



## Gail Helen Wilson

October 16, 1955 - June 17, 2015

Wilson, Gail H. – age 59, of Knoxville, passed away June 17th 2015. Gail was a loving wife, Auntie, and Great Auntie. Generous of spirit she loved to cook large meals for her family and bake the most delicious apple pies. During her lifetime she donated over 90 pints of blood and wished to donate her organs. A life-long Red Sox fan she loved everything Red Sox and tried never to miss a game whether they were winning or not. Gail and her husband, David, talked of moving to Tennessee when he retired and she fulfilled her dream 3 years ago. A Yankee by birth she soon loved everything Vols, especially the Lady Vols. She was employed by SAIC, Oak Ridge on various computer help desks. Gail graduated from North Kingstown High School in Rhode Island. Through the years she continued her education focusing on computer related subjects. She was preceded in death by her father Norman E Sweeney. She is survived by her husband of 34 years W. David Wilson; mother, Barbara O. Sweeney; sister and brother in law, Cheryl and Nile Luedtke, Knoxville, TN; sister, Colleen Dyer, Riverside, RI; sister, Norma Sweeney, North Kingstown, RI; brother in law and wife, Stephen and Kathleen Wilson, Elmira, NY; brother in law, Jon Wilson, Horseheads, NY; nieces, Jennifer Luedtke Kennedy and husband Jason; Caitlyn Luedtke Elam and husband, Joshua; nephew, Seth Luedtke; and great niece, Charlotte Rose Elam, all of Knoxville, TN; niece, Bridget Wilson; nephew, Patrick Wilson; and niece Maureen Wilson, all of Elmira, NY. Most faithful and loving friend, Mary Lou Oliver, Atlanta, GA; and John and Carrie Cleland and their children, Knoxville, TN. Per Gail's wishes there was not a formal memorial service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Pat Summitt Foundation <http://www.patsummitt.org> or Random Acts of Flowers <http://knoxville.randomactsofflowers.org>, Knoxville, TN.

# Events

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# Comments

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“ I still can't believe you're gone. I can't wrap my head around your passing. It seems like a nightmare. We all miss you dearly. I think about all the times that Colleen and I would pick on you when we were little. I honestly don't know how you dealt with us. I guess you can say that you're a saint. You were always very generous, very kind and very loving. You went above and beyond to make everyone around you happy and to feel loved. It's not fair that you are gone. It is not fair that you got sick. I'm sure you're already having fun with Daddy. Please, take good care of him and tell him that I love him too. I miss you Gee Gee. I love you very much.

Love,  
Norma Jean

Norma Sweeney - June 25, 2015 at 09:01 PM

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“ Dear David, Ma Sweeney, and Gail's loving family;

I needed a couple of days to collect my thoughts. It's important to me to convey my wonderful memories and to honor Gail the way in which she deserves - with a little humor.

My deepest, heartfelt condolences on our loss. Gail and David were our "family away from home" when we moved to NY. I had the pleasure of meeting her through work when I lived in PA and she worked on the Oracle helpdesk. We finally met face-to-face when I came to NY to interview for a transfer. She insisted on giving me a tour of the area and making me a beautiful homemade lunch before I caught my flight home. She made sure to familiarize me with apartment complexes that were all in close vicinity to her home, always watching out for us. Before we met in person, she described herself and we both laughed about the description of her "dot", as she called it - on her forehead, which according to Gail, red when she got mad. She warned me to keep an eye on it, but I never saw a shade darker than pink.

When I moved to NY, I found an apartment for myself and my daughter (who had just turned 10) in Clifton Park, about a five minute drive to the Wilson residence. We enjoyed Gail's and David's company for several years through pumpkin carving contests, bad movie nights, birthdays and during Ma & Pa Sweeney visits. In a world of Yankees fans, it was nice to find someone so passionate about the Red Sox as I was!!

We were welcomed into your lives, no strings attached, always fed well and entertained well. I will never forget hearing Gail say, "Right, David?" to most of her comments during our many conversations, and David smiling and nodding his head along with the occasional short responses in return. My daughter loved to visit, walking in like she owned the place, announcing "Oh, Mr. Wiiiiilson", just like Dennis the Menace. Needless to say, Gail's nickname for Lauren was "Denise". The typical

pre-teen / early teen, she pushed buttons and Gail, David & Maryann tolerated her better than I through the years. Many of our get-togethers included their dear friend, Maryann, another beautiful soul whom I am honored to know.

Several years ago, family emergencies prompted our return back to PA, and within a year or so, David and Gail were on their way to Tennessee. We kept in touch, exchanging card over the holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, conversations through facebook, and we talked about our visiting TN after Ma Sweeney got settled in. With life's normal interference challenging our plans, I regret that we did not take the opportunity to make the trip.

I will forever be grateful for knowing such a warm-hearted and loyal friend. I will forever regret not telling my friend how much she meant to me, but I have faith she is hearing my prayers now. Know that Gail will be missed. She will never be forgotten, and I will smile when I think of her, because I know she is up there talking to Norman about the Red Sox and reciting his limericks!

Lauren and I will be planting a tree in our yard this weekend, in Gail's honor. It's a beautiful miniature Japanese maple that will require TLC, just like we received from Gail.

Thank you for allowing us to share your lives and thank you for being our friends and family.

Sending virtual hugs and lots of love,  
Deb & Lauren Grumbach



**Deb Grumbach** - June 25, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ Dad and I will keep you and your our family in our hearts and prayers.ya

Dyanne Goodale and Willis "Bud" Goodale



**Dyanne Goodale** - June 23, 2015 at 09:51 PM



“ Chris Davis lit a candle in memory of Gail Helen Wilson



**Chris Davis** - June 23, 2015 at 09:39 AM

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**Mike Stinson** - June 23, 2015 at 09:27 AM

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“ Mike Stinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Gail Helen Wilson



**Mike Stinson** - June 23, 2015 at 09:20 AM

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“ Lori Fowler lit a candle in memory of Gail Helen Wilson



**Lori Fowler** - June 23, 2015 at 08:01 AM