Otter of McGregor, TX. Her

incredible grandchildren: Victoria Lynn Edwards (Evan) and Taylor Suzanne Edwards both of Greenville, SC, Madison Caroline Champion of Stafford, VA, Jason Alex McConnell of Southport, NC and Lance Otter of McGregor, TX. Precious Great Grandchildren: Delaney Brooke Rollison of Greenville, SC and Colton James Rollison of Greenville, SC. Her loving niece, Yvette Scavuzzo of York, PA, Her sister-in-law, Audrey Lerew of York, PA, whom she loved dearly and her sister, Tammy Williams of Kannapolis, NC.

Gloria Sue also leaves behind many, many friends, all of whom she loved with all of her heart.

Cards may be sent to the family at 1165 Twin Lakes Dr, Southport, NC 28461.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to: paws4people/paws4vets, 1121 C324 Military Cutoff Rd, Wilmington, NC 28405

www.paws4people.org/donate Or to Moose Charities: www.moosecharities.org, both of these non-profit organizations were near and dear to Gloria Sue's heart.

A memorial service will be scheduled at Goldfinch Beach Chapel at such a time when deemed appropriate.

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gloria Sue Kornbau*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - March 23, 2020 at 12:17 PM

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“ *Our defending circle has been broken. To the family and extended family members of Gloria, she will forever remain in our hearts and be remembered for her kind heart, thoughtful ways and devoted commitment to the Women of the Moose Chapter. Rest In Peace dear sweet lady. Carol Comperchio, Senior Regent*



Carol Comperchio - March 26, 2020 at 07:45 AM

LC



Leslie J. Champion - November 14, 2020 at 08:52 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Lee Smith lit a candle in memory of Gloria Sue Kornbau*



brenda lee smith - March 22, 2020 at 12:29 PM

MW

“ *Sorry to hear about Gloria. Thoughts and prayers to you all. The neighbors, 790 Nelson Dr. Murrells Inlet. Melanie & Aaron.*



Melanie Winkler - March 22, 2020 at 12:11 AM


Celeste
McConnell

“ *41 files added to the album Gloria Sue*



Celeste McConnell - March 21, 2020 at 05:11 PM