



Gail Cooper Chu

January 12, 1936 - May 19, 2019

Gail Cooper Chu, age 83, of Concord, NC, died in an auto accident on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Gail lived a rich life. She was born on January 12, 1936 in Pompton Lakes, NJ, the only child of C. Erwin and Marian (Tice) Cooper. While completing a nursing degree at the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in New York, NY, she met her future husband, David Chu, who was doing his medical internship at the same hospital. They were married in Pompton Plains, NJ on October 4, 1958; 50 years later David would write, "If ever there was a marriage made in heaven, this was it." By 1967 they were in Jeonju, South Korea as medical missionaries employed by the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and there they would be for most of the next 21 years. Returning to the United States in 1988, they settled in Chapel Hill, NC, where Gail worked as a nurse in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine until 1995; then in 2003 they moved to Concord, where they lived for the rest their days, grandchildren swirling around them.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents and her husband; she is survived by her five children, Philip (Jeannie) Chu, Luisa (David) Beard, Lydia Butcher, Peter (Catharine) Chu, and P. David (Pey-Shyuan) Chu, and by 18 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Gail's Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at Providence Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Mark Weathers officiating. Immediately after the service the family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall, inviting all to stay and share stories of Gail with them and each other.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Missionary Outreach Program at Jesus Hospital in Jeonju. Checks can be made payable to Providence Presbyterian Church, 246 Branchview NE, Concord, NC 28025 with "In memory of Gail Chu" in the memo line.

James Funeral Home is serving the family and condolences may be sent to them through our website at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com.

Comments



“ Gail's wondrous smile and the sparkle in her eye may have been taken from us .Her strong love and faith lives in her children and in every life she touched. Gail ws a strong influence on me, as a young missionary in Jeonju. She was a good friend and mentor.
The children they left will mirror her life.

Sharon Shaw - May 28 at 06:18 PM



“ Gail Chu was my classmate at Methodist Hospital as we were studying nursing. She was a shining example of true Christianity - a lovely woman who leaves me with many wonderful memories of our shared years. She will be greatly missed.

Eleanor Bensen - May 26 at 08:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gail Cooper Chu.



May 26 at 07:03 AM



“ We're saddened to learn of Gail's passing. Although visits were few in later years, we are left with many fond memories of this wonderful woman. Gail listened with interest and truly cared about others. On one of her visits she gave our eldest daughter a lovely children's book that turned out to be her favorite and which she still has and treasures. She'll be deeply missed.



AI Melick - May 24 at 10:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gail Cooper Chu.



May 24 at 09:25 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gail Cooper Chu.



May 23 at 08:44 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Cooper Chu.



May 23 at 05:58 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gail Cooper Chu.



May 23 at 03:08 PM



“ I'm sorry not to have personally known Gail, but for sure, my prayers and thoughts are with the entire family. God bless you all with peace, love, and faith. Sheila Johnson Almond and on behalf of Linda Gail Price.

Sheila J Almond - May 23 at 10:55 AM



“ Phil, Jeannie, Alarie and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I'm very sorry for your loss and I hope that you have plenty of sweet, fond memories of Gail that will sustain you through these trying times. I personally never met Gail, however, based on her obituary she sounds like a lovely lady and I'm sure she will be missed by many.

Take care and God's blessing to you all!
Kelly Kadlec and family
First Presbyterian

Kelly - May 22 at 11:13 PM



“ Thank you Kelly and everyone - your kind words mean a lot

Jeannie Chu - May 28 at 11:11 AM



“ We are all saddened to hear of your family's loss. Your mother blessed so many people with her faith and kindness. Praying that you'll find comfort in your memories of her and in the knowledge that others are missing her, too --- The Lee Family

Sherry Lee - May 22 at 10:33 PM



“ The Lee Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gail Cooper Chu.



