



Gail Willson Coburn

November 21, 1945

Gail Willson Coburn – 1945 - 2013 Gail went to be with the Lord and some of her best friends on August 26, 2013. She was born 11/21/1945 to Howard Evan Willson and Inez Kuykendall Willson at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston, Texas as a 3rd generation Houstonian, and 6th generation Texan. Gail is a member of the DRT and a registered descendant of the Old 300. She was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by Doug, her husband of 46 years, her three boys, Kelly 43, Kirk 41 and wife Holly, and Evan 35 and wife Christine, her two brothers Don and Gary, and four granddaughters Cecily, Carly, Ellie, and Perry. Gail is a graduate of Lamar High School, class of 1964, and attended the University of Houston. She began her short working career at American General Life Insurance Company in Policy Owner Service as a clerk, and after marriage was a receptionist in the Houston IBM Data Center prior to having children. Gail was a real trouper in her two year battle with small cell carcinoma, livening up her companions in the cancer treatment groups, with bright clothing, original hats, colorful artificial flower pendants and hat bands, and her always cheerful and optimistic outlook. We will all miss her, but heaven is getting a great addition to liven any occasion. A Celebration of her life will take place at a later date. Donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society or an animal rescue charity of your choosing. Condolences may be left at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gail Willson Coburn*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Gail was the best mother fun loving kids could have to back them up. I lived life as she would. So inspiring. My mother was awesome. She lived a great life with the best husband that stood by her no matter what.*

Kelly Coburn - September 01, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ *Kelly, Carly and family-*

My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. My sister passed away from this cancer last year and was so courageous through it all as I'm sure your mother was. This is not the end, it is only the final step in the life-journey and your memories will keep you strong.

Rob

Robert Cobb - August 30, 2013 at 04:12 PM

BF

“ Doug,
I have the most sincere empathy for what you have been through for the past weeks, months... I am in my final weeks of having my wife Carolyne. She has ovarian cancer and I see, feel, her losing the battle. I am contemplanting, fearing, the separation of what over the years has grown to be an emotional and, in a sense, physical oneness. I dread the enevitability of that oneness being torn apart. I know the raw nerve endings of that separation will leave me both numb and in pain as I know you must be. And, it will take time, probably seemingly like forever, for the raw emotional nerve endings to repair. But, you can rejoice for the gift God gave you, precious time bonded with a soul mate.

Very sincerely,
Bob

Bob Fisher - August 30, 2013 at 12:46 PM

CO

“ Our prayers and sympathy are with you Doug, and your entire family. We know Gail is now in Heaven with Jesus and family and friends. However, it is always difficult when our loved ones are not with us. May God grant you comfort and peace.

Craig & Pat Orcutt - August 29, 2013 at 12:11 PM

DF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gail's passing. What a wonderful, dramatic and lively life she shared with us all. I will always remember her as a special friend, mother to the boys and partner with Doug. My prayers are with Doug, Kirk, Kelly and Evan.

Doug Fortner - August 29, 2013 at 08:31 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of spending time with your family and ours down at the beach and at your home with Karen and Mark, Helen, David and all the kids. I am sure Gail has already found Anne Marvin and Vivian in heaven where she was welcomed with open arms. Our prayers go out to you and all those that were blessed to have Gail in there lives. I don't think I have ever encountered someone as positive and upbeat about everything and everyone in her life. God bless you all.

Anthony and Lisa Rowland - August 29, 2013 at 08:12 AM