



## Gloria Marie Hebert

December 30, 1929 - August 4, 2020

Gloria Marie Newcomer Hebert was born in 1929 in Sweetlake, LA. Her parents, Frank and Elsie raised Gloria and her 6 brothers and sisters in Lake Charles, LA. Gloria was the last surviving sibling.

Gloria had exceptional success in school and in 1947, in her senior year, she was voted Class President, Best Citizen and was Editor of the Lake Charles High Wildcat Yearbook. After graduation, she lived at home and worked for a local bank and eventually began working for Cities Services. During high school, she began dating a local boy, Jerry Hebert, whom she later married. After he graduated from dental school, he enlisted in the Navy as an officer and the couple was assigned to a station outside of Memphis, TN. It was there that their first child, Michael was born.

In 1955, her husband was accepted into the orthodontic residency program at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, so they rented a small apartment south of the city. Gloria stayed there with Michael everyday and was a very devoted mother. She and Michael returned to Lake Charles for the delivery of her second child, a daughter, named Catherine. Her husband finished his training and began the first orthodontic practice in Lake Charles. They had three more sons, Paul, James and Louis. All children are surviving and are married with children.

At age 41, Gloria and Jerry were planning a trip out of the country. A suspicious lump in her left breast demanded immediate biopsy. It was carcinoma which in 1970 was treated with a radical mastectomy, radiation therapy, and a complete hysterectomy. She became very ill as a result of this treatment and her marriage went into a rapid decline. After her divorce, she enrolled as a freshman at McNeese in accounting. She continued to raise five children and attended classes towards her degree. In 1974, she received a Bachelor's degree summa cum laude in accounting. She returned to work at CITCO and insured that all five of her children would be college graduates and responsible citizens. All in total, her children have acquired 44 years of higher education, many with advanced degrees. She is the proud mother of an environmental scientist, an endodontist, two petroleum engineers

and a cardio-vascular surgeon.

While she was building her retirement home in Mandeville, Gloria was helping with the care and cooking meals for her older sister, Margaret and her husband, and for another housebound sister in law, Dottie. During retirement, Gloria has enjoyed her 8 grandchildren and pursued her interests in traveling, gardening, reading biographies, Mediterranean cuisines and other cultural activities. She attended St. Timothy's Methodist Church in Mandeville, LA and was a model and charter resident at Beau Provence Memory Care facility since 2014.

All funeral services are private with interment in St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery.

# Comments

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“ Louis, I was so sorry to hear of your moms death. Her house on Orchard Drive was the first one I ever sold and helped start my real estate career. Have always had fond memories of her. Greg Wise



**Greg Wise** - August 11, 2020 at 11:20 PM

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“ It is my privilege to be a friend of Michael. Respecting him as I do, reading about Gloria Hebert has been a revelation. Wish I could have known her as well. A MOST accomplished lady. We could have been friends. My sincere condolences to the entire Hebert family for this great loss. Dorothy Kelly of Baton Rouge.

**Dorothy Kelly** - August 09, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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“ I read Gloria's obituary because her beautiful picture caught my eye. I was impressed with the way it was written, and with the way she lived her life. To me, she embodied what the "Greatest Generation" was. The love and pride her children have for her was evident. After living a life with many challenges, I am so happy that she got to live her retirement years doing things she enjoyed. She definitely deserved it. I was just left wondering, did Gloria have to pay for her children's education alone? What happened to Jerry?  
My sincere condolences to the entire family for your great loss.

**LJ Strain** - August 09, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ I will never forget how caring Aunt Gloria was, especially towards my teenaged self. She listened to me, supported and encouraged me, and she was a blessing to me. She was a strong, loving and courageous woman who led an amazing life. Sending condolences and love to her children and grandchildren.

**Dawn Newcomer** - August 07, 2020 at 08:40 PM

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“ I worked with Gloria for many years at CITGO in the Yield Accounting Department. She was a woman I truly admired. Her strength was evident. As a younger woman I had such respect for her not only in the workplace but in life. She told wonderful stories of her children and grandchildren. When she was ready to retire she made sure her replacement was well trained. I got to know her personally when she asked me to her home several times. I loved walking around in her yard as she told me about her plants.  
I will never forget her! Rest in peace Ms. Gloria!

**JO Evelyn Adams** - August 07, 2020 at 04:23 PM

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“ Praying for you James and Dana Hebert and your entire and extended family members. So sorry for your loss. May God be especially near you during and even after this trying time.  
Love, Terry and Karen Cauthen and family

**Karen Cauthen** - August 07, 2020 at 03:43 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Marie Hebert.



August 07, 2020 at 11:09 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Gloria’s family. Gloria and I spent many hours sitting in our front yards under the trees on Orchard Dr. talking about gardening and commiserating about life in general and specifically about our families. She was a delightful and endearing friend to me. I had great admiration for her.



**Floyd Guidry, Jr., M.D.** - August 07, 2020 at 07:08 AM

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“ I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Ms Gloria but from reading obituary she seemed like an extraordinary lady. I don't usually read obits when I don't know the person but I'm glad I read it. It was uplifting and I just wanted her family to know that you did a wonderful job writing it. It sounds like she did a wonderful and special job raising her 5 children. Thanks for sharing a portion of her life.

**Janice Lambert** - August 06, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ I had the great pleasure of knowing and visiting with "Miss Glo" for many months during the time my husband was at Beau Provence. She was a lovely, lovely lady and always had her purse with her. Her life sounds amazing and I shall always remember her with joy.

Delitha Lane ( "Mr. Bob's" wife)

**Delitha lane** - August 06, 2020 at 01:04 PM