



Gale D. Brooks

May 23, 1941 - March 5, 2020

Gale D. Brooks, 78, of Shippenville, passed away Thursday evening, March 5, 2020 at her home.

She was born on May 23, 1941 in Christiansburg, Virginia; daughter of the late Wilbert Earl "Brownie" Brooks and Edith M. Kammerdiener Brooks Koiko.

Gale was raised in the Corsica area, graduating from Clarion-Limestone High School in 1959.

She then received a Bachelor of Science and 2 Masters of Science degrees from Clarion University.

Following a 22 year committed relationship, Gale was married, when it became legal, to Patricia M Whetzel in Vermont on June 10, 2014; whom survives.

She worked for 13 years for President Richard Nixon, Governor Evan Macham of Arizona and other Republican candidates followed by a career in Christian broadcasting at the 700 Club of Virginia Beach. She also assisted Russ & Norma Bixler to begin Christian television in Pittsburgh.

Returning to Clarion area to take care of her ailing mother, Gale began working for Clarion County Mental Health and retired as Supervisor of Crisis Intervention Services where she helped suicidal, homicidal, and/or people unable to care for themselves.

In addition to her spouse, Gale is survived by her six nieces and nephews; nine great nieces and nephews; two great, great nephews; and two great, great nieces, whom all live in Pennsylvania, Arizona, or Vermont.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother: Raymond C. Hummel.

Per Gale's wishes, there will be no public visitation.

All services will be private.

Interment will be held in the Cedarview Memorial Park in Strattanville.

In lieu of flowers, Donations or memorials in Gale's name can be made to the American Heart Association or the Clarion Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion, PA 16214.

Comments



“ thoughts & prayers to gale's family- deb hollis



deb hollis - March 10, 2020 at 04:52 AM



“ Sandy Potter lit a candle in memory of Gale D. Brooks



Sandy Potter - March 08, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ Cindy Brannan lit a candle in memory of Gale D. Brooks



Cindy Brannan - March 08, 2020 at 05:24 PM



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“ Gale was a MH delegate when I worked at CPC, and she was always a pleasure to work with. My condolences to her family and friends.

Pam Dinger - March 08, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ I was so Blessed to have known Gale. I was just thinking about her this past Wednesday, as I was sharing of my days working for Crisis. Gale was an amazing supervisor! She was so kind, patient and knowledgeable. I remember a few late night phone calls for guidance while I waited for admission acceptance; Gale provided direction, encouragement and humor when it was so needed! She and I often joked how she knew things would get busy knowing I was going on call for the week. Gale was a great Mentor and Friend! I know much of the success in my professional life has been because of her teaching, time, and dedication. She was truly one of the good ones! I am a better person for having known her! Prayers for Pat and all of Gale's family through this time.

Michelle Kahl - March 07, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ It was my privilege to begin working as a Mental Health Delegate in 2001 under Gale's supervision. She made it her mission to teach me everything she could about emergency mental health services, as well as mental health disaster response coordination for the County of Clarion. Upon her retirement, it was an honor to attempt to fill her shoes, which I'm not sure anyone could have done. Her store of knowledge was vast and her ability to quickly assess and manage even the most difficult situations was commendable. She quickly became a friend after her retirement, and she will remain in my heart until we meet again. Pat, may your heart be comforted by the multitude of amazing memories the two of you made together as you built and nurtured an amazing relationship. Thank you both for including our little family as part of yours, and taking Quinn on some wonderful vacations. He has pictures to remind him of his special relationship with you and Gale. Thank you! Fly high, Gale, and light the way for the rest of us! We love you!
Sandy

Sandy Potter - March 07, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ The world is less for her passing. She was my back bone when I didn't have one. She was my sounding board when I needed to vent. She was more concerned about Keith's health than her own at times. I am proud to call Gale my friend. Love you! Pat, call if you need me. I will be there.

Dee Justice - March 07, 2020 at 07:33 PM