



*Gloria Lilyea Shay
(1959 and 1999)*

Dear PUA Class of '59:

It is with tremendous personal sadness that I tell you our dear friend and classmate – Gloria Lilyea Shay – left this life on February 13, 2011. The graduation photo on the left above is how we remember her in 1959. The photo on the right was at a Planning Committee meeting for the 40-year reunion of the Class of '59! In some ways she hadn't changed, but one thing is certain: she just kept getting lovelier with each passing year.

Gloria's family have asked that I share the following information with you. Glo had endured Multiple Sclerosis for numerous years and in more recent years had experienced symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease. It is from complications of the latter that she died. She had lived near her son Steve in North Carolina and then in Valdosta, Georgia, for approximately the last year of her life near her devoted daughter, Michelle. She was very contented and comfortable, and though her death was unexpected, Michelle and Steve were with her and she died peacefully

Gloria's family is planning a memorial service to be held here in New York State on Saturday, May 7, 2011. They extend a warm invitation to Glo's classmates to attend if distance is not prohibitive. There will be a grave side service, to which all are invited, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sand Hill Cemetery on Sand Hill Road. This is south off Routes 5 and 20, west of Geneva and just a few hundred feet east of the Post Road, which is County Road 5. (For purposes of using a GPS, the nearest postal address at the cemetery is 1794 Sand Hill Road, Geneva). Following that, at approximately 1:00 p.m., there will be a luncheon and a memorial service (all invited) in celebration of Gloria's life at the North Rose United Methodist Church; 5050 North Main Street; North Rose, NY. There will be an opportunity for friends to share special memories of Gloria at that service. For

friends who are unable to attend, if you would like to share some written comments, please send them to me or to Sharon Martin, Gloria's younger sister. Sharon's address is below.

Gloria's all-time favorite flower was the yellow daffodil. If any classmates are able to attend the memorial service and would like to bring one or more daffodils, we will put all together in a large memorial bouquet in Gloria's honor. If you would like to bring potted daffodils (or bulbs if you can find them at this time of year) Gloria's family intends to plant a Memorial Daffodil Garden in honor of Gloria.

Additionally, if you have any photos of Gloria and could send either a copy or a scanned image, we would like to use them for a photo collage representing memories of her life as a member of the Class of '59. As many of you know, the Class of '59 was so important to Glo, and she held her classmates and class memories dear in her heart. Please send any such photos to me, as I have offered to compile that particular collage. I'd love to have help with this if there is anyone among us who would like to volunteer . . .

Some of you have asked for addresses so that you might send written notes of condolence to members of Glo's family. Here they are:

*Sharon Lilyea Martin (Mrs. Scotty) (sister)
10231 Catchpole Road
North Rose, NY 14516*

*Ms. Lois Lilyea Fisher (sister)
125 Scottsville-W. Henrietta Rd (#411)
West Henrietta, NY 14586*

*Mrs. Sam (Michelle) Alzheimer (daughter)
314 Simpson Place
Valdosta, GA 31602*

*Steven Shay (son)
e-mail: alreg@oldstonegate.com*

Gloria's family very much looks forward to this occasion when her friends and family will have an opportunity to gather in celebration of Gloria's life.

My best,

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