



Mary Gail Robinson

August 28, 2012

Gail Robinson, 61, passed away peacefully on August 27th, 2012, surrounded by her family at the home she helped to build in the woods of northern Franklin County, KY. Gail was raised on Lookout Mountain, Georgia, and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1972. She worked as a social worker and math teacher in inner Louisville, and graduated with a law degree from the University of Louisville in 1976. She worked in private practice with her husband Kevin and with Kentucky's Department of Public Advocacy, specializing in the defense of juveniles and in opposition to the death penalty. She and her colleagues were responsible for freeing an innocent juvenile death row inmate in 2002.

She was an amazing and selfless daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend, lawyer, teacher, school board member, social worker, feminist, activist and mentor. Gail used her passion and intelligence in the service of others in her life and career. She was forever trusting and an optimist to the end.

Gail is survived by her husband Kevin McNally, stepmother DeLys Robinson, sisters Nancy Pruitt (Lynn) and Debbie Johnson (Bob), stepsisters Sara Tamboli and Janet Mattice, stepbrother Jim LeVan, and three sons: Sean McNally (Katherine), Jesse Robinson (Andrea) and Will Robinson (Joelle). She is preceded in death by her parents Annelu and William Robinson. Visitation will be held from 9:00 am – 11:00 am on Thursday, August 30th, at

Bridgeport Christian Church, 175 Evergreen Road, Frankfort, KY, and the memorial service will follow at 11:30 am. The family asks that you consider donations to the Franklin County Women's Shelter (303 East Third Street, Frankfort, KY 40601) in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall



“ I will always be grateful for the opportunity I had to know Gail. I appreciate serving with her in the community and will ever be in her debt for the help she gave my family in the adoption of my son. I can not think of her without remembering her wonderful memories. **Esther Swain**”

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“ I loved Gail. I met her in 1973-4 in Louisville. We were social workers together and became friends. She had amazing energy and just loved being alive and that spirit was contagious. I am a better person for having known her and having her in my life, if I could have her back. **Carol Coyle**”

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“ I KNEW GAIL FROM PUBLIC ADVOCACY IN THE LATE 1990'S, FROM WORKING AS A COURT REPORTER IN THE LATE 1980'S, AND AS SEAN'S MOM. SEAN WAS IN KINDERGARTEN AT BALD KNOB IN 1986 WHEN I FIRST MET GAIL. GAIL WAS ALWAYS SO SWEET, HAD SUCH A CALM DEMEANOR, AND YET SHE WAS SO STRONG. **Laura Moretti**”

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“ Sorry to hear this. I found out today by accident. My condolences to the family. **Suleiman Massarweh**”

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