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Gail Joyce (Wahlen) Bowman (71) of South Jordan, UT, passed away on Thursday, January 24. Gail was adored by her husband Peter, her two children, Erin and Michael, her son-in-law Jeff and her 7 grandchildren; Jeffrey, Owen, Paige, Brooks, Lucy, Lexi and Isabelle. She was loved by her two sisters, Judy and Shelly, her many nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and all who knew her.

Gail was born July 21, 1947 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Ralph and Lylus (Reading) Wahlen. She grew up in Richland, Washington where she met her best friend, Peter Bowman, working at the local movie theatre. Gail attended Brigham Young University while Peter served as a Marine in Vietnam. When Peter returned, the two were married on October 25, 1969 and later sealed in the Logan, Utah temple. After their marriage, they moved to Utah where Gail worked as a secretary for the Bureau of Reclamation in Salt Lake City.

After college graduation, the couple then moved to Portland, Oregon where Peter began his job as a police officer and Gail continued working for the Bureau of Reclamation. When their daughter Erin was born, Gail quit her job and became a full-time mom to Erin and 3 years later, her son Michael. She taught aerobic dance, was a Girl Scout leader, a room mom, a seamstress, a school secretary, a Relief Society president (twice!!), Stake primary president for 10 years and an ordinance worker in the Portland temple for 8 years. After retiring, Gail and Pete moved to South Jordan, Utah to be closer to their grandchildren and family. She spent the last 5 years of her life going to soccer games and choir concerts, volunteering at her grandkids school, going to piano recitals, taking kids to allergy shots and attending the temple each week with her sweetheart.

Gail loved Disneyland, Pepsi, sewing baby quilts, Mrs. Backers Pastry Shop, watching Judge Judy and Harry Potter and wearing cozy slippers. She loved baking Christmas cookies, reading her kindle, staying in hotels, eating chocolate Creamies, cross-stitching and going to The Old Spaghetti Factory. Above all else, she loved the gospel of Jesus Christ and her family.



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Gail is preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Lylus and her son Michael. She is survived by her husband Peter, her daughter Erin (Jeff) Blackmun, her 7 grandchildren, her sisters, Judy (Phil) Sandberg and Shelly (Ron) Gale and dozens of family members and dear friends who will miss their angel wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Funeral services will be held at the Founders Park Stake Center, 11685 S. Kestrel Rise Rd. South Jordan, Utah, 84009. There will be a viewing on Friday, February 1st from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, February 2nd from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Funeral services will follow the viewing on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Internment will be at the Herriman City Cemetery.



Tribute Wall

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SH

Shirley Haskins shared 2 photos to the **Photos** album.

June 25 at 11:00 AM



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Shirley Haskins shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

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DH

Dave Leonhardt And Connie Haas posted:

Gay Gay. That's what Joe and Tim Leonhardt called Gail. They were very lucky babies to have Gail care for them their first years. And Dave and I remain so very grateful that Gail and family provided such loving care and attention. We did not worry, what a wonder for new parents. Baby quilts, Raggedy Andy dolls, Holiday fabric decorations, the many wonderful handmade gifts she made us through the years keep Gail in our lives. And in our hearts ♥. Rest In Peace Gay Gay. Connie Haas and Dave Leonhardt

February 2 at 6:22 AM

MB

Marv & Cailynn Brinkerhoff posted:

Gail lit up the room with her beautiful smile and energy. She touched many hearts in our ward--young and old, and blessed us all with her beautiful example. Her friendship, service, and thoughtfulness will long be remembered. We express our sincere sympathies and love, Marv & Cailynn Brinkerhoff

January 30 at 3:53 PM



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AW

Arvid Wahlen posted:

Seldom have I met a smile that was as genuine and uplifting as Gail's. Funny that I remember her as always with her heart felt smile. No pretence, not done to be polite but a smile that came from her heart and soul. I hope that those that grieve now will remember her as I not and feel the warmth of her love.

