



Gail Jean Cook

April 20, 1958 - November 16, 2022

My mother Gail J. Cook was born on April 20th, 1958 in Yonkers, NY the second daughter of Haldon A. Cook and Geraldine D. Cook. She died on November 16th, 2022 after a long battle with adrenal cortical carcinoma. She was a two time survivor of breast cancer.

She is survived by her 3 sisters Lori Ragalis, Pamela Ocasio, and Cindy Vandeleur, son Christopher Cook, and 2 grandchildren Ava and Camryn Cook.

“Gailie” as everyone knew her was cooking enthusiast and always taking pictures of her many delicious dishes!! If you didn’t find her cooking she would be actively selling one her many treasure finds on eBay from her gallivanting to Good Will or many tag and estate sales.

Prior to retiring, Gail worked as a Director of Infrastructure for Orange County Public Schools as she moved from VA to be closer to Ava and Camryn. She also worked for over 10 years at General Dynamics as a Senior Program Manager for the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C. She also worked many years as a radiology technician doing mobile mammography.

Gail graduated in the top of her class from Southington High School in 1976 where she played tennis and the trumpet in the marching band. Later she completed her Bachelor’s Degree in Business from Central Connecticut State

University. Gail finished her Master's Degree in Business Administration at UMass while working with General Dynamics.

Her grandchildren were her everything! They spent endless amount of nights at "Geemas" house doing crafts, activites, Wii, cooking, baking and more! Her motto was "What happens at Grandmas stays at Grandmas".

She was very loved and will be incredibly missed. If you would like to pay your respects, you are welcome to attend the Celebration of Life we are holding in her honor at DeGusipe Funeral Home on Saturday 12/3/22 from 1 – 4 pm.

Flowers can be sent or donations to St. Jude on her behalf in lieu of flowers.

The family of Gail Jean Cook invites you to leave a message of condolence on the tribute wall created in her memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory West Orange Chapel
1400 Matthew Paris Blvd.
Ocoee, FL 34761
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.DeGusipeFuneralHome.com>

Reception

DEC 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LR

“ Making a donation to St Jude’s in loving memory of you ~~~



Lori Ragalis - March 07, 2025 at 02:46 PM

LO

“ Lori lit a candle in memory of Gail Cook



Lori - March 03, 2023 at 03:17 AM

L1

“ Lori 12/25/22 lit a candle in memory of Gail Cook



Lori Ragalis 12/25/22 - December 27, 2022 at 12:32 PM

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Lori Ragalis 12/25/22 - December 27, 2022 at 12:25 PM

LR

“ *Lori Ragalis lit a candle in memory of Gail Cook*



Lori Ragalis - December 26, 2022 at 03:33 PM

CI

“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Gail Cook*



Cindy - December 24, 2022 at 12:43 AM

SJ

“ *Gail has been a dear friend for over 18 years. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss you Gail.*

Sue & Rich Juliano - December 04, 2022 at 05:17 PM

ST

“ *Thanks for filling my life with so many great memories. See ya later.*
❤️

Starr - December 03, 2022 at 07:34 PM

DT

“ Gail, I was lucky to have you as my friend. You will truly be missed. I will miss your smile. The laughs we had. Gail was a strong person. You were taken from us too soon. But I now know you are happy again. We will see each other again someday. Rest well my friend

Chris ,Yanille, Ava, and Camryn. Cindy, Lori, Pammy and the rest of the family. My heart goes out to you all at this difficult time. Donna T.

Donna Theriault - December 03, 2022 at 04:50 PM

DO

“ May you continue to celebrate life, just in a different form ❤️



Donna - December 03, 2022 at 01:29 PM

ST

“ Starr lit a candle in memory of Gail Cook



Starr - December 03, 2022 at 10:42 AM

TB

“ I was very lucky to have had Gail as my friend, from her helping me with my computer issues to doing home improvement projects at her homes, or all the times we went out for good food and fun. No matter what we did we had fun and supported each other along the way. I will always miss her in our pack of friends and she will never be forgotten! The picture attached is from a time we went up in the Orlando Eye even though she had a fear of heights, as you can see she ended up with that big smile on her face before we made it off the ride. My deepest condolences to the family, she loved you all so very much and I know this because she told everyone, all the time, especially those granddaughters they were her light and joy. Big Hugs!



Teresa Ballard - December 03, 2022 at 09:29 AM

LR

“ Lori Ragalis lit a candle in memory of Gail Cook



Lori Ragalis - December 03, 2022 at 08:10 AM



“ I’m still in disbelief that such a smart, kind, vivacious, loving and lovable being that Gail was could be taken away from us, but she surely is making everyone in heaven laugh and dance.

I first met Gail at Red Lobster when we waitressed together and she was always on top of her game and willing to lend a hand to anyone in need, and that was usually me! She had everything under control while I was panicking about impatient customers and she would stroll into the kitchen cool as a cucumber and ask “What do you need Pat?” and magically, she would make everything better. She made everything better for everyone and she gave with all of her heart.

Rest well Gail. You were so brave and valiant. I’ll always miss you and you’ll always have a piece of my heart.

Pat Aureli - December 01, 2022 at 09:00 PM



“ *Joan Patenaude Genest purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gail Jean Cook.*



Joan Patenaude Genest - December 01, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Jean Cook.*



November 30, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Jean Cook.



November 30, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ Gail was not just a colleague, but a friend to everyone she met. We loved talking food, and all things technical at work. She had a zest for life, she was funny, and tough as they come. I will forever remember her last day before she moved to Florida, and all the memories made at work. Sending love and light to the family. - Darren

Darren Richards - November 29, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gail Jean Cook.



November 27, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ I worked with Gail at the Senate and have some fond memories of that time. I am so sorry for your loss and hope you find comfort in the time you had to spend with her.

Tony - November 25, 2022 at 08:51 AM

KE

“ *My deepest condolences for your loss. I had worked with Gail in 2002-2005 while on the GD/Senate contract. She always had a smile on her face, and kind words for all.*

Kristin Escher - November 25, 2022 at 06:28 AM

PA

“ *Pammy lit a candle in memory of Gail Cook*



Pammy - November 22, 2022 at 07:39 PM

KC

“ *I have Gail to thank for the TiVo addiction that I still cannot shake. :-) Thank you, Gail, for the great fun we had working together. I still have memories of things we said and did that make me chuckle out loud! All my best to the family. KC*

KC - November 22, 2022 at 02:52 PM

DO

“ *I always admired Gail. From her intellect to her humor and generosity. We had a great senior year at Southington high, and made more memories over the years.*

I am so sorry to her family, especially Chris, Yanille, Ava, and Camryn.

Rest now my friend. No more worries, God has you.

Donna - November 21, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Jean Cook.*



November 21, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gail Jean Cook.*



November 21, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Cook family upon Gail's passing. We were friends from Elementary through High School. Gail was remarkably intelligent, and I greatly enjoyed hanging out in the neighborhood with her. She never took any guff, and she was the only one I ever let ride my mini bike. Lost track after high school, but her friendship was valued and I am so sad that she is gone. God Bless you, Gail.*

Rich GOUCHER - November 21, 2022 at 07:46 PM

LS

“ Gail was always there for everyone and anyone. She could turn a rainy day into a day filled with laughs as she had a knack for fighting humor in every situation. I first met Gail when I was a small child and she became a rock in my immediate family. Always there, always selfless.

A true fighter, a true friend--she was there in the very worst of times and enabled those around her to power through whatever situation may be at the helm. Her intelligence, her humor, and her kindness will never be forgotten. There is a definite void in this world, but I am so thankful that I had the privilege of knowing her and her family. I also am thankful that she is not in pain. Much love to all of her family during this time.

Lauren Smith - November 21, 2022 at 05:24 PM

CH

“ Driving around in her White Camaro with R Topanoff to the beach while she sang Madonna and used her arm as an extra seat belt for me. Lol

Chris - November 21, 2022 at 12:31 PM

ST

“ My heart breaks with yours. Gailie was a bright light in a sometimes dark world. She was “good ole reliable Gail.” Always available to help, selfless, generous and caring. She leaves a void that won't be filled. I'm grateful for all the good memories over the past 35+ years I've known her, she was my best friend. She is now ever present and will continue to watch over as she always did. This Thanksgiving, I am thankful she is resting comfortably. Love and prayers to her family and friends.

Starr - November 21, 2022 at 10:54 AM

LR

“ *Lori Ragalis lit a candle in memory of Gail
Jean Cook*



Lori Ragalis - November 21, 2022 at 10:32 AM

PA

From the moment I first met Gail, her personality and broad smile lit up the room. She always offered a helping hand to anyone in need and brightened the world of all who knew her. She was so incredibly smart, hard-working, caring, and a dedicated and loving mother, grandmother, partner and friend. There simply will never be another Gail. There's a huge hole left in all of our hearts with her passing, but she would probably say "Get over it," and want us to be happy again, cherishing all of the wonderful memories we shared with her. Godspeed Gail. Love and comfort to all of her family and friends.

Pat Aureli - November 23, 2022 at 10:45 AM