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Gloria Anderson, née Heneghan, was born in Pittsburgh, the middle child of three (between older sister Patricia and younger brother Paul), in 1931, to Paul Augustin Heneghan and Gertrude Mary Thomas Heneghan. She grew up in Stanton Heights, and graduated from Peabody High School in 1949, and from the University of Pittsburgh in 1954.

After graduating, Gloria taught school in the Pittsburgh area until 1958, when she embarked on an adventurous life as a single girl working for the YWCA in New York City. In 1960 she returned to Pittsburgh to care for her father until his death. After several years serving as the Administrative Officer of the Department of Physics at the University of Pittsburgh, she took on the far more challenging roles of wife of Jack Anderson and stepmother to the three Anderson children Charles, Penny, and Richard.

Besides dazzling the Andersons with her joie de vivre, unflappable calm, and raucous social life with the "Terrible Twelve" friends of her youth, she led a busy life of skiing, back-packing, hiking, sewing and other crafts, gardening, remodeling the house repeatedly, and volunteering in schools, as an activist

against air pollution, and in Democratic Party politics. In the early 1970s she was a charter member of GASP (Group Against Smog and Pollution) where she served on the board of directors and as vice-president. Later in the decade she worked on energy conservation issues with the Allegheny County Health Department Bureau of Air Pollution Control and with Project Pacesetter, a county-wide energy education program.

In 1968 and again in 1970 she and Jack lived and worked in Sao Carlos, Brazil, where they developed a lifelong interest in Brazilian culture, made many wonderful friends, and had the opportunity to travel by car as well as by usually overcrowded bus. After their return to Pittsburgh they became the go-to contacts for many Brazilians visiting or moving to the area. For many years Christmas at their house was a crowded affair attended by international friends from as far away as China as well as whoever was in town from Brazil.

After Jack's retirement, the two of them traveled enthusiastically in Europe, New Zealand, and again in their beloved Brazil, all of this masterfully organized by Gloria, of course.

She is survived by son Charles, his wife Daphne, grandson and granddaughter-in-law Mikhail and Paola, and great-grandchildren Alex and Maia; daughter Penny, sister-in-law Joan Heneghan, nephew George Pelkofer, and kind friends.

Contributions in her memory may be made to The American Indian College Fund, 8333 Greenwood Boulevard, Denver, CO 80221 (<http://www.collegefund.org/>).

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