January 29 at 6:41 PM

MH

Marty Halverson posted:

One time Gail convinced me to ride Disneyland's "California Screamin'" with her. (Our husbands both declined her invitation.) Scared to death, I closed my eyes as the ride took off, and it was immediately going too fast for me to pry them open. I finally peeked just as we started the loop-de-loop—my insides felt as if they would fall out! At the very second we were completely upside down, Gail screamed in my ear "I was born for this!!" Suddenly, I was thrilled to be having so much fun! Gail always made me laugh. Being with her was comforting and entertaining. She lifted my spirits. I could tell her anything and know we would probably laugh and she'd still like me. In the short 5 years we spent together, my world felt like I was on that Disneyland ride: full speed, stomach churning, upside down. It was reassuring to have such a dear friend yelling joyfully in my ear, reminding me that life is an adventure, that we were born for this! I love Gail and will miss her. ❤️ Marty

January 27 at 7:39 PM

LC

Leslie Carrick January 31 at 3:31 PM

We will always remember Gail with great fondness. She was such a genuine person with a ready smile and wonderful laugh. No matter what we did together, whether a serious church assignment or a silly "girly" thing she was always ready and willing to help and get things done. The world shines a little less without her in it but those beautiful grandchildren will carry her light, and her joy for life, forward. We are grateful to have shared some of this life with her.

