



Gail Greene

April 28, 1940 - January 1, 2013

On January 1, 2013, Gail F. Greene was welcomed into heaven by her Lord and joyfully reunited with her husband, the Rev. Richard W. Greene. Her death followed a short illness.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska to Dr. David and Lenore Findley, Gail Greene was graduated with honors from Monticello College, Alton, IL and earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the Northwestern University Evanston Hospital School of Nursing. Married on May 18, 1963 to the Rev. Richard W. Greene, Gail's professional resume included a teaching post at Illinois Valley Community College, La Salle, staff position at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, and more recently as Executive Director of In HomeCare, Princeton.

In her 23 year tenure as chief administrator of InHome Care/VNA, Mrs. Greene developed a network of cooperative working relationships with health care providers throughout the area, and served on numerous regional and national boards - among them, the National Association for Homecare and Hospice, Visiting Nurse Association of America and the Illinois Homecare Council. She also served on the Illinois Department of Public Health Home Care Advisory Committee and the Illinois Attorney General's Advisory Committee on Senior Issues.

In 2005, she was honored with the prestigious Helen Heyrman Award which recognizes an individual in the home healthcare field whose service has demonstrated an exemplary level of excellence and leadership.

In addition to her professional commitments, Gail was an active member of Rotary International and was named its Citizen of the Year. She also served on the board of the Princeton Area United Way. A life-long Episcopalian, she was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Dixon, IL where she served on the Altar Guild and was a member of the church choir. She also derived great pleasure from her participation in the Canterbury Singers, Dixon.

Gail's happiest moments were spent in the company of her children and their families: David and Emily Greene, Ethan, Molly and Sophie, St. Charles; Dr. Anthony and Krista Greene, Jude and Gemma, Green Bay, WI.; the Very Rev. Michael and Hope Greene, Aidan and Miriam, Eau Claire, WI. Gail is also survived by her sister Janet (Peter) Brethauer of Waukesha, WI.

She loved her pets, travel, engaging conversations over lunch or dinner, great music, movies and a good book.

A Mass of Christian Burial will celebrate her life on Saturday, January 5 at St. Luke's Church, Dixon. Visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the church will precede the 11 a.m. service. A lunch reception will follow.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staffs of Heartland Rehabilitation Center, Henry, IL and OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL for their compassion and kindness during Gail's illness. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name should be directed to

The Gail F. Greene Memorial Fund at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Dixon IL.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Luke Episcopal
221 W 3rd St
Dixon, IL

Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St Luke Episcopal
221 W 3rd St
Dixon, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Gail Greene*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Gail Greene*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *I got to know Gail through networking with her as a home care manager and Illinois Home Care Council. What a wonderful, caring, compassionate woman. She had a contagious smile! She will be sadly missed.*

My condolences,

Julie Bauman

Julie bauman - January 15, 2013 at 10:31 AM

DB

“ To my cousins,

I am very sorry for the loss of my aunt and your mother. I have so many memories of our time spent together as families.

Holiday's spent in LaSalle and then in Princeton

The dogs eating our cheese and sausage platter on the patio in Princeton

Camping in Nashotah

Summer's at Camp Webb

Family celebrations spent at The Gobbler in Watertown

David falling off the slide and getting a concussion

Museum visits in Chicago

Calculus study trips to Princeton and Rockford

Opening my wedding gifts on my parents deck with all of the Greene's with me.

Those are just a few of the most memorable times i spent with your mom and dad.

I will miss both your mom and dad terribly.

Dan

Dan Brethauer - January 07, 2013 at 03:12 PM

RS

“ To David, Anthony, Michael and their families. We just learned yesterday afternoon of your mothers' passing. We send our love and prayers to you at this sad time. Chris and I both have many memories of your mom from our time spent at St. Paul's. We also have a special place in our hearts for Father Greene as he was the person who married us all those years ago. I was lucky enough to see Gail occasionally at various trainings and events through our work with senior services. She always took the time to update me on what all of you were doing, and where you were. She was so very proud of all of you! She was a very special person and will always be in my memories.

Love, Chris and Rayanne Sester
Compton, IL.

Rayanne Sester - January 06, 2013 at 12:50 PM

SS

“ Your mother and father were very special people who I will always keep in my memories and prayers
Sandra Smith, Sterling, Il.

Sandra Smith - January 06, 2013 at 10:29 AM

LB

“ To the family of Gail Greene - It is was such a joy to sing today at the memorial service for Gail. She and I sang alto next to each other for many years in Canterbury Singers. She was always such a positive influence in my life. She had a great sense of humor, a sincere appreciation for quality music, and a true love of God and family. May she rest in peace.



