



Celia "Picce" Gellman Glast

August 11, 1945 - February 19, 2023

Celia Gellman Glast, beloved wife, mother, sister and friend, passed away in Palm Desert, CA, on February 19, 2023, after a valiant fight with many health challenges over the last few years. Celia, known to all as Picce, was born to Celia Stahl Gellman and Saul Morris Gellman in Gonzalez, TX, on August 11, 1945. Growing up in Austin, TX, she was surrounded by family and friends, active in Congregation Beth Israel and BBYO and was an accomplished pianist. She graduated from McCallum High School.

In 1966 Picce earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. While at UT she was active in Sigma Delta Tau sorority, serving as president of the chapter and a lifelong devotee.

As a young professional, Picce moved to New York to work for Gimbels, becoming the youngest buyer at a national department store chain at the time. Shortly after, Titcher-Goettinger (later known as Titcher's) recruited her as the first woman hired to the position of merchandise manager at their flagship store in Dallas.

In 1974, she married Robert "Bob" Glast and moved to Odessa, TX, where they raised their two daughters, Rachel and Deborah.

Picce was an esteemed member of the Odessa community, where she was an entrepreneur, establishing her own successful small business, "Pixie's," specializing in party planning, invitations and lifecycle events. As an integral part of people's lives, she planned special celebrations. She was an avid volunteer and dedicated friend. Her embroidery and needlepoint creations are still prized possessions of many.

As an active member of the Jewish community, she served as President of Temple Beth El in Odessa, not once but twice. In addition, she served as Sisterhood president multiple times and was a lifetime member of Hadassah. In 1997, family and friends gathered when she was honored for her dedication to the State of Israel and commitment to the Israel Bonds program.

Picce was a true Mahjong maven, playing weekly games, teaching classes and even coordinating a community-wide tournament. In addition, she enjoyed all kinds of card games, including duplicate bridge, canasta and gin rummy. Bob said he “still owes her a trillion dollars” from their ongoing gin game.

More than anything, Picce was devoted to her family. Her husband and daughters were the lights of her life. She adored her nephews, niece, and extended family and was a lifelong friend to many. Nothing gave her more pleasure than celebrating holidays with her family, bringing people together as the consummate hostess.

After moving to Palm Desert, CA, she became involved with Temple Sinai, played Mahjong with new friends, and enjoyed attending art fairs and live performances.

Predeceased in death by her parents, she is survived by her husband Bob Glast, her daughters Rachel Glast and Deborah Glast, her brother Steven Gellman (Lynne), her sister Tobi Gellman, brother-in-law Sam Glast (Lili), niece Becca Gellman (Andy Goldenberg), nephews Jason Glast (Kathryn), Joshua Lebowitz (Alexis), Zachary Lebowitz (Kelsi), and Jay Gellman (Dana).

Graveside services will be Friday, February 24, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Temple Beth Shalom section of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, 2800 Hancock Dr., Austin, TX 78731. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas Freedom Network Education Fund, Temple Beth Shalom or American Liver Foundation.

To stream the funeral, please go to the Austin Natural Funerals Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals>. A Facebook account is not required in order to view. If a pop-up window appears asking you to log in, click "not now" and the livestream will be available for you to view. If the "not now" button does not appear, scroll down on the page and it will come up for you to select.

Previous Events

Computer Accessible Graveside Service

FEB 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

Austin Natural Funerals Facebook Page
<http://facebook.com/austinnaturalfunerals>

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Funeral

FEB 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

Austin Memorial Park
2800 Hancock Dr.
Austin, TX 78731

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Bob, Rachel and Deborah I am so sorry for your loss. I have a lot of fond memories of coming to your home in Odessa. My daughters Michele and Lisa loved babysitting you and playing with you when we were over to visit. I had some great times with your mom at the Texas football games. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Cathy Perkins Reed


Cathy Reed - March 03, 2023 at 08:40 PM

SK

“ When I became friends with Rachel and Deborah, Picce embraced me like family. What a gift. I don't remember why, but I liked to call her 'Lala' and that made her snicker. I fondly remember traveling to Odessa for work and staying over at Picce & Bob's house. She will be missed. All my love to the Glasts.

Stacy Kaplowitz - February 25, 2023 at 02:19 PM

CC

“ My heart is broken...yet so full. My Picce will be missed. I have been given a treasure by getting to know her. She has taught me many wonderful lessons. Blessed me & my life so much 🙏 forever loved 

Chanel Clipper - February 24, 2023 at 03:49 PM

SE

“ I am very certain that Bede and Picce are busy talking in heaven today. What a wonderful friend Picce was to our family! I remember that she would take charge in any situation. Sending my love and hugs to you all today 💕

Sophie E Edwards - February 24, 2023 at 12:35 PM

PF

“ Picce Glast taught me how to serve a congregation. Even when I disagreed with her, she always raised the right questions (and, frankly, she was often more right than I was). She showed me how to think of a congregation as an assembly in the present and as a community into the future.

Paul Feit - February 24, 2023 at 11:39 AM

KF

“ I remember Mrs. Glast to hold a kind and welcoming energy. She, Mr. Glast, and their daughters generously opened their home and shared their culture with me on multiple occasions. I was blessed by her influence. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
-Kimberlin Fitzgerald

Kimberlin Fitzgerald - February 23, 2023 at 10:12 PM

BB

“ My mom, Barbara, loved Celia, “Picce” and would mention her name with special reverence, deep admiration and warm love.

I also loved Picce and admired how she raised such beautiful, amazing, and passionate daughters...daughters who are equal parts kind and strong.

*May Celia “Picce” Gelan Glast’s name be eternal. She will be missed. 🙏
Love to all the family, Barbara Bartlett*

Barbara Bartlett - February 23, 2023 at 03:48 AM

BB

**Celia Gellman Glast —so sorry for the typos*

Barbara Bartlett - February 23, 2023 at 03:50 AM

DR

“ I never met anyone like Picce. I went down to Texas and met her there at temple. She was intrepid, generous, consistent, honest and kind. My condolences to Bob, Deborah and Rachel. I was thinking of Picce yesterday and googled her name and was sorry to hear that she passed. She had been on my mind all day...another indication that it is hard to shake Picce once she is in your life. I'm grateful that I met her.

Sincerely,

Dr. Suzan Russell

NY, NY

Dr. Suzan Russell - February 22, 2023 at 11:40 PM

TL

“ So sorry to hear about Picce. My thoughts are with Bob and the family.

Terry Lustgarden - February 22, 2023 at 10:49 AM

LO

“*Picce was part of my family. Our girls were playmates. Picce was the most generous person of her time, help and friendship. I knew how smart she was! She was the most calming influence on everyone. "Everybody relax" was a favorite saying. I loved this girl. Lynda Oldham*

Lynda Flores Oldham - February 21, 2023 at 06:52 PM

JC

In spite of all the trials thrown at her, Picce continued to carry on and beat the odds. She was so smart! I'll always remember the Maj games and what a great player she was. I am so sorry for your loss.
Jackie Comola

Jaelyn Comola - February 22, 2023 at 09:07 AM

NB

Picce was kind, attentive, and involved. Her devotion to Bob and his to her was exemplary and an inspiration. It was an honor to have known her. Dayan haEmet.

Nesa Bland - February 23, 2023 at 02:02 AM

LJ

“*Picce was a force of nature who left the world a much better place than she found it. I am so grateful to have known her and to be one of many, many beneficiaries of her generosity and willingness to fight for what she believed in. She will be greatly missed.*
- Leslie Jones

Leslie Jones - February 21, 2023 at 04:23 PM