



Gail Hadel

August 13, 1934 - September 15, 2020

Gail (Jozwiak) Hadel (86) of Sterling Heights, Michigan passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020 at Troy Beaumont Hospital leaving behind a legacy of love, family, compassion, and determination. Born in August of 1934, Gail was the daughter of Anthony and Theresa Jozwiak (nee Dobrzelewski), both of whom were children of large Polish families. Anthony (six siblings) and Theresa (14 siblings) shared their modest family home on the east side of Detroit with many relatives and cousins, welcoming all with hugs and great food, thereby setting the example their daughter would follow.

As a child, Gail was somewhat of a tomboy, playing basketball and fencing on girl's teams during the school year, while helping on the family farm in Gaylord, Michigan during summers. Additionally, she loved fashion, sewing, embroidery and cooking. She attended both Dominican and St. Thomas High Schools as well as Patricia Stevens Modelling School.

Gail began her work career in High School as a bookkeeper at Woods Construction Company in Detroit and held sales positions at Neisner's and J.L. Hudson Co. Never shy about seeking new opportunities, Gail's career included positions in accounting and payroll at Chrysler Corporation, NuCar Driveaway, ASR Multiconstruction, and she retired from EDS (Electronic Data Systems).

In 1954, Gail married the love of her life, Charles Hadel, and over the course of the next 11 years had four children, Karen (1955), Dale (1957), Dennis (1961) and Daniel (1965). Over this same time, she successfully juggled her roles as wife, mother and homemaker with that of her professional career. This was all done prior to the Women's Lib movement and when the time saving conveniences of pre-packaged foods, microwave ovens, and no-iron fabrics did not exist. Her planning, multi-tasking and delegation skills were incredible. Always a go-getter, and against the will of her husband, Gail took driving lessons on the Q.T., which allowed her to take a part-time position as a School Bus Driver and ease back into the work world with a job that would accommodate her children's school calendar. The standing family joke was that if someone told Gail she could not fly an airplane, she'd just consider it a challenge to over come and actually learn to do so. When she wanted a cabinet under the bathroom sink, she built it herself. New sofa? No problem, she simply reupholstered the old one, adding a skirt and different trim. Her favorite expression was, "there's no such thing as CAN'T"!

Although impressive, Gail's accomplishments were not limited to her family and work, as she had a strong desire for continual learning, volunteerism, and entrepreneurship. She somehow always found time to take a new class, help at church and school events, pull a practical joke (particularly on April Fool's Day) and saw an opportunity to start a small business (Everybody's Tops), selling t-shirts at local craft fairs.

She is survived by her sister, Marie Palmer, her children and their spouses (Karen and (Mark) Ebben, Dale and (Nancy) Hadel, Dennis and (Terrie) Hadel, and Daniel and (Janice) Hadel) along with five grandchildren (Krista Bamberger, Kimberly Hampton, James Hadel, Don and Gayle Ebben) and five great grandchildren (Charlie, Hailey, Piper, Lucas and John James).

Gail will be remembered for her courage, confidence, kindness, big hugs,

great recipes, ambition and drive, her generosity and her love of life, all traits she has shared and passed on to those who loved her.

The family suggests those wishing to make a memorial donation in Gail Hadel's memory consider the Pulmonary Hypertension Association at <https://pulmonaryhypertension.org/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Instate

SEP 18. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Malachy Catholic Church
14115 Fourteen Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI

Mass of the Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gail Hadel*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Gail Hadel*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *In our PH support group, Gail was a founding member. She was supportive of those around her. Gail was always quick to make us smile or laugh. We will miss her.*



Carla Kinsey - October 14, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Cousins Karen, Dale, Dennis, and Danny, I'm so sorry about Aunt Gail passing away. She was always one of my favorite aunts because of her humor and how fun she was. I'm sure you'll all miss her. Love, Sue Maczko*

Sue Maczko - September 18, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family.*

Neil Silver - September 18, 2020 at 12:47 PM

MJ

“ *From Misha Jovanovski
Memories. Not so long ago I talked about Gail. This wonderful lady has been in my life since the day I came to this country. She was everything that you wanted to see in a person and even more. She was like my second mom and did things for me the way my mom would have. That’s how I felt about her, as though she was just like my mom. I think she knew how I felt about her, but I never told her “thank you” for her helping me through my hardest time. My mom, after three months of visiting had to go back to Serbia, to her home. It was hard to see her go and I was depressed, but Gail started calling me often and talked the whole conversation until everything started to look better. And she did that again, and again and again until I realized I was just missing my mom’s love and that I would see her again. All the other stuff I was worried about was not that important. But I never said thank you, and I am saying that now. Knowing how I felt about her, I think she will hear my message now.*

Misha Jovanovski - September 17, 2020 at 05:17 PM

MM

“ *McClellan Aircraft Maintenance purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gail Hadel.*



McClellan Aircraft Maintenance - September 17, 2020 at 04:06 PM

FK

“ Shelly and I are very sorry to read about your loss. We know that this has been a difficult time for the entire family. No matter how "prepared" one is, we are never ready for the loss of our mother. Please know that you are in our hearts. We send our sincere condolences.

Frank and Shelly King

francis king - September 17, 2020 at 01:28 PM

 Barb Schalk

“ Karen: Our deepest sympathies to Mark, Don, Gayle and you and your brothers and their families. I remember how you talked so highly of your Mom. You were lucky to have her in your life for so long. May here memory be eternal. Love, Dick and Barb Schalk.

Barb Schalk - September 17, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Hadel.



September 17, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Hadel.



September 17, 2020 at 11:24 AM

RB

“ Roland and Barb Barger send our condolences. We are sorry for your loss and may God bless and keep you in this time.

Roland Barger - September 17, 2020 at 05:57 AM

KC

“ Norman and I are so sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of spending time with your Mom at Burt Lake. Norman has so many wonderful memories of Gail and Chuck through out his childhood. He remembers Gail driving a small red VW Beetle to work, to get behind the wheel of a very large yellow school bus. He remembers Gail always getting home from work in time to make a big dinner, which he often got to enjoy at The Hadel House. Gail would never send Norm home but invite him to the table. She will be missed



Norman and Karen Confer

Karen Confer - September 16, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Hadel.



September 16, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Gail Hadel.*



September 16, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gail Hadel.*



September 16, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gail Hadel.*



September 16, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Hadel.*



September 16, 2020 at 04:20 PM