



# Grace Irene Gius

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Grace Gius was born on October 3, 1917 in Houghton, Oregon and died peacefully in her home on May 18, 2009. She lived a long, full life, giving generously of her love and talents to family and community. When she was eight, her family moved to Tacoma. She graduated from the College of Puget Sound, where she met Bob Gius, her husband of 68 years. They had five children, seven foster children, and one adopted daughter. Grace taught first grade at Lakeview Elementary School and, after their move to California, became a reading specialist. She was a natural leader and had many roles in many organizations. She and Bob were very active in Lions Clubs in California and, on their return, in Washington. In 1992 Grace became the first woman president of Lakewood First Lions. She held many offices at local and regional levels and, in 2007, she received a "Distinguished Leadership" medal from the Lions Club International. She was a charter member of St. Frances Cabrini Parish. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob, her son David, daughter Darline, and grandson Jonathon Cables.

She is survived by her daughters Donna Franklin, Monica Cuellar, and Bobbie Vasil, son Dan Gius, nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Wednesday, May 27 at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 5505 10th St. SW, Lakewood: Rosary at 10:30 AM and Mass at 11:00 followed by a reception. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lakewood First Lions Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 99158, Lakewood, WA 98488.

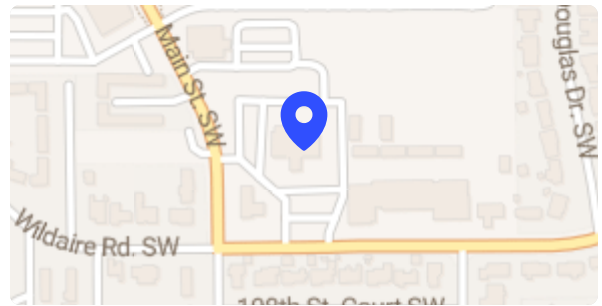


# Events

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## Service

- Wednesday**, May 27, 2009
- 11:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT
- St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church**  
5505 108th St. SW, LAKEWOOD WA 98499





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**Anonymous** posted:

From Val di Non the old land of fathers. Our condolences go out to the family.  
<http://www.malosco.it>

March 8 at 12:43 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to your family, she was a remarkable and very talented lady who will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Mary Ball Chapter DAR  
Mary Ball DAR

May 29 at 2:50 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have been so blessed having known such a remarkable lady. Grace was a soft spoken woman who always had a kind word for those around her. She encouraged many and set an extraordinary example for everyone who knew her. Lakewood has been a city blessed by her presence. Her charitable and volunteer work is unmatched. She will be missed, but her memory will live forever. My love and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of great sorrow.

May 27 at 5:08 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have been truly blessed to have known and worked with Grace at many Lakewood Civic events and functions. Her wonderful smile and her love of all always showed through in whatever she did. I will miss her, but not forget her. -----Tony  
Robinson

May 26 at 9:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Eleanor and I were very sorry to hear of Grace's passing. Our condolences go out to the family. We considered Grace as our friend. We really enjoyed receiving her interesting letters and other correspondence during the past years. She will be missed. Bill and Eleanor Breite  
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May 25 at 6:42 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My heartfelt sympathy to Grace's family. Gracie, my genealogy buddy, I will remember our many research trips to Salt Lake, the very hot cocoa and apple pie after a hard day of research, the inspiring Masses at the beautiful Cathedral of the Madeleine... Zipping thru security at the airport - wheelchairs rock! I'll miss you, Grace. God bless.##imported-begin##Jean Gobel##imported-end##

May 24 at 8:27 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Grace by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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