



Gladys McLish Perry

December 14, 1953 - July 30, 2025

Maurice -

In Loving Memory of Gladys McLish Perry

Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, and Friend

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 10:00 AM in St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Maurice for Gladys McLish Perry, age 71, of Maurice, Louisiana, who entered eternal rest on July 30, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Rev. Paul Bienvenu, the pastor of St. Alphonsus Church will serve as the Celebrant, and conduct the funeral services.

Born on December 14, 1953, in New Iberia, Louisiana, Gladys was the daughter of Mildred Richeson and was lovingly raised by her mother and stepfather, Grady Richeson, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her beloved sister and best friend, Edith Delcambre, with whom she shared an unbreakable bond.

A lifelong Catholic, Gladys was a proud graduate of Mount Carmel Academy in New Iberia, where she excelled both in the classroom and on the basketball

court. Known affectionately by her teammates as “Swish McLish,” she helped lead the Mount Carmel Cubs to a state championship—a memory she cherished her whole life. Her love for athletics endured into adulthood, as she ran numerous marathons, a true reflection of her strength and determination.

Gladys began her professional career in banking and worked for many years before retiring from Morgan Stanley Financial Advisors, where she was respected for her dedication and professionalism.

Gladys is survived by her husband, Peter Perry, of Maurice, Louisiana, who was her constant source of strength and love. She is also survived by her two daughters, Shelly Kern (Jim) and Paige Bayliss (Roger), whom she raised with endless love, guidance, and pride. She also embraced a beautifully blended family and is survived by: Amy McConway (Barry), Virginia Robinson (Michael), and Annie Carmichael as well as her beloved grandchildren: Keyan Bayliss, Gwen Bayliss, Liam Robinson, Lila Robinson, Arran Carmichael, and Garrett Atkins.

Gladys was known for her incredible cooking and found great joy in feeding others—whether family, friend, or stranger. Her kitchen was a place of warmth, laughter, and comfort. She never met a stranger and gave of herself freely and unselfishly, always putting the needs of others before her own. She inspired many throughout her life, including her Godchild, Jennifer Delcambre, nephew Brendan Delcambre and his family, who all held a special place in her heart. She also treasured the close friendships she cultivated over the years, which brought her much joy and companionship.

She cherished her pets deeply, including her two loyal dogs Dixie and Lassie, and her affectionate cat Moo, all of whom brought her great comfort and companionship over the years.

Gladys was also blessed with a deeply caring presence in her final season of life—her devoted caregiver Joanne, whose kindness and compassion meant the world to both Gladys and her family. In addition, the family is forever grateful to Southern Grace Hospice, whose professional care and heartfelt support provided comfort and dignity in her final days.

Gladys' legacy of strength, compassion, and joy will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her. Her life was a radiant example of love in action—a light that will never fade.

“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”

— John 12:46

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Cemetery Details

St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery

8700 Maurice Ave
Maurice, LA 70555

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
8700 Maurice Ave
Maurice, LA 70555

Tribute Wall



“ *Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gladys McLish Perry*



Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory - September 04, 2025 at 08:19 PM

JB

“ *The family may not know who I am but I grew up in New Iberia with Gladys. I was her best friend for a long time when we were at Mr Carmel. We were like sisters. Her mom would always make us hot chocolate. Her silliness and my craziness were a nice fix. Last time I talked to her was last year and we said we would get together soon. Time flies by. Things happen. But regardless of all that has happened through tge years I will always always have a place in my heart just for her.*

I will keep the family in my heart and prayers. Because she needs no prayers. She is exactly where she was meant to be. Heaven bound.

See ya my friend. Until we meet again. Keep smiling that pretty smile I remember. Peace out sister G. RIP 🙏❤️

janet martin broussard - August 09, 2025 at 06:22 PM

MZ

“ *Mary Z. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gladys McLish Perry.*



Mary Z. - August 08, 2025 at 11:51 AM

CC

“ *Dear Peter & Family
Just the mention of her name brings forth an automatic smile...few people have that effect! Gladys lived & loved Big! We Pray that in the Lord You All find solace and peace sharing the wonderful memories of her time with us all.
Love Prayers Always,
Colleen Chapman & Randall Perrin*

Colleen Chapman - August 07, 2025 at 06:28 PM

RF

“ *Gladys was kind, loving and joyful to be around. She will be missed by all who knew her! She touched many lives over the years and made the world a lot more fun for everyone.*

Robert Foard - August 07, 2025 at 05:30 PM

JD

“ *Her kindness and compassion will live on in all of us and we will miss her deeply. Nanny, I am so blessed to have had you as my Godmother. Sending prayers for all family and friends and may God provide comfort and peace.*

Jennifer Delcambre - August 07, 2025 at 05:18 PM