



Gail Ley

August 29, 1930 - December 13, 2020

Ley, Gail of Plymouth, Michigan passed on to the Lord's House on December 13, 2020 at age 90 after a brief illness and having spent comforting time with her family. Gail was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Joseph and Elizabeth Bleil. Gail was proud of her German and Swiss heritage and supported her lifelong principles of hard work and family focus. After marrying Gerald Ley in 1953, they relocated to the suburbs of Chicago and during those years, Gail and Jerry expanded the family with five children in six years. In 1971, they relocated to Plymouth Michigan to the house she lived in till her passing. During those years, Gail devoted her time to raising her children, encouraging their after-school activities, and supporting them in all their endeavors. As the kids grew up, Gail and Jerry enjoyed traveling, participating in a variety of social activities, visiting with the family, and enjoying Saturdays in Ann Arbor rooting for the University of Michigan Wolverines. Gail remained active supporting her children as they started having families. She played bridge in several card leagues and was the longest serving volunteer of 21 years, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital and known for her brilliant blue eyes and bright smile.

Gail was the beloved wife of Gerald until his passing in 1998. Gail is survived by her five children: Gary (Debbie) Ley of Plymouth, Michigan, Cynthia (Stephen) Swech of Westford Massachusetts, Diana Clegg of Oceanside, California, Michael (Carol) Ley of Lake Orion, Michigan and Janet Ley of Livonia, Michigan. She has eight loving grandchildren: Jason Ley, Brian (Amber) Ley, Kelsey Ley, Rachel (Derrick) Schneider, Marissa Ley, Erica Ley, Lauren (Sione) Kuliha'apai, and John Clegg; and the proud great grandmother of Emma Ley and Aaron Bauer. Gail is also survived by all her siblings; Joan Slomer, Helen Geisler, Clement (Joy) Bleil and in laws Jane and Bill DuBois and Toni Ley. Gail was a cherished and giving aunt to twenty nine loving and appreciative nieces and nephews around the country.

A private celebration of Gail's life will be planned for later in the spring. Donations in Gail's memory can be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 or on line at <https://angelahospice.org/donate/>

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“ It was comforting knowing Mom was in my life for me when I need her. Now it is comforting to know she is safe in God’s home where I know she is safe and deeply loved. You are missed Mommy

Didi - December 20, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ All the christmas growing up at aunt Gails house, and the blue living room that I always thought was so beautiful. But most of all, when Aunt Gail was talking to you, you knew she was really listening too. She was a kind heart.

Kathleen Moran Heidger - December 17, 2020 at 10:45 AM



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Debbie Ley - December 16, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Aunt Gail,
I loved your sense of humor, your wit and your closeness with family. I was fortunate to get to know you even better in the last ten years. Your legacy lives on in the lives of your beautiful and awesome children.
Susan Scullo

Susan Scullo - December 16, 2020 at 02:28 PM



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Janet Ley - December 16, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ My sister Gail was my protector, every picture I have of us as kids she is holding my hand. Rest in peace and love big sister.

Helen Geisler - December 16, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Julie Montesano lit a candle in memory of Gail Ley



Julie Montesano - December 16, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ Dear Janet and Ley family, Carl and I are so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers! Much Love to all. xoxo

Julie Montesano - December 16, 2020 at 12:23 PM



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Janet Ley - December 16, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ Growing up in Nebraska at a distance from my Aunt Gail and many cousins, I still knew a lot about Aunt Gail and family through my mom's stories. All happy and mostly about the young adult years back in Pittsburgh. Gail seemed to be the sensible one of the three sisters and one brother. In my mind, Aunt Gail was always the gentle, and kind one, with a little sense of humor mixed in. I am very grateful that I got to see her on her 90th birthday (Zoom). I am left with beautiful memories of that day, of Aunt Gail, and her loving family.
My deepest sympathies to the whole Ley family. I know she will be greatly missed.
Rachael Baxa

Rachael A Baxa - December 16, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ My sympathies to the Ley family. Having known Gary for decades, I know she played a major role in raising a successful family.
Mark H. Gutman

mark h. gutman - December 15, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Gail was the nicest and sweetest neighbor for 36 years, right across the street on Maplewood. Beth and I will dearly miss her kind and gentle greetings .After riding my bike or walking with my wife, I looked forward to saying "hi" at the end of this exercise. We could not have asked for a more beautiful neighbor and friend.
John & Beth Stewart

John Stewart - December 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Mom, Love you and miss you so much. I'm sure Janet will keep Vaseline on the bird feeder so those pesky squirrels don't get those bird seeds. Rest In Peace.

Cindy Swech - December 14, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ I'm still feeding your backyard birds Mom! Miss you and love you always.

Janet Ley - December 14, 2020 at 07:31 PM