



## Gail R. Havey

January 31, 1961 - May 12, 2020

Gail Rose (Birschbach) Havey died suddenly and unexpectedly of cardiac arrest on May 12, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

Gail was born January 31, 1961, the third child of Kenneth and Karen (Zamzow) Birschbach. Gail graduated from Oakfield High School in 1979. She worked for a number of manufacturing companies, generally in purchasing or inventory control positions.

Gail was united in marriage to Michael Francis Havey on April 19, 1986 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fond du Lac. Our marriage was 34 wonderful years, highlighted by the birth of our son Christopher and our daughter Michelle, and Michelle's children Atli and Elyse. No marriage is perfect, but I think ours was pretty darn close.

Gail enjoyed many hobbies throughout her life. Whether it was photography, scrapbooking, various crafts, fishing, or gardening, it was always "all out". That's how she lived her life. Maybe that's why her candle burned out so quickly.

Gail was an inspiration and motivation to everyone, and a great organizer. She was always the first one to say yes if anyone needed help. Her time and talent was theirs, no matter what.

Gail was the one who taught me the things that I didn't know were important. She was the reason I got up every morning. Everything that I ever did, and the man that I became was for her and because of her. There is no me without we, no Mike without Gail.

You were the love of my life. You were my partner, my fishing buddy. I didn't marry my best friend, but I ended up being married to my best friend. There is not a single person that I would rather spend a single minute of any day with than you.

My heart is broken; my sadness profound. The hardest thing for me to accept is that I will never hear your voice again, never see you again. You were the glue that held me together. I am in pieces now.

Gail is survived by our children, Christopher (Heather) Havey and Michelle (Joachim) Hanson. She was so delighted to be a GiGi to Atli and Elyse. She is further survived by her loving siblings: Clifford, Gloria (Ken) Kissinger, Grace (Rick) Glaunert, Ginger (Mark) Hintz, and Gwyn (Travis) Leu. Also by Mike's family: his mother, Mary, and siblings Margaret (Jim) Potratz, Thomas, Laura (Joe) Wagner, Dan (Jeannie) Havey, and Joe (Joan) Havey. Gail was also blessed with a great number of nieces, nephews, aunts,

uncles, cousins, and dear friends who meant so much to her, especially her BFF Trish. Gail was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Karen, and her father-in-law, James.

On behalf of Gail's family, I would like to thank all of our family and friends for their kindness and support during this terrible time. We all grieve the loss of a wonderful person. I would also like to thank all of the nursing staff at St. Mary's Hospital, 5 East, for their kindness, compassion, and patience with both Gail and I during her time there.

There will be no funeral at this time. We will have a memorial service and celebration of Gail's life at a later date. Online condolences can be directed to [kurkifuneralchapel.com](http://kurkifuneralchapel.com).

We ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital.

I know that you are resting in God's loving arms. I will cherish every memory, knowing that someday we will be together again.

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family 920-921-4420.

# Comments

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“ Sorry for your loss, prayers coming your way as you go through this difficult time.  
Brian & Vicki Abegglen

Vicki Abegglen - May 19 at 03:25 PM

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“ Dear Mike and Family,

Thank you for sharing such a beautiful written tribute to Gail. May the memories of all that you shared carry you through this very painful time.  
With Love and Hugs,  
Cousin Catherine

Catherine - May 19 at 07:52 AM

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“ Cousin Michael-

I am not sure if I ever met your wife but from the words you wrote in her obituary it sounds like she was a wonderful person. Your words were so wonderful and she obviously met the world to you. She was a lucky lady to have a husband that would write what you wrote. You and your family are in my prayers. Paula Kalmon

Paula Kalmon - May 19 at 07:51 AM

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“ Getting to know you through work and church - I can only think of Gail as such a kind and gentle soul..... so easy going and a pleasure to know. Dave and I sang "Only in God" for her on Sunday - . I am still in shock - and my heart hurts for you. May God wrap his arms around you and lead you through the times to come. Our sincere sympathies and prayers to you and your family. Dave and Dianne Bell

Dianne M Bell - May 18 at 03:57 PM

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“ Mike -

I am so sorry for your loss! You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks. It sounds like you had a wonderful marriage so hang on to those memories and also your faith to help you thru these times. She is now your angel watching over you and your family!! Sending a hug to you!!

