



## Gail Lee Abrahamsen

August 17, 1951 - August 20, 2018

Gail Lee Abrahamsen, 67, of Kissimmee, Florida passed away on August 20, 2018. She was born on August 17, 1951 in Queens, New York. She is predeceased by her parents, Clovis Aupied and Lena Aupied, and her brothers, Russel Aupied and James Aupied. Gail is survived by her ex-husband and guardian, John Abrahamsen; her son, Kenneth Conroy; her daughter, Karen Vazquez; her sister, Carolyn Messina; and her grandchildren, Evalena Rose and Jeremy Louis.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

AUG 31. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BA

“ Gail and I met when we worked at Booth Memorial Hospital in Flushing, Queens around 1974/5. I worked days and would work evening on occasionally if someone was on vacation. That's when we got to talk and become friends.  
Eventually, she set me up with her brother, Jimmy and the rest was history. I always will be thankful to Gail for that.  
She also got Jimmy and I into camping. The first time we went, we "shared" a beautiful big steak with the local raccoon! The first of many fun camping adventures that lasted many years.  
Our condolences to all the family. Betty, Bob and Tom Aupied

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**Betty Aupied** - August 30, 2018 at 09:47 PM

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“Where to begin, in a brief space, to speak of someone who made such an impact in your life, as Gail made in mine?

*I met Gail 20 years ago... she was the nurse manager of the Endoscopy unit at Celebration Health, and I was a RN with little GI experience, whom she hired as the first staff RN in the Endo unit. She needed someone with a lot of experience, who could jump in and do everything, which I was SO not. “Something tells me I should take a chance on you”, she said at my interview. She shouldn’t have, practically speaking, but she did. And changed the course of my life. I was intimidated at first, to say the least... that no-nonsense Queens, NY-style of hers, to a timid Southern girl, plus just trying to live up to the exceptional caliber of nurse she obviously was, threatened to be a rocky relationship. But I soon learned that she had a teaching style that was supremely gentle and nurturing. She taught me so many things... how to do the technical aspects of the job, but also, how to put a patient (and staff) at ease during a stressful time. She was a master at making a personal connection with everyone, no matter what personality type or background. She could find common ground with every single person she met, which made everyone feel that she truly cared for them as a person. A tremendous gift! She also taught me to use music therapy as a stress-reducer. We had an enviable CD (yes, CD back then) music collection that we used during procedures, and we did plenty of dancing around at the end of the day, cleaning and restocking the unit!*

*We soon found that we shared a love of music and fun, and we attended many concerts together. At one of our first outings, at the House of Blues, she tapped me on the shoulder and I turned around to see Gail, with a glow stick in each nostril, one in each ear, and a couple in her mouth... and a tradition was born! :) Glow sticks at every concert! Even now. In your honor, my friend, I will always have glow sticks at concerts!*

*John, Karen, Kenny, Carolyn... she spoke of you always with such love. I hope you can take comfort and have some peace with that. I love you, Gail. You are the reason I am where I am today. I will never forget you.*

*Until we meet again,*

*Lynette Scible*

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**Lynette Scible** - August 30, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Lee Abrahamsen.*



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August 29, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *Your colleagues at Landis Graham French purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gail Lee Abrahamsen.*



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**Your colleagues at Landis Graham French** - August 28, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gail Lee Abrahamsen.*



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August 27, 2018 at 04:56 PM

LR

“ I have so many great memories of Gail ( my best friend) that is hard to pick one but one that sticks out in my mind is the weekend she came to stay with me while I was over 8 months pregnant! It was hot and she would say you better not have this baby when I'm here. We laughed and that night we were up late having ice cream. Ed was in LA which left us alone. Low and behold baby decided it was time to come. Gail drove me to the hospital rubbed my back and helped me breath and focus. We did laugh about it but she was the best. We shared lots of things but this was by far the best.

*My love and sympathy to the entire family*

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**Lucille Rhode** - August 26, 2018 at 06:08 PM

CA

“ gail was the first family member I met .I remember her walking in the bar by Russell with a broken leg. that night she made me feel like I belonged in that family thank you gail .you will always be in our hearts and never forgotten.

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**carol aupied** - August 26, 2018 at 08:57 AM