



Kristine Gaye Gavin

August 28, 1943 - January 17, 2012

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1943 – 2012

Kristine Gaye Gavin passed away suddenly on January 17, 2012 following a severe car accident. She was born August 28, 1943, in Spokane, WA. Her childhood was spent on the Wenatchee Heights, just outside of Wenatchee, WA, where the Gudmundson family owned and operated fruit orchards. Gaye graduated Wenatchee High School in 1962, graduated Wenatchee Valley College in 1964 and later attended Central Washington University. In 1965, she married her husband of 46 years, Richard (Rick) T. Gavin. Following their marriage they lived in San Diego, CA for a few years where he (Rick) was stationed in the Navy. In January of 1968, Rick and Gaye moved to Rick's hometown of Chelan, WA to work in the family newspaper, the Lake Chelan Mirror, which the Gavin family owned and operated for 63 years. They were blessed with; three sons, a daughter and three grandchildren. She spent several years raising her children and later worked at Company 107 clothing store and was a long-time hostess at Campbell's Restaurant in Lake Chelan. She enjoyed traveling, spending time with her family, taking care of her cats, learning her new iPhone, and spoiling her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Richard T. Gavin (Chelan); mother, Patricia

Kelley Gudmundson (East Wenatchee); sons, Kristjan R. Gavin & partner Michael Stees (Oakland), Andrew C. Gavin (Chelan), Erin T. Gavin & fiancée Lorraine Lewis (Los Angeles); daughter, Desa K. (Gavin) Schrader and husband Brent Schrader (Kirkland); grandchildren, Krissandra Shively, Ella Schrader, and Brenner Gavin; sister, Joy and husband Tom Reese (Wenatchee); brother-in-law & sister-in-law Charlie & Terri Gavin; nieces, Kristjana Reese and Megan (Gavin) Benson; nephew, Justin Gavin and long-time friends Nancy & Aldon Oscarson. Gaye was preceded in death by her father, Kristjan O. Gudmundson, in 2006 and infant son Eriksson Robert Gavin in 1975.

Familiarly known as the "Katladi" which was her personalized license plate, the family is asking that remembrances be made to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society in her name because of her passion for cats and animals.

Donations can be made to:

Wenatchee Valley Humane Society
In Memory of Kristine Gaye Gudmundson "Katladi" Gavin
PO BOX 55
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

Every animal that receives the love your donation gives will aide in carrying on her memory.

A celebration of life is planned for Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the conference center at Campbells Resort, Chelan, WA.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Precht Rose Chapel in Chelan, WA.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Chris Eldore Rayner sent a virtual gift in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin



Chris Eldore Rayner - February 04, 2012 at 11:44 PM

CR

Gaye was a wonderful lady. She was coming back to Chelan & came upon my Mom & Matt who were having car problems just after going through the tunnel..... she gave them a ride into town.... she will always be remembered and loved.

Chris Eldore Rayner - February 04, 2012 at 11:49 PM

CC

“ Carole Collins lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin



Carole Collins - January 31, 2012 at 01:58 PM

LM

I will love always and forever Mrs gaye Gavin I love you and your family our family thoughts and prayers still go out for you love you desa
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Lopati Mamae - July 13, 2023 at 02:27 AM

CC

“ Rick & family,
Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you in the loss of a very Special Lady. Gaye was such a wonderful person and we will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers goe out to all of you during this very difficult time. Always cherish the great memories you had with her and may they always keep your heart warm and connected with her. Words just can't express just how truly sorry we are for your loss. Please know that we are thinking of all of you.
With deepest sympathy & love,
Carole & Reggie Collins

Carole Collins - January 31, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ Jack Hansen lit a candle in memory of
Kristine Gaye Gavin



Jack Hansen - January 30, 2012 at 06:25 PM



Rick and Family - The Hansen family (Western Auto) sends their sincerest condolences on the loss of your wife and mom.

Jack Hansen - January 30, 2012 at 06:33 PM

AR

“ *The last time I saw Gaye was when she was dropping off her mom Patty. Gaye wanted to take a look at the picture of Kristjan and Mike at Machu Pichu. She had a big smile on her face when she as she told me about the picture with her sons at Machu Pichu. I could tell that her dearly loved Kris and Mike. As a matter of fact I knew that she loved all of her kids and grandkids.*

*With Love,
Alyssa Rana*

Alyssa Rana - January 28, 2012 at 08:09 PM

DJ

“ *Rick and family,
We are so sorry to hear about Gaye. Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to all of you during this difficult time. Her warm smile and kindness will not be forgotten. Take care.
Dave, Debi and Brian Jaquish*



Debi S. Jaquish - January 26, 2012 at 02:35 PM

MP

“ *Rick and family
Words fail to express our sympathy. I (Diane) first met Gaye when we both went to Girl's State way back when and then we reconnected when you moved back back to Chelan. We will miss her, the smile and the sharing. The Peebles--
Marrian and Diane*



Marrian and Diane Peebles - January 26, 2012 at 12:08 PM

PR

“ *To Rick and Family-*

Patricia and I share your grief at the loss of your beloved Gaye. Please accept our most heart felt sympathy.

