



## Gail Renee Davis

November 19, 2015

Gail Renee Davis, 51, passed away on November 19, 2015 at Suncoast Hospice in St. Petersburg, FL. She was born on January 31, 1964 in Beaufort, SC to Harry and Emily Thorpe.

Gail grew up as a Marine brat, moving all over the country until her family settled in Salt Lake City, UT. She graduated from Cypress High School in Salt Lake City, UT in 1982. After high school, in 1984, she joined the United States Navy where she served her country as a sailor for 20 years.

Gail married Kurtis Davis in 1985 in Salt Lake City, UT. They soon departed on a lifetime of adventure that neither of them were expecting or prepared for. They traveled around the world together, experiencing what life has to offer and sharing those experiences together. In 1993, Gail gave birth to Gabrielle Davis, her daughter, making the Davis a family of three. They moved to Sigonella, Sicily, immersing themselves in the Sicilian culture and making Sicily home for 6 years. In 2001, they moved to Fallon, NV for Gail's final duty station and made a home there as well. In 2005, Gail retired from the Navy after serving her country for 20 years and moved with her family to Florida, where she lived out the rest of her life. In Florida, Gail attended the University of South Florida to obtain her Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree in Social Work, graduating in 2011. She pursued Social Work and worked to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, earning her

certificate in 2014. At the Bay Pines VA she ran a homeless outreach program, giving back to her fellow veterans and assisting them in finding housing. In November 2014, Gail was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer and made the decision to fight, beginning several rounds of chemo and radiation. She and Kurtis supported and loved each other, and she gave it everything she had, continuing to live life and to persist. In the end, as her illness progressed, she laughed where many others would have cried and finally, after nearly a year of fighting with such a terrible disease, Gail passed away peacefully and with a smile on her face.

Gail touched the lives of all of those with whom she came into contact. She spread light and love through her work and in her friendships. She lived big and took on the world, experiencing it with wonder and adventure.

Gail is survived by her spouse, Kurtis Davis, her daughter, Gabrielle Davis, her mother, Emily Thorpe, her brothers Jon and Harry Thorpe and other relatives. She also leaves behind her beloved friends who were her chosen family.

A small service will be held at the gazebo near the columbarium in the Bay Pines VA National Cemetery on December 3, 2015 at 10:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to: Suncoast Hospice who gave care and comfort throughout the progression of Gail's illness. You can find their donation link at: [www.thehospice.org/Donate](http://www.thehospice.org/Donate).

# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Gail Renee Davis uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael Giovo Sr - Coworker posted a condolence I remember when Gail started her internship at Bay Pines. She was a breath of fresh air and definitely an asset to the program. Gail often worked overtime to help Veterans who came in for assistance and made sure they were going to be safe before she left for the day. Often Veterans would come in and ask to speak to Gail. As a retired Veteran myself, I salute you Gail!!!! Thank you for your service to our country and your continued service helping fellow Veterans.*

**Michael Giovo Sr - Coworker** - January 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *REBECCA HENDERSON - co-worker posted a condolence Kurt and Gabby, you are in my prayers as you are going through this time. Gail was a very special person. She always made me laugh and smile. I know she loved "her Kurt and Gabby" very much because she talked about you with a spark in her eyes. Her light will shine on.*

**REBECCA HENDERSON - co-worker** - November 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *lynette peterson Gardner - almost a sis in law many years ago posted a condolence Your family is in my thoughts and prayers, she was a wonderful person always full life. Rest in peace my friend.*

**lynette peterson Gardner - almost a sis in law many years ago** - November 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ George Rohrmann - coworker posted a condolence I have such great memories of Gail's contribution to the VA Homeless Programs beginning with her time as an intern in the Domiciliary. We were fortunate to have her on our team. Her dedication to Veterans who sometimes provided a challenging circumstance was an inspiration to all of us.

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**George Rohrmann - coworker** - November 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Kim, Jon, Steph and Mikayla Bridges - Friends, Co-worker posted a condolence Gail made a huge impact on so many lives, including ours. Her smile, her laugh, her determination and honesty were her best qualities. She was such a good friend and one of the strongest women I know. She will be missed dearly by us and so many others. We love you Kurt and Gabby and Emily and we'll be here for you.

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**Kim, Jon, Steph and Mikayla Bridges - Friends, Co-worker** - November 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Joanne Wasko - Friend posted a condolence Gail was truly a wonderful person and a great friend. Although I did not know her long, she left a lasting impression in my heart. Gail always made me smile and laugh. The love and friendship between Gail and Kurt serves as an inspiration and aspiration for me. I know Gail was very proud of Gaby. All my love, Joanne

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**Joanne Wasko - Friend** - November 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ron and Kerri Collee - Friends posted a condolence Gail - You will be missed by so many because you left your mark on everyone you encountered. You helped me find a way to manage long ago when I was ready to quit the Navy and it greatly impacted my life. Thanks for the help. You made me laugh all the time! I have never seen a pair of BEAR feet house shoes that I don't think of you telling me about your square bear feet or see a German Shepard that I don't recall just how much our dog Baron "Loved" you. We had some great times together and I will always remember you with Love and admiration as will so many others!

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**Ron and Kerri Collee - Friends** - November 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Elizabeth Richards - HC-4 team delta shipmate posted a condolence My heart grieves for you and your daughter Kurt. Gail was a delight to work with and hang out with on det. She was my role model while at HC-4 team Delta. She always worked hard and was kind to everyone. May her light shine on through you and your daughter.

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**Elizabeth Richards - HC-4 team delta shipmate** - November 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ MICHAEL DAVIS - nephew posted a condolence You will be greatly missed but never forgotten. You made such an impression on your family lives as well as everyone you've come to know. You were such an inspiring person and not one time did you let your illness slow you down. I'm so sad your gone but also so glad your not in pain anymore. Thank you for your service to our wonderful country and I thank you for the great wife and mother you were. I love you aunt Gail there's no one on earth that compares to you. Muah muah rest in peace and I will miss you until we meet again!!!!

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**MICHAEL DAVIS - nephew** - November 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Bruno & Emma Maio - Friends posted a condolence Kurt & Gabby, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so blessed to have had the privilege to meet Gail, Kurt and Gabby while in Sicily, Italy.

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**Bruno & Emma Maio - Friends** - November 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Lynnette - Friend posted a condolence I'm so saddened by this loss to our world. Gail gave so much expecting nothing in return. We've lost one the best people you could ever know. Kurt and Gabby, I'm so so sorry. Hang in there. You have a beautiful Angel watching over now.

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**Lynnette - Friend** - November 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Kay Peterson - Friend posted a condolence My condolences Kurtis to you and your daughter. My prayers are with you and your family

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**Kay Peterson - Friend** - November 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mahshid - Friend posted a condolence I am so blessed to have had Gail as a friend. Every time I think of her I just smile. My love goes out to Kurt, Gabby and the rest of her family and dear friends.

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**Mahshid - Friend** - November 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *cindy bennett Johnson - very good friend posted a condolence I am so sorry that this wonderful woman passed way too soon. Kurtis, the love you two shared can't be duplicated and is an inspiration to us all. the memories you made with each other will live on and on forever and you and gabby will have your own special angel watching over you. I love you and I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers to travel this journey in peace.*

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**cindy bennett Johnson - very good friend** - November 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *COLLEEN THOMPSON - Classmate posted a condolence RIP old prirate friend. My your family find peace during this difficult time*

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**COLLEEN THOMPSON - Classmate** - November 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM