



## Gloria Holmstrup MacLeod

July 31, 1924 - April 10, 2017

Holmstrup MacLeod, Gloria - 92, of Cape May, NJ passed away on April 10, 2017. Gloria was born to Alan and Anna (Marko) Lyster on July 31, 1924 in Philadelphia, PA. After graduating from Philadelphia High School she was employed by Pope and Talbot Steam Ship Company, where one of the Captains would always bring Gloria a box of candy when his ship pulled in. One day, he had his First Mate, Kenneth Holmstrup, a Kings Point Academy graduate and veteran Merchant Marine, make the delivery. It was the beginning of a love affair that would last 34 years.

The Holmstrups were married in 1951 and moved to Cape May where they were active socially and politically. With a common love of antiques and colonial craftsmanship, they renovated the Isaac Smith home on Old Shore Road and built and operated the Cape May Forge, the local “go-to” spot for lampshades, antiques, and brass polishing. In 1961 Ken was elected to the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders and together they embarked on a 12-year political career of service to the county.

After Ken’s death in 1985, Gloria moved back to Cape May where she was active as a member of the Corinthian Yacht Club, running the gift shop, serving on the race committee and even serving as “Mommadore” alongside several Commodores. She was an enthusiastic volunteer and supporter of Historic Cold Spring Village and became a member of the Friends of Historic Cold Spring Village at its inception.

Gloria will be missed by daughter Lizabeth Holmstrup Shay, son Kenneth Alan and his wife Jana Holmstrup, grandson Kenneth Shay, and granddaughters Kendall Madison and Olivia Antoinette Shay. She will also be missed by numerous family members across the country. Gloria is preceded in death by John N. MacLeod, former Cape May County Agricultural Officer, whom she married in 1998.

Together with her band of close friends, Gloria enjoyed summers at the Beach Club, dinners at the Lobster House, and especially Friday nights at the Yacht Club where they could always be found around their specially reserved table. As she always said – “I’ve

had a full and wonderful life!”

Gloria’s memorial ceremony will take place on Tuesday (April 18th) at 11am in the Spilker Funeral Home, 815 Washington St., Cape May where friends will be received from 10am to 11am. Interment will be private and at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Historic Cold Spring Village or the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum.

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Spilker Funeral Home

815 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US, 08204

**APR** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Richard and Jitan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gloria Holmstrup MacLeod.



**Richard and Jitan** - April 17, 2017 at 11:28 AM

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“ George and I always looked forward to seeing her at the Yacht Club on Friday nights. Will miss her and her smile

**Mary Patrick** - April 16, 2017 at 10:57 AM

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“ Love, Mike and Barb purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gloria Holmstrup MacLeod.



**Love, Mike and Barb** - April 16, 2017 at 07:57 AM

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“ God bless, Gloria! A great Mom who worked hard for her family & community and did her job well. RIP in glory with our Lord Jesus. David I. & Claudia Von Savage and Family - Maddie, Dave, Jack & Kate

**David I. Von Savage** - April 15, 2017 at 03:03 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Holmstrup MacLeod.



April 14, 2017 at 12:37 PM

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“ I am shocked and so sad to know Gloria is no longer here to greet me with her big smile on Fridays at the yacht club. She was such a beautiful lady. We would always greet each other and have a short polite conversation. I did not know her otherwise. She did very well with her hip replacement years ago. Her many friends and family will miss this dear woman. May God bless all who knew her.

Muriel Gray  
Cape May



**Muriel Gray** - April 14, 2017 at 12:35 PM

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“ We always loved giving up our bar stools to Gloria & her friends on Friday night at the Corinthian Yacht Club as she always had a story for us. She will truly be missed.  
Sue & Steve Irving

**Sue Irving** - April 14, 2017 at 11:57 AM

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“ Gloria was a beautiful lady and a wonderful friend to my aunt and uncle, carol and Ken Fortnum of Christmas Island. We kids, have many memories of her visits to their kitchen table and the stories she would tell. A gracious lady who will be remembered.

**Leslie Woodward** - April 14, 2017 at 10:51 AM

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“ I feel grateful for having known Gloria.  
My husband Edward thought of her as his second mom. She was beautiful, classy and intelligent. I so loved our conversations over the years and her sense of humor. She will be missed by so many and my love and prayers are with Liz, Skip, Alan and Jana as they grieve and celebrate Gloria's life.  
Karin Sayre

**Karin Mignogna Sayre** - April 13, 2017 at 08:55 PM

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“ My deepest condolences on your loss.

**Jen Sawyer** - April 13, 2017 at 04:44 PM

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“ Having the Holmstrups move next door around 1963 , put in motion a friendship that would impact my life in ways I never could have foreseen. Mr. & Mrs Holmstrup , along with Liz and Alan, brought a touch of class, humor, intelligence and style to our rural neighborhood . Gloria led in all those catagories. Her charm and gentle nature will never be forgotten. Her influence on my life cannot be measured. Today's tears will just be the beginning as memories trickle in over the coming weeks, months and years. My second mom. I will always love you. Edward Sayre

**Edward Sayre** - April 13, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ I second that. Wonderful memories!

**Beverly Sayre-DeFulvio** - April 13, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ I third that. What a blessing to have the Holmstrups as our neighbors all through our growing up years. Mr and Mrs Holmstrup gave us some oppourtinitias. I remember going to Maine and staying in a cabin at Sabago Lake. Mr and Mrs Holmstrup took four of us kids (Liz and Alan. my brother Ed, and me) and we swam in the lake at least twice a day, went boating, and thoroughly enjoyed the week in the Maine woods in the summer. What powerful memories!

**Elaine Sayre Foley** - April 13, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ Gloria was wonderful person. I enjoyed many interesting conversations and the pleasure of her company many Sunday afternoons while serving on CYCCM Race Committee. I am sorry I will not to be seeing her on my trip back to CM this summer after 13 years. She left us with grace and dignity.

**Ann DiLouie** - April 18, 2017 at 12:42 PM

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“Gloria was a dear friend with whom I had many a fascinating chat. She would tell me stories of old Cape May, and at one time actually lived on the street where I grew up in WCM. I would often lose track of time when talking with Gloria, she was so interesting. Needless to say I will miss her, yet remember her always. My thoughts and prayers are with Liz, Alan and their families.

**Sandy McCullough** - April 13, 2017 at 02:38 PM