

Terprise

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Smith, Gloria M.
(Tehan)
8/14/1939 - 9/19/11
9-30-2011

Obituary

GLORIA M. (TEHAN) SMITH

Gloria Marie "Tudy" Smith departed from this life Sept. 9, 2011, where she had lived in a rest home in Hawaii. She was born Aug. 14, 1939.



Gloria had suffered from Transverse Myelitis, an illness that greatly handicapped her for more than 30 years.

Gloria attended elementary school in Palmyra and St. Teresa's Catholic school in Eagle. She graduated from Whitewater College High School and then entered vocational training for hair science and cosmetology in Milwaukee.

Gloria was married to Donald D. Smith and gave birth to three children. The Smith family moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., where they lived until stricken with her illness. The marriage ended in divorce.

Gloria returned to Wisconsin and lived with her sister Kathleen Knapp and family in Tomah.

The Knapp's assisted her in relocating to Dallas, Texas,

to be near her sister Mrs. Robert Scichili (Reddy) where she lived for 21 years. During this time Gloria became a primary school teacher's assistant, which she enjoyed. Her sons made arrangements for her to relocate to the Hawaiian island of Maui. The move contributed to a more favorable quality of life.

Gloria enjoyed all aspects of nature, a variety of music and a deep spiritual belief in her Roman Catholic faith. Gloria organized rosary and other religious events at the rest home where she lived.

She was affiliated with the Catholic Knights of Columbus (McAllen Texas Chapter) through her brother, Bill.

Gloria followed current news events and relished her many friends through telephone contact. The former Gert Ridgeman of Eagle was her special friend since her early school years.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents Ann and William Tehan and sister Maureen. She is survived by daughter Kelly, two sons; Scott and Billy, sisters Mary and Kathleen, two brothers; Jon and Bill, four grandsons and numerous nieces and nephews.

The disposition of final plans remain private.