



Mrs. Gail Sams

March 13, 1952 - September 19, 2017

Mrs. Gail Sams of 1003 Cordele Highway, Sylvester, passed away on Tuesday, September 19, at her home.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Sylvester with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. Donnie Duncan will officiate.

Gail was born on March 13, 1952 to the late Cecil and Betty James. She was born and raised in Worth County living her entire life in the county of her birth. Gail was a member of the Class of 1970 at Worth County High School where she was a standout basketball player. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1973, teaching briefly at Worth Academy before joining the faculty of Worth County High School as a Business Education Teacher. Gail received her Master's degree from Georgia Southwestern University in 1976 and continued to teach at Worth County High School for over forty-two years. She was a dedicated educator who rarely missed a day of school. Through the years, Gail was both a sponsor of the Future Business Leaders of America and an avid supporter of the Worth County Rams football team. She worked diligently to teach life lessons to her students and to prepare them for future employment. Gail loved the University of Georgia Bulldogs and adored her grandchildren beyond measure. She was most proud of her daughters, Laura and Haley, and greatly enjoyed the times that she and her husband William spent with their families. Gail had many life-time friends who will greatly miss her sense of humor, her forthright manner, and her acts of kindness. She was valued by her fellow educators as a strong teacher who instilled self-discipline and a sense of responsibility in her students. Mrs. Sams was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Sylvester where she attended Sunday School and was a ringer in the hand bell choir for many years. For the last several years she greatly enjoyed her work as a volunteer with the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Albany, Georgia.

Gail is survived by her husband of 43 years, William Earl Sams of Sylvester; her daughters, Haley (Gregg) Harvell of Nashville, GA and Laura (Grant) Wood of Roswell, GA; two grandsons, Wright and Worth Kimbro; two granddaughters, Charlotte and Mary Ellison Wood; two sisters, Debbie Andrews and Penny (Mickey) Stewart; six nieces, Hope Phillips, Lacey Heard, Ragan McDonald, Staci Israel, Jessica Sams and Tori Sams; three

nephews, Justin Paramore, Ryan Stewart and Drew Stewart; two great nieces and three great nephews; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Carolyn Sams; sister-in-law, Lila Paramore, and brother-in-law, Walter (Pam) Sams.

For those desiring, memorials may be made in her honor to the Alpha Ministries Pregnancy Center, 2214 Whispering Pines Rd, Albany, GA 31707.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gail Sams*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM

LS

“ *William, Haley and Laura. There are no words to express how sorry I am. Gail was such a wonderful, kind, gracious and beautiful person. She will be truly missed. I pray that God will hold you close in his arms and comfort you with beautiful memories of her life and all that she meant to others. May the perfect peace of our Lord cover you up over the coming days.*

Lori Sapp - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Sams passing. She was one of my favorite teachers and a great person. Haley and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jana Truluck Hill - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

SA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I just recently started a friendship with Gail. by working with her at the Alpha Pregnancy Center. I saw Gail someone who always had a smile on her face and loved teaching and volunteering as an advocate to assist women in need. Mostly, it strikes me how fond she was, as she was kind, loving, and had a gentle genuine spirit. -- with a twinkle in her eye. I am going to miss her but I will see her again one day.*

Sherry Aaker - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

SB

“ *Mrs.Sams was my favorite teacher. I had her for homeroom my 4 years at Worth County High. She taught me everything I know about typing. She will be truly missed. Prayers go out to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.*

Scott Baptista - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

SW

“ *I remember having Mrs. Sams in high school.Keeping your family in the Weaver's thoughtsand prayers.*

Stacy Weaver - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

PW

“ Mrs. Sams is a wonderful educator who will truly be missed. Our prayers are with her family.-Garry & Patricia Welch

Patricia Welch - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

TL

“ So sorry to hear of Gail's passing.. she was one of my favorite teachers and she always inspired you to be your best. Her smile would brighten up any place she entered.. Gods love & strength to her entire family today & in the days ahead.

Tammy Lawhorn - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

JD

“ I taught Gail and also taught with her at the high school. We had always remained friends. However, we became close friends during recent days as I visited with her often. She was a kind, caring person who knew God and where her strength came from. I had many good conversations with her which are so precious to me now. I praise God for the several weeks we were able to share good memories. She loved her family; she loved her church; she loved her church family! Rest, Friend, and I will see you soon!

Janice Dent - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

DD

“ I miss you my friend!

Donna Daughtry - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM

SD

“ I credit Ms. Sams with every job I have ever gotten. Even now, typing on this Mac, the movements my fingers make are credited to her. I never realized that when she taught me in 1978 how young she was. She was only 11 years older than I am. When my son was very young, I took him to see her at the high school, surprised she was still there. I'm so glad I got the chance to tell her how much she meant to me.

Stephanie Davis - May 14, 2018 at 02:20 PM