



Gladys McNaughton

April 26, 1931 - August 20, 2020

Gladys Elizabeth McNaughton (Rice) was born on April 26th, 1931 and passed away peacefully in her home on August 20th, 2020 at the age of 89. Gladys was born in Paterson, New Jersey to Jack and Betty Rice, their first of two daughters. She graduated from Eastside High School in 1948 before continuing her education at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. At Muskingum she participated on the Social Committee, the Gospel Team, as well as in her sorority Wawyin. After transferring to Paterson State Teachers College in her hometown, she served as a beacon, college newspaper staff member, and as class secretary her senior year, in addition to being a member of the a cappella chorus and Phi Omega Psi sorority. She received her degree in general elementary education in 1952, and went on to be a kindergarten teacher. Relocating to California, Gladys married John Bruce McNaughton in 1968. Shortly after their marriage, they bought a home in Rolling Hills Estates, where they resided happily for over 50 years. Gladys worked with John at Computer Sciences, Telos Computing, and Citibank as a computer programmer, systems analyst, and group manager from 1965 to 1996. She continued as a consultant for Citibank for six years after retiring. She belonged to the Buccaneer Yacht Club and the Morgan Plus 4 Club, an automobile club. She volunteered her time at the Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI), as well as became a member at the South Coast Botanic Garden. She loved to read, garden, sail, bake her famous shortbread cookies, and spend time with her family. She continued to live in her Rolling Hills Estates home with her husband, son David, daughter-in-law Marie, and granddaughter Megan.

Gladys leaves behind her husband John, her sister Lois Rice, her sons John McNaughton (Kim), Ed Carmean (Deb), David McNaughton (Marie), and daughters Maggie Bailey (Mike), Jean Zier (Jeff), in addition to 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and many other beloved family members. Gladys was an example of unconditional love, she not only loved her own family unconditionally, but always extended open arms to anyone who met her. She was a strong leader and an overall warm, wonderful woman. She will be deeply missed. Due to the current pandemic, a celebration of Gladys' life will be scheduled when it safe for all to honor her memory at LAMI to respect her final wishes of having her ashes

scattered at sea.

In memoriam of our beloved Gladys —

After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories
that I leave when life is done.

Family and friends of Gladys are invited to share their favorite photos, video memories and heart felt messages on her Tribute page on the Green Hills Mortuary Website.

Comments



“ Pete and I are so sad to learn about Gladys' passing. She was the party backbone of the Buccaneer Yacht Club, going the extra mile to make things nice. We had not seen her for a while because we are often away on our boat. Several years ago she invited us to sail with her and Jack, as our boat was in New Zealand. She didn't want us to miss a favorite annual club cruise to Isthmus Cove at Catalina Island. Gladys and I had a great time jumping off the boat and swimming—she was quite the daredevil. Always one to pitch in when needed, she was willing to take on more than her share of responsibilities, which all of us greatly appreciated I never heard a cross word from her and, in fact, she was consistently ready with a big smile. It is very sad when someone so dear departs from us. Our thoughts are with the family.

Barb Ballinger and Pete Tarbox

P.S. you've posted a beautiful picture of Gladys and her dog.

Barbara Ballinger - September 30, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ she sure made wonderful shortbread to share.....

Pamela Glavis

Dennis Glavis - September 10, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ I had the good fortune to know Gladys and John through their bi-coastal membership in both the Morgan Plus 4 club in Southern California as well as the 3/4 Morgan Group in the Northeast. For many years, it was there habit to set off from their CA home and drive either to sail in Maine, visit John's hometown in western Massachusetts or just attend the 3/4 Morgan Group's annual AutumnMog. Indeed, their little Morgan 4/4 was as durable and intrepid as they were. I particularly remember greeting them at that event held in Litchfield CT. That was at the conclusion of their unbelievable round the world tour and, needless to say, they received the "Most distance traveled to the meet in a Morgan". A record that will likely never be beaten. A pair of the most delightful humans to inhabit the planet and I feel blessed to have known them for so many fun filled years.

David Crandall

David Crandall - September 10, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Sad, sad day as another lifelong Morgan aficionado drives the Mog thru the Pearley Gates.....She and John drove around the world in their 4/4....wrote a charming book about the adventure....Adventure on Gladys!

Dennis Glavis - September 10, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ I happened along one day to see what the Buccaneer Yacht Club was about and Gladys greeted me with gracious hospitality. She invited me to return that afternoon for a pot luck and to meet the Buccaneers and learn about the club and sailing. I have traveled the world and can tell you that sort of kindness is an uncommon gem more precious than diamonds. Thank you for that Gladys.

Pierre Louis

Pierre Louis - September 09, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Gladys McNaughton.

Gladys was an active member of the Buccaneer Yacht Club for many years. I will miss her. She was a good friend.

She was also a long time, almost daily volunteer at LAMI (Los Angeles Maritime Institute) where she managed the mailing list database, and helped out with running the office. It was volunteers like her who enabled LAMI to grow to become a success.

Richard Gladson



Richard Gladson - September 09, 2020 at 12:22 AM



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Lauel Brackenridge - September 06, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Fond memories of Gladys. She gave so much of herself to make the lives and experiences of others special and pleasant.

As the Buccaneer Yacht Club Social Committee lead for many years, Gladys saw to it that every celebrated holiday and special event was not without thematic decoration, delicious food, dessert, and for many occasions spirited singing and cheer.

She will be remembered for her caring and adventurous nature. Sailing many nautical miles on the eastern and western waters of North America, and traveling around the world in the Morgan Plus4 with her husband and soulmate, Jack. What a trooper!

Additionally, Gladys was a trail blazer for her era, accomplishing great feats as a female college student and professional. The world has been a better place for women in the workplace because of her achievements.

Gladys gave of herself with humility and grace. Many fond memories prevail of time spent together at yacht club events and at Catalina Island while fellow Buccaneers. We are grateful for Gladys having opened her heart and home to our family in friendship.

Now she graces the heavens and its company with her presence. Shine on, Gladys!

The Melands, Steffen, Colleen & Steffani

Colleen Meland - September 06, 2020 at 08:12 PM



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Green Hills Mortuary & Memorial Chapel - September 04, 2020 at 06:59 PM