The Lee Family - May 22 at 10:19 PM



“ Gail, is such a sweet, and loving soul. So, so beautiful inside and out. We could always count on a warm and calm reception with her when we would get check ups at the hospital. We are deeply saddened to hear of her untimely passing and send prayers and hugs to all the precious family members. May God hold sustain and uphold each and everyone of you as you grieve in the sudden passing of a true saint here on earth and now in God's kingdom in Heaven.

Sue Pak - May 22 at 09:32 PM



“ Lydia, my deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family on the loss of your mother. It was a privilege to have met such a wonderful, kind and giving woman. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Carl Eklund

Carl Eklund - May 22 at 07:49 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Cooper Chu.



May 22 at 03:07 PM



“ Much like everyone else's comments, Gail was indeed an amazing woman in every way possible.
Her servants heart, willingness to help anyone and make sure they knew of her loving concern is great example of her Christian faith,
A true Proverbs 31 woman!!
I don't know if we can make it to the service. We get back for a trip to Mexico late Saturday evening. Our ability to make two trips to CLT may make it impossible.
However, only time will tell!
We Love you and Know that you are always in our hearts.
Linda & Dick Dahl

Dahls - May 22 at 02:13 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Cooper Chu.



May 22 at 11:30 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lydia Butcher - May 22 at 09:23 AM



“ Lydia, Philip, Luisa, Peter and Davey.

I am so sorry to just learn of your Mom's passing to Glory in our Lord. Lydia I am so glad I got to see you and your Mom in Houston. Wish I was closer and not tied up Sunday or I would be there. Have great memories of all of you there in Jeonju 1 in 1976,7

Great picture of you two.

In our Lord's Love,

Cody

Cody U Watson - May 22 at 02:40 PM



“ I loved reading about Gail's life in the obituary. She will be missed by all whose lives were touched by her kindness. So very sorry for your loss! May the loving memories comfort you during this difficult time. --- Bob Heck and Sherry Lee

Sherry Lee - May 22 at 01:45 AM



“ Such a beautiful, kind and loving lady...Prayer's for family and friends and all who were blessed to have her in their lives.....Vaughn and Hilda

Vaughn Shepherd - May 21 at 09:50 PM



“ Gail and David Chu were extraordinarily kind and gracious people, both quite gifted and unassuming. Wonderful parents, friends, colleagues, and missionaries! It is comforting to think of them together again, where it's all "hello's" and no more "goodbyes"! Martha Huntley

Martha Huntley - May 21 at 08:29 PM



“ Gail was the kindest, the most gracious woman I have ever known. She always greeted me at church with the biggest smile and the best hugs. She prayed for me daily and was always concerned about my family. She ended each conversation with me with a sweet kiss and an “I love you”. I will miss her so very much! To Luisa and family- We love you and we are praying for you all.
Bruce and Angela Harriman.

Angie Harriman - May 21 at 04:40 PM



“ I had the privilege of meeting you before she left this world to join her husband in the next world I was looking forward to New Times and memories to share with her when she came to visit I know now life is precious also know that God gave us beautiful gifts and each other and she was one of them a woman who lived with total Grace and graciousness in her character and it glowed like a light

Loretta Gould - May 22 at 02:09 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Gail and her husband, Dr. Chu on a few occasions while we were visiting our daughter Tara and Pastor Mark. They were very friendly and kind. Also it was wonderful to hear their daughter, Luisa sing with the Worship Team. My sympathies to her family during this most difficult time. I pray God's blessings for strength and courage for all who knew her. May You Rest In Peace Gail.

Wendy Skolaris - May 21 at 04:14 PM



“ Gail was one of the godliest, most loving and kindest women I have ever known. She was the hands and feet of Jesus to everyone she met. She regularly gave hugs and asked, "How are you doing?" to me and others and intently listened to offer wise advice or share a Bible verse or encouragement and unconditional love. Her desserts were some of the best and it was a treat to eat any meal prepared by her. She was a mentor so so many of us and the woman and mother we aspire to be. She was greatly loved and will be missed by all.

Sharon Allen - May 21 at 02:23 PM