Sincerely,

Peter and Patricia Rodionoff



Peter and Patricia Rodionoff - January 26, 2012 at 11:07 AM

LF

“ *Laura Fenimore lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin*



Laura Fenimore - January 26, 2012 at 08:40 AM

LF

“ *Some very special childhood memories surround the time spent with you all on Lake Chelan. The clear lake where we would dive for grape soda and the hours spent swimming. The Blue Hawaiian Restaurant we would spend days on creating in the playroom and Gaye never made us clean it up until the very end after our parents had a chance to come and enjoy our creation. I also remember her love of cats and how lovingly she took care of them and then as an 8 year old thought that naming your cat after a sophisticated drink like Mai Tai was funny. I am thankful for the special times spent with Gaye and family during those fun summers, I will treasure them always and miss her dearly.*

Love to you all,

Laura Bennetsen Fenimore

Laura Fenimore - January 26, 2012 at 08:40 AM

BB

“ Rick and family,

When our families were young we kept in contact more than recently. One time we visited your home on the lake and my daughter's made a memory that day. As an appetizer, Gaye served us artichokes. My girls thought that was the most wonderful thing they had ever eaten. We still have artichokes often and this has been passed down to the grandchildren - our granddaughter recently requested an artichoke as part of her 18th birthday celebration.

We never know how we may touch another person's life. One of our memories of Gaye has become our family tradition.

May your wonderful memories of Gaye, comfort you during this difficult time.

Bonnie (Danner, Landes) Brawley

Bonnie Brawley - January 25, 2012 at 05:31 PM

TC

“ Tim And Rinita Cook lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin



Tim and Rinita Cook - January 25, 2012 at 01:42 PM

TC

Gaye was such a wonderful lady, beautiful by nature, both inside and out. Her unwavering love and devotion to her husband, children, and grandchildren was shown to many. I will never forget watching the OJ Simpson trial with her, what a blast we had! Playing detective, judging the prosecution and defense attorneys, it still brings a smile to my face. She was the first person I ever saw make homemade macaroni and cheese; and what a recipe that was! My friendship with her will never be forgotten. Many blessings and loving prayers go out to her family.

Tim and Rinita Cook - January 25, 2012 at 01:50 PM

LR

“ *Linda Reister lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin*



Linda Reister - January 24, 2012 at 10:55 PM

LR

A candle in memory of a wonderful person. Our condolences to the community, family, and "extended" family.

Linda Reister - January 24, 2012 at 10:56 PM

WW

“ *Wilma (Long) Walrod lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin*



Wilma (Long) Walrod - January 23, 2012 at 11:52 PM



Rick and family, I am so sorry to hear about Gaye. You guys are all in our thoughts and prayers. I remember the first time that I met Gaye. She was filling in for the typesetter at the Mirror, and I got the job, on the old Pearl Harbor machine, somewhere around 1969 or so. She was so happy for me to take that job, so she didn't have to do it. She was a very caring person, and will be missed.

Wilma

Wilma (Long) Walrod - January 23, 2012 at 11:57 PM

“*Rick and family: It is now nearly 20 years since I worked at the "Lake Chelan Mirror." The tributes do bring to mind Gaye's "Katladi" license plate, which I had forgotten. But my strongest memory of Gaye is her gregarious and cheerful personality; she was always very gracious and friendly whenever I saw her. I am saddened to hear of her accident and the pain it brings; I am praying for all of you.*

Jon Nuxoll - January 23, 2012 at 07:09 PM

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Jon Nuxoll, Eugene, Oregon - January 23, 2012 at 07:08 PM

PD

“ Rick and family, The years get away from us and we go different directions but I will always feel a connection to Gaye through our love of animals and specially cats. That's how we first got to know each other-from that little blue Persian Kitten. Gaye was so kind and I rememer the first time I visited her beautiful home - how lovely it looked and so full of love. Such a beautiful and special person. Patti Davis



Patti Davis - January 23, 2012 at 05:24 PM

DF

“ Debbie Foreman lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin



Debbie Foreman - January 23, 2012 at 04:39 PM

SM

“ Susan L. Metcalf lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin



Susan L. Metcalf - January 23, 2012 at 01:26 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Hoskin lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin*



Lisa Hoskin - January 23, 2012 at 11:01 AM

KK

“ *Karen Kinzebach lit a candle in memory of Kristine Gaye Gavin*



Karen Kinzebach - January 23, 2012 at 10:59 AM

BH

“ *Gaye, We are all going to miss you terribly at our 50th Class Reunion this August. Our thoughts, prayers, and best wishes are extended to your family. Your friend and classmate, Barb (Goodsir) Headrick*

Barbara Headrick - January 22, 2012 at 08:11 PM

JN

“ *I Rick. I am so sorry about Gaye. My heart goes out to you and your family. I know how it feels. Our children were very close in school and they also send there condolences.*

Joan Nolan

Joan Nolan - January 22, 2012 at 09:24 AM