🌸 Leslie and Doug Carrick



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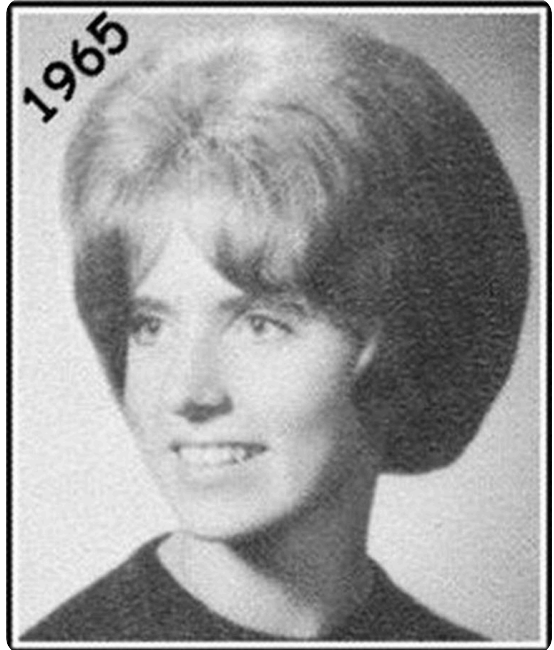
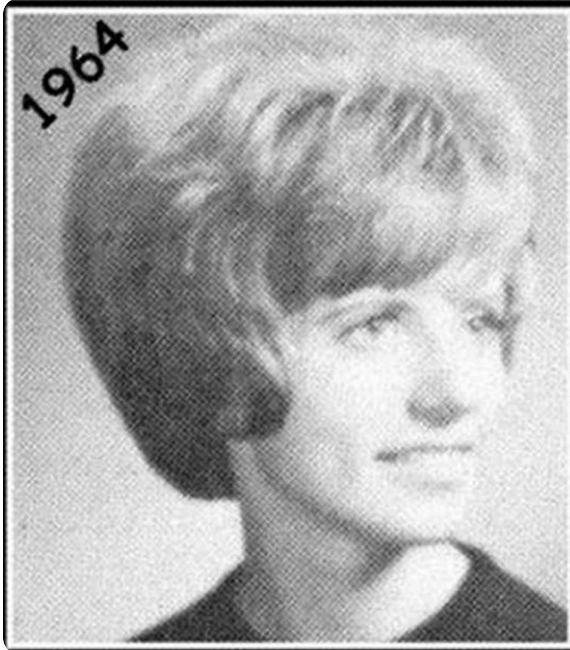
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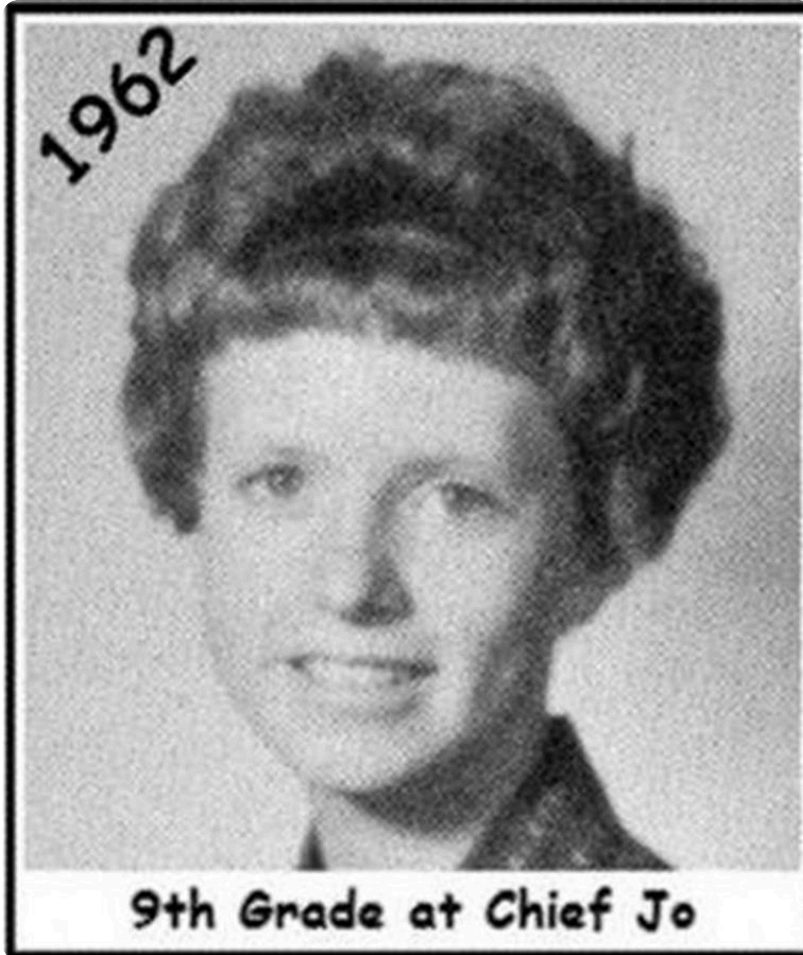
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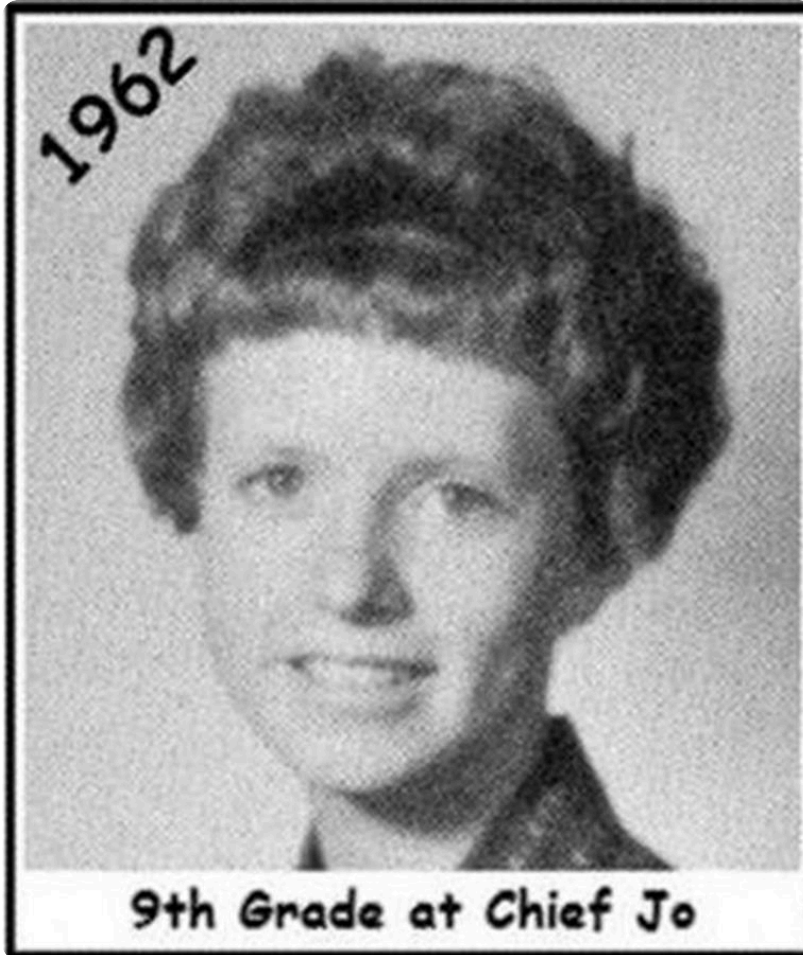
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gail by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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