

Celebrating the Life of

A portrait of Lena Gortman, a woman with short, dark, wavy hair, wearing glasses and a light-colored, patterned shirt. She is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background of the entire funeral home is a dramatic, golden sunset or sunrise over a sea of clouds. Two white doves are flying in the sky, one in the upper right and one in the lower left.

Lena Gortman

SUNRISE: March 12, 1933 - SUNSET: December 18, 2023

Thursday, December 28, 2023 - 10am

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Obituary

Lena Beatrice Gortman was born on March 12, 1933, in Leesville, South Carolina. She was the youngest of fourteen children born to Frank and Lena Gortman. She had one younger brother from the union of Frank Gortman and Ms. Minnie Wise of Leesville, South Carolina. Lena was the last surviving child, until her peaceful death on December 18, 2023, in her home at the age of 90.

She was married to Mr. Fred Dorn of Leesville, South Carolina, however the union was brief.

Lena grew up in Leesville and attended school there. At the age of 25, she moved to New York with her only child, Barbara Ann Gortman.

Lena was a people person, many of her nieces and nephews kept in touch with her with visits and by phone.

She choose housekeeping as her line of work. She loved beauty and order in all things. She was an Eastern Star, and a certified nurses' aide.

She was a pied piper of children, no child could resist her warmth and charm. She had many friends and would talk to strangers even if they could not speak english. To her there were no barriers.

She was caring, supportive, concerned and sympathetic to everyone, and was loved for it. Her smile was contagious. Her faith in God unshakable and her strength admirable.

Lena has gone on to join her mother, father and fourteen siblings. She will be missed, but never forgotten, because of the beautiful person she was.

Lena is survived by: her daughter, Barbara Ann Gortman-Patterson; son-in-law, James Patterson; her sister-in-law, Henrietta Gortman; nephews, James Gortman and Frank Gregory Gortman; nieces, Margie Gortman, Sharon Gortman, Miranda Wise, Mary Foulkes, Mary Frances Perkins, Fay Myers, Sandra Gortman, Violetta Mackey, Mary Snipes, Barbara Jean Gortman, Sheila Gortman; as well as a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews (too many to name), cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Forest Green Memorial Park
Morganville, New Jersey

Mother I thank God everyday for blessing me with such an awesome person to guide me through this life. You were my best friend, my confidant, my strength, my love. Now it's time for you to rest, peace be unto you.

Love Ann



Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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