Lorie Gregor (Zwicky)

Lorie Gregor - May 18 at 11:44 AM

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“ Mike

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My parents were good friends with Gail's parents. I remember the family well from school. Very nice people. I feel your pain and wish you and your family the best. Enjoy the great memories and God bless.

Thinking of you.

Dan Honold

Dan Honold - May 18 at 10:38 AM

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“ I worked with Gail at Hughes and she was one of my absolute favorite people of all time. We had an immediate bond over our love for our families, our Catholic faith and cooking. We shared many recipes during my brief time there. If you had stuffing this fall made by Gail it was most likely my recipe. Though my departure from Hughes was abrupt Gail never truly said good bye because we stayed in touch often. She had a heart full of caring for others but she also didn't pull any punches when she felt strongly about something. One of the things I really valued!  
If possible please let me know when the date has been set for memorial.  
sarahkurth@gmail.com. 616-304-7414

Sarah Kurth - May 17 at 01:13 PM

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“ Sarah Kurth lit a candle in memory of Gail R. Havey



Sarah Kurth - May 17 at 12:59 PM

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“ Mike, Christopher and Michelle,

We are so sorry to hear of Gail's passing. We have many fond memories of her that we will cherish. Gail was always someone who cared about others and did everything she could to help them with whatever they needed. She was a very special friend. She will be deeply missed by all of us.

With love and prayers,  
Jeff and Lee Ann Gerner



Jeff and Lee Ann Gerner - May 17 at 12:33 PM

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“ Jeff And Lee Ann Gerner lit a candle in memory of Gail R. Havey



Jeff and Lee Ann Gerner - May 17 at 12:20 PM

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“ Mike and family,  
So sorry to hear about Gail.  
Will always remember how you both came here and let us share our flowers and grass.  
You are all in our prayers.  
Love,  
Joe & Nancy Kluz





“ Mike,

My thoughts and prayers for you and your Family. May you find the sun above these clouds that have descended.

Brian Schoenwetter

**Brian Schoenwetter** - May 17 at 08:45 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Went to school and rode the bus with Gail and brother and sister. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead



**Linda Shady** - May 16 at 02:23 PM

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“ OH Mike and family,  
our deepest sympathy on the loss of Gail. she was a good friend and "co-worker." I have many great memories of working with the 2 of you on different occasions. Our parish is a better place because of all the 2 of you did and she will be remembered fondly.

Prayers and God's blessing to you and all of your family.

Ken & Judy Wolf

**judith wolf** - May 16 at 01:05 PM

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“ The good old days at your parents and when you lived in the house on Putman street in Oakfield. Many great memories I will forever hold but the Old Milwaukee beer in dads basement that was always warm when we took it leaves a mark forever.

Gone to young and a wonderful person taken to soon.

Another angel that will be looking over us all!!

Thoughts and prayers to the family in this terrible time.

Doreen Conger Oakfield

Doreen Conger - May 16 at 12:26 PM

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“ Shocked to hear the news. So sorry for your loss. She did so much for so many.



Lisa Adam - May 16 at 12:17 PM

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“ Mike. May the sorrow of the loss of Gail be lessened by your many many Happy Memories of her. The Millers. Ken and Carol

carol Miller - May 16 at 10:16 AM

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“ You have our deepest sympathy. Kenny and Karen Birschbach lived right next door to us (Vielbig's) and we enjoyed the whole family very much. Brian and Melissa Lavota

Melissa Lavota - May 16 at 10:01 AM