



## Gail Ann Ordway

April 8, 1950 - July 26, 2020

Longtime Siskiyou County resident Gail Ann Ordway, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, & great grandmother, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2020, surrounded by her family and lots of LOVE