



## Gail Clendaniel Stallings

March 31, 1956 - January 30, 2021

Cornelius- After battling cancer since June of 2018, Gail Clendaniel Stallings passed away peacefully at home on January 30, 2021. She was born on March 31, 1956 in Salisbury, Maryland, the only child of William Vernon and Estella Metzner Clendaniel who both preceded Gail in death. Gail grew up in Cambridge, Maryland, which was a unique small town and a wonderful place. She had great parents, great memories, and lifelong friends on the Eastern Shore. There she gained a deep love of and appreciation for water and for Maryland blue crabs & oysters. Gail had great memories of mallets pounding on the picnic table in the backyard of her childhood home. Gail married Phillip Michael (Mikey) Stallings on March 4, 1988, and in doing so inherited a loving family that has grown throughout the years.

Gail is survived by her husband, two stepchildren – Jeff Stallings & his wife Pam of Winston-Salem, NC, and Julie Stallings & her husband Bert Inabinet, of High Rock Lake, North Carolina. Gail is also survived by her step grandchildren Cameron Stallings and his wife Elizabeth and their children Unika, Maya, and Shiloh of Copper Hill, Virginia, Stephanie Stallings of Blacksburg, Virginia, Bailey Inabinet of Charlotte, NC, and cousin and godchild Rachelle Baynard of Milford, Delaware. Mike & Gail are members of Davidson United Methodist Church and the Bill Hight Sunday School Class. Over her professional career, Gail held various positions in North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Toronto with Western Electric, AT&T, Lucent Technologies, Celestica, and Physicians Pharmacy Alliance. Although not the original plan, human resources became her passion and professional calling where she remained until retiring in 2018. Her love of people and strong relationships contributed to her success. She loved helping others professionally and personally. Her husband, family, and dear friends brought great joy to her life. Gail also loved her miniature Schnauzers, travel all over the world, music, games (she never passed on a game of charades and seldom lost), tennis and her homes on Grand Lake and later Lake Norman. Gail's faith and her sense of humor helped her through difficult and trying times.

Funeral Information for in person or livestream.

1PM Saturday, February 6, 2021

Davidson U.M.C.

In person, you must register:

Funeral registration link:

<https://pastorstoolbox.com/save-a-seat/9fd630e8-532e-59ca-8e6f-5f4340d33fb3>

Livestream link:

<https://www.davidsonumc.org/sermons/watch-live-each-sunday/>

In lieu of flowers, Gail asked you to support Duke Cancer Institute: Thoracic & Lung Cancer Fund and/or Hospice and Palliative Care Lake Norman, both of which were fabulous.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

# Events

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**FEB** **Memorial Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Davidson United Methodist Church

233 S. Main Street, Davidson, NC, US, 28036

# Comments

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“ I went all through elementary and middle school with Gail. She was the “it” girl in class. Beauty, brains and a sparkling personality. We lost touch over the years, but I am so saddened to hear of her passing. It’s clear she had a too-short but very successful life in all senses of the word. Rest In Peace Gail. David Denowitz, Westport, Ct

David Denowitz - February 16 at 09:47 AM

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“ Dear Mike and Family, I have been looking for Gail for years and was so saddened to finally find her in our local paper. Gail and I met and instantly became friends playing softball. She had a fabulous way of connecting and making you feel like you'd known her forever after being in her presence for five minutes. How I wish that we could have reconnected, reminisced, and made many more memories. She was a whirlwind of fun and a fierce competitor. I will love and treasure our friendship and the memories forever. My love and prayers to the family.

Sue Burkhart Poindexter - February 08 at 02:26 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Gail's passing. I had the great privilege of working with her at Celestica. Gail was a wonderful person and a joy to work with. There are some people who always put a smile on your face and Gail was one of them. She was a tremendous HR professional who was very committed to the people she worked with. My condolences to her family. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Pam Goddard - February 06 at 12:57 PM

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“ The Shore Family - Bret, Amber, Gabby & Nate purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gail Clendaniel Stallings.



The Shore Family - Bret, Amber, Gabby & Nate - February 05 at 01:35 PM

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“ We grieve the incredible loss of our beautiful Gail, taken from us too soon. Our deepest condolences to Mike and family.....Jeff & Pam, Julie & Bert, Stan & Pam, grandchildren and extended family and friends. We will miss her beautiful smile, contagious laugh and wonderful spirit. She had us at 'hello'. His Peace to all.

Our love,  
Curtis & Patti Shore  
Highland Village, Texas

Curtis H Shore - February 05 at 09:05 AM

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“ First of all my condolences Gail's family and close friends, I am sure it is difficult to have Gail out of your life when she was close. I find it hard, even though our paths don't cross much now.

I first met Gail as the HR representative for the Oklahoma City plant when we were doing the due diligence prior to making the acquisition. She made an immediate impression, a combination of energy, enthusiasm and competence. It was at a difficult time in the industry and Celestica really did not need more manufacturing plants, as everything was shrinking, but she and the rest of the team helped to convince us of the quality of the workers, so we went ahead. Gail represented them well, and continued to right up to when unfortunately, the Lucent business dried up and we had to close the site. To this day, I can say that the level of pride and professionalism of Gail and her team through those times was the highest that I can remember. Due to the fact that she was really really good at what she did, we got to the chance to work together for many of other projects, some good, and some bad. She handled all of them so well, gave me great counsel and support and did difficult things without anyone having a bad word to say about her.

Throughout all of this time, I got to know Gail as a person too, and her infectious enthusiasm, sense of humour, and unmatched charades skills made her really a treat to be around. Our paths crossed less as time went and we both left the company, but I will tell you that the message from the Celestica extended family was that Gail was Gail, and as you would expect, a cancer diagnosis wasn't going to change that. The outpouring of grief from this group is something to behold, and I have seen it rarely. It is a tribute to Gail that she is remembered for who she is, regardless of the situation she was in.

Many of us can be good, and be ourselves, when times are good. Others can be tough and make the hard decisions, but not keep the human connection. Gail was able to do difficult things under difficult circumstances without losing the respect of the people involved and without losing her singular humanity. I am glad that I saw that it was possible, it has made me better, but even with lots of practice it has not gotten me to her level. Thanks Gail for being you and being an example.

mike andrade - February 04 at 03:07 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Clendaniel Stallings.



February 04 at 08:29 AM

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“ We loved Gail and her fun-loving spirit. She had tireless energy and a wonderful smile. She was driven in all she did and accomplished so much in her life. She will be greatly missed...gone too soon.

Love,  
Sharon & Mike Carolina  
Edmond, OK  
(WE/AT&T/Lucent Family)

Sharon & Mike Carolina - Edmond, OK - February 02 at 06:29 PM

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“ Gosh, where to begin? Gail was such a vivacious and unique personality. It was not uncommon for her to be standing in Bert and Julie's kitchen and suddenly she would do a karate kick, high into the air and scream, "Hiiiiiyah!!!". She was entertaining and always up for fun. She joined in on all of the lake games and made a killer Oriental Coleslaw with Ramen noodles. She was so nice to us and especially sweet to our son Wesley. It was a privilege to know her. We will miss her.

With love to Julie, Bert and Mikey,  
Rodney, Terri and Wesley

Terri White - February 01 at 07:25 PM