Lynda Burise-Lantz
Earlville, Illinois

Lynda Burise-Lantz - January 05, 2013 at 06:32 PM

KH

“ I have so many memories of Gail - and many of them involve great family events, often in campgrounds at various locations across the United States and also her infectious, joyous laugh. What a gift it was to know her from the time my memories begin - she will be missed. Hugs to all of the Greene 'boys' and their families...
With Love!
Karen Hohertz-Jacobs

Karen Hohertz-Jacobs - January 04, 2013 at 09:26 PM

AG

Thanks Karen. I'm so glad you and your family are able to come to the funeral.
-Tony

Anthony Greene - January 05, 2013 at 06:14 AM

“As anyone reading this knows, Gail was a wise and generous woman always full of life. I also came to know Gail through professional activities with the Illinois HomeCare & Hospice Council and we continued our friendship after her retirement by meeting 2 or 3 times a year for lunch in the Chicago suburbs and sharing political opinions, funny stories and family and travel stories through email. We usually had lunch at Tuscany in Oak Brook. Ariel would wait in the car, in the care of a series of generous valet parking attendants who would keep her happy. Sometimes lunch would last 2 or 3 hours and often had to be re-scheduled more than once. Gail was a tolerant and forgiving friend! Our last lunch was in October, 2012.

When I informed my husband that Gail had passed away in addition to mirroring the shock and dismay that I was feeling, he exclaimed "I guess there's no longer any hope for single term limits of 6 years in Washington"--a proposal that Gail and I had discussed more than once over lunch. She convinced me that not having to run for re-election would be the best thing that ever happened to most politicians, and probably to the rest of us, too. Clearly, my husband understood that without Gail it would never get done.

Gail was a leader in the home health industry who was both intensely practical and capable of vision--a rare combination. She saw where home care could go and many of the steps required to get the industry to that central location. She didn't get discouraged--or if she did she didn't let it show much. She persevered. And she enjoyed.

No one was more delighted with the happy marriages of her children or the arrival of each grandchild. Gail appreciated each personality and soul as unique and precious and reveled in the joys of parent- and grandparent-hood. No lunch was complete without pictures and stories about each new addition, the accomplishments of her sons AND daughters-in-law, and the wonderful travels, holidays and other events she enjoyed with her family--both recent and long ago.

I will miss Gail and our lunches, chats and email more than I can say. She was a wonderful role model, a very good friend, and a lovely and loving woman.

Rebecca Zuber

Rebecca Friedman Zuber - January 04, 2013 at 05:25 PM

LW

“ (St. John's - Preemption)

LaRue Withers - January 04, 2013 at 12:19 AM

LW

“ *On behalf of the St. John's Church family, please accept the condolences of our members.*

LaRue Withers

LaRue Withers - January 04, 2013 at 12:18 AM

MN

“ To Gail's family...

Gail was a colleague and friend through our state Association with the home care council in Illinois. We became friends over the years as we attended many annual conferences and meetings at the state and national level.

*My memories of Gail (which bring tears to my eyes)--
...attending an annual conference, shortly after her husband's death: we were seated next to each other at one of the (large) speaker sessions, and it was a motivational speaker who was quite good at evoking emotions....I glanced at Gail, and she was quietly sobbing (I knew she was thinking of her husband). I gave her some tissues and she grabbed my hand. We held hands throughout the session.*

...attending an annual conference (I think it was Arizona)...Gail riding a camel at one of our evening fun events. What a hoot!

...Gail and our group traveling to Pike's Peak before the Denver conference started...We had so much fun!

....Gail as a Board member...she was wise, honest and insightful...a true leader and a good person.

She will be missed. I'm sorry I will not be able to make the service to pay my respects.

*Mary Newberry
Momence, Illinois*

Mary Neewberry - January 03, 2013 at 07:31 PM

DW

I will always remember Father Greene and Gail when they were at Grace Church in Sterling--Father Greene was so kind and Gail always had a friendly smile---

It was a pleasure to know them---

Sincere sympathy to Gail's family---

Doris Wade---Grace Church--Sterling

Doris Wade - January 04, 2013 at 04:24 PM

AG

Thank you Doris
-Tony Greene

Anthony Greene - January 05, 2013 at 06:12 AM

AG

Mary, what a touching story.
-Tony

Anthony Greene - January 05, 2013 at 06:17 AM