



Céline (Poirier) Guité

December 2, 1940 – November 21, 2023

The world became brighter on December 2, 1940, the day that Céline Guité was born in the town of Caplan, in the province of Québec, Canada. By the Lord's providence, Céline passed away on November 21, 2023, in North Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born at home as the fourth of twelve children to Leonide and Adelaide Poirier.

Céline came from an extremely tight knit family that lived on a small farm near the sea. As a child, Céline learned to sew and would eventually sew clothing for her children. She would work on the farm, milking cows, picking wild strawberries, and caring for chickens. Making jam was a favorite activity. She also loved the lambs and found great joy holding them.

At the age of 18, Céline met Marcel Guité while he was home on military leave from Japan. They were introduced by Marcel's sister and there was an immediate attraction between them. However, Marcel had to return to military service in Japan. While he was away, Céline moved to the big city of Montréal where she worked for General Electric installing filaments in light bulbs and would send part of her salary home to support her family. While there, Marcel and Céline would correspond often.

After receiving new orders, Marcel returned briefly to Québec where he and Céline were married on June 24, 1960. Together, they moved to southern Spain. When they arrived, Céline only spoke French, but soon picked up Spanish and English. Thirteen months after arriving, they welcomed their daughter Carmen and 17 months later their son Normand. A few years later, new orders brought them back to the US where Marc was born.

Céline was a supportive military spouse to her husband for 22 years, stationed at bases in Spain, Maryland, and Maine. She was always active in the military community and volunteered in the Navy Wives Association.

After retiring from the Navy, they moved their family across the United States for a new adventure with Lockheed in Burbank, California. Three years later, they moved to eastern Canada, back to California, and then to Portugal for assignments with Lockheed. While in Burbank, Céline enjoyed volunteering at the La Providencia Guild. She would help by working at the children's hospital thrift shop sponsored by the guild.

After Marcel retired from Lockheed, they purchased an RV and traveled everywhere together. Their love of traveling kept them on the road full-time for 16 years, taking them all over the USA and Canada in three different RVs. They met numerous friends along the way and eventually travelled to all 50 states, taking in MANY different sites together. During that time, Céline also became a US citizen.

They especially enjoyed the desert and settled in North Las Vegas, Nevada where they purchased a home and have lived for the past 16 years. They took numerous trips and cruises where Céline visited 45 different countries around the world!

Céline was a devoted Catholic her entire life who found many friendships through the St. John Neumann Catholic Church in North Las Vegas. Her and Marcel enjoyed many breakfasts and gatherings after church with members of the congregation. Together, Marcel and Céline listened to mass daily and would recite the rosary in French via the internet from Lourdes, France.

Céline was a strong woman that was an incredibly devoted wife, loving mother, and fun sister. She immensely enjoyed her daily phone conversations with her siblings. She was always extremely welcoming and the kindest person there was with much care and concern for others!

Céline was the rock of the family that ran the household and raised the children sometimes alone for lengthy periods of time while her husband was deployed on military trips. She was a wonderful cook who whipped up delicious meals for friends and family. She hosted numerous family members from Canada and friends from all over the USA and overseas. One summer she visited Disneyland four times showing others around. She absolutely cherished her summer trips back to the Gaspé Peninsula where she would spend time with family over good meals, wine, music, and dancing.

She was known as Grandma and Nana to her seven grandchildren whom she adored. Spending time with her grandchildren brought her great joy. She was always there for her grandchildren no matter what. She would listen, not pass judgment, support, and remember all the grandchildren's accomplishments and never miss a large event in any grandchild's life.

The warmth of Céline will continue to shine through the family she left behind. She leaves her husband, Marcel, to whom she was married for 63 years; children Carmen Varela (David), Normand Guité (Heidi), Marc Guité (Christine), and seven grandchildren Joseph, Daniel, Claire, Sarah, Simone, Jonathan, and Luca; along with her siblings, Liliane, Alice, Lucius (aka Lucien), Denise, Laurette, Roseline and Nicole. She was full of love for her siblings who went before her; Lucien, Marie-Jeanne, Vita, and Claude. We will miss sweet Céline dearly!

A service for Céline will be held on December 27, 2023, at 1:00 PM at Saint John Neumann Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested donations to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).