



## Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius

June 16, 1929 - July 29, 2024

On Monday, July 29, 2024, Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away at the age of 95. Gladys was born June 16, 1929 in Berwyn, IL to Joseph Anton and Bessie (Lejcar) Stauber. On February 2nd, 1948, she united in marriage to John (Jack) G. Zajicek, III. In 1962, Gladys and Jack together purchased, expanded, and operated a very successful mobile home park, Chain-O-Lakes Mobile Homes until Jack's passing in 1979. Gladys continued managing this community until her passing. Gladys and Jack together had three children, Janet Smart (Ed Jacobs), Susan (deceased) Zajicek, and John (Kristine) G. Zajicek, IV.

Gladys remarried years later to Bernard Ignatius (deceased) who had five adult children; Roger (deceased Jeanne) Ignatius, Tom (Kristina) Ignatius, Jim (Dawn) Ignatius, Scott Ignatius, and Nancy (Henry) Williby.

Gladys took pride in being the matriarch of the family by instilling the importance of family and traditions, and by always planning events for the family to gather and celebrate. She loved boating with her loved ones and friends on the Chain O' Lakes. She was the hostess with the mostest, and no one ever left her home without a full plate of food for later. She was the epitome of a social butterfly, always dressed up to the nines, listening to music, laughing, and connecting with others. Gladys also was quite the football enthusiast of her home team, the Chicago Bears. While managing her

mobile home business, she made it a priority to make connections with every single tenant and maintain a neighborly community. Gladys was a generous, hardworking self-starter, creative entrepreneur spirit, independent, detailed-oriented, and strong-willed Christian woman. She was also such a sweet and caring friend.

When married to Bernard, they embraced traveling all over the United States attending concerts, balloon festivals, Rose Bowl, art shows, museums, exploring landmarks, and trying new restaurants. They established a second home in Fort Myers Beach, where she made even more lasting friendships. While in Florida, she discovered her joy and talent for painting beachscapes and sunsets. She was also a sun worshiper, who enjoyed walks on the beach collecting shells.

Those who will also mourn her passing and cherish her memory are her grand-children, Mikelle Smart, Nicole Smart, Alanna (Ray) Tayao, Sloane (Shannon, deceased) Geary, Reed Geary, Theresa (Dave) Moore, Christopher Ignatius, Taryn (Mike) Ketels, Jim (Natalie) Ignatius, Kelli (Sam) Stephens, Margaret Lutz, Mary Lutz, Carilyn Williby, Christian Williby, great-grandchildren Blaze, Bjorn, and Ronan Geary, Raden and August Tayao. In addition, she will always be remembered and honored by several nieces, nephews, great, and great-great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express gratitude to everyone at JourneyCare Hospice and Gladys's excellent caretakers Cleo, Anna, Cyd, Lynn, and Barb.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Hospital or Lord of Glory Church.

Visitation will be 10 - 11 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2024 at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, 607 W Belvidere Rd, Grayslake, IL 60030. A funeral service

will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Interment is private at Bohemian National Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lord of Glory Church  
607 W Belvidere Rd  
Grayslake, IL 60030

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Denise W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.

Denise W. - August 21, 2024 at 02:31 PM

CP

“ Cherie P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.

Cherie P. - August 02, 2024 at 01:14 AM

Jl

“ OMG where to begin...Gladys and our Dad shared so many memories with Dawn and I and our three kids Taryn, Jimmy and Kelli who are all now married and have children of their own...Taryn and Mike and little Mac and Kellen, Jim and Nat and Kelli and Sam and little Ezra...So many Holiday's shared at their home in Grayslake and riding in the golf cart and walking the beautiful property...So much love was given to our children and you will be truly missed...Love Jim and Dawn and Family (Colorado) Currently in Alaska..

Jim Ignatius - August 01, 2024 at 01:50 PM

TI

“ Gladys was always very loving and welcoming to Kris and me. We loved being with her and all the family as she would make us feel included and at home. We will always remember the fun parties, BBQs and holidays at her house and the lake house that she invited us to. We will miss her welcoming smile and the fun we had when we were with her. Even though we'll miss her dearly, we're glad that she can rest in peace now and that she is with the Lord along with Sue, Dad and all of the friends and family that went before her.  
*Sincerely, Tom Ignatius*

Tom Ignatius - July 31, 2024 at 09:07 PM

AM

“ Anna, Lauren, and Megean purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.



Anna, Lauren, and Megean - July 31, 2024 at 01:35 PM

AM

“ Anna, Lauren, and Megean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.

Anna, Lauren, and Megean - July 31, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.



July 31, 2024 at 12:19 PM

RD

“ Rick D. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.

Rick D. - July 31, 2024 at 11:05 AM

SS

“ Sumera S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.

Sumera S. - July 31, 2024 at 10:07 AM

CL

“ Caitlin, Margaret, Mary and John Lutz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.



Caitlin, Margaret, Mary and John Lutz - July 31, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SF

“ Dear Janet and Ed, Mikelle, Nicole And John and All of the family of Gladys. I have not been in touch with Gladys in a while but she was such a beautiful lady inside and out! Please accept our condolences to you all  
Brad, Shelly and the Stonelake family

Shelly Stonelake and Family - July 30, 2024 at 05:39 PM

JS

“ Janet and Wayne Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.



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**Janet and Wayne Smith** - July 30, 2024 at 05:21 PM

JS

“ Janet and Wayne Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Rose Zajicek-Ignatius.

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**Janet and Wayne Smith** - July 30, 2024 at 05:21 PM