



Glenna FitzHenry Castillo

December 27, 1942 - August 21, 2025

Glenna FitzHenry Castillo, 82, of Long Beach, CA, formerly of Rankin, passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2025. She was born on December 27, 1942, in Rankin, the daughter of Ralph and Harriett FitzHenry and granddaughter of Harry and Anna Pierce, and Ed and Flossie FitzHenry.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Castillo; stepson, Dan (Kathy) Castillo; stepdaughter, Vickie (Tom) Shay; sisters, Brenda Mundell and Sally FitzHenry; brothers, Michael (Elaine) FitzHenry, Melvin (Diane) FitzHenry, and James (C.J.) FitzHenry; five step-grandchildren; and many special nieces and nephews. She is also survived by two special women who were like daughters, Cameo Waters and Angela Allen-Hess; and her special Rankin family, the Eighners.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Tom Wilburn; brother-in-law, Jacob Mundell; and a nephew, Joe Schaeffer.

Glenna attended Rankin Grade School and Rankin High School, graduating with the Class of 1961. She went on to earn her B.S. in Education from Eastern Illinois University and later received her M.S. in Education from Pepperdine University in California. Glenna began her teaching career as a physical education teacher in Zion, Illinois, at Zion-Benton High School, where

she also taught driver's education. In 1967, she moved to California and continued her passion for teaching at Paramount High School, where she served as a physical education teacher and the women's tennis coach until her retirement in 1999. During this time, she also worked as a part-time travel agent for CTA Travels.

In 1980, Glenna married Paul Castillo, who was also a teacher and the men's tennis coach at Paramount High School. Together, they made their home in Long Beach, California.

Glenna was an extraordinary woman - kind, generous, caring, and endlessly positive. She lived life to the fullest, running marathons, coaching, tending to her beautiful flowers, and remaining a devoted member of her health club. Though she grew up in the small town of Rankin, where a trip to Hoopeston or Paxton felt like an adventure, Glenna became a true world traveler. With Paul, she journeyed to Russia, France, England, Spain, and beyond. She also cherished trips with her sisters, traveling to England, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, and France, while special trips with her sister, Brenda, took them to China, Africa, and the Panama Canal. Glenna even ventured on her own to destinations such as Tahiti and Vietnam and enjoyed exploring parts of the United States with her siblings, including Texas, Canada, North Carolina, Maine, and Virginia.

Above all, Glenna's greatest joy was found in her family. She was a beloved daughter, wife, and sister whose kindness and warmth blessed all who knew her. Her family was truly blessed to have her in their lives, and they will forever cherish her memory and miss her dearly.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at Grace Lutheran Church in Rankin. Friends are welcome to join the family for fellowship and a light lunch at the Rankin Lion's Club following the

service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Rankin, IL.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
102 S. Johnson St.
Rankin, IL 60960

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Glenna and Paul attended my wedding and was my travel agent for our honeymoon. She was a great person, teacher and friend. RIP my friend.* ”

Toni Bell Skeen - September 06, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Glenna FitzHenry Castillo.* ”



September 04, 2025 at 12:34 PM

BB

“ *Miss FitzHenry was 28 when i had the honor of her being at Paramount High School as a coach. Time goes by so quickly. RIP and sending prayers to family and friends.* ”

Bonnie Barker - August 25, 2025 at 11:05 AM

CW

We sure like seeing her and Mrs. Bush for or PE class

colleen west - August 25, 2025 at 03:36 PM

TH

She was the only gym teacher I knew who could do one armed push-ups. R.I.P.

Taffy Hernandez - August 25, 2025 at 11:53 PM

KA

“ Miss (Coach) Fitz was the best, 1st class!!!
In 1980 we won the league championship in tennis under her
always energetic leadership
She said win it for me and you bet we did just that. She was so
good for us, and for more than tennis. It was a really wonderful thing
that we got to be a part of her marriage to Coach Castillo (he got
lucky there) The two of them together were the dynamic duo. I loved
Miss Fitz accent too <3<3<3

Kevin Ausen - August 23, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ So sad to hear this. Miss Fitz Henry was such an awesome PE
teacher. She taught us gymnastics and I loved her energy with all of
her teachings. Condolences to all her family and friends and all of
Us Pirates that had the privilege of knowing her.

Sandi Feenstra - August 23, 2025 at 11:26 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear this. I'm classic 1981 and at that time she was
Miss FitzHenry to us students. She was my PE teacher and she
was so nice to all of us. Mr. Castillo was my tennis coach, for PE as
well and he was amazing! I learned so much from both of them and
I have many great memories of both of them during my 4 years at
PHS. My prayers go out to her family and friends. I am grateful for
the time I had with her, she definitely made a lasting impression, not
only on me, but on anyone who knew her. May she RIP 🙏

Sherry Broussard (Kimble) - August 23, 2025 at 11:08 AM

BR

Rest in peace, Glenna. Thanks for all of the lives you've touched.
Prayers and best wishes to Paul and family.

Brian Ranger - August 24, 2025 at 04:05 PM

BS

“ Prayers for family and friends.
She was a great teacher and coach.
She was my PE teacher and Drill team Coach.
Always happy and bubbly fun to be around.
I am sure she is going to be greatly missed.

Brenda Smith - August 23, 2025 at 10:54 AM

LS

“ Aunt Glenna was not only beautiful to look at, she had her mother's beautiful, Godly, kind, caring spirit. This world lost a treasure, but I am so glad to have been a very tiny part of her life. She lived the life she dreamt, and today that is truly rare. God Speed Glenna, and God bless Paul with the Power he will need to move forward.

Lynn Schaeffer - August 22, 2025 at 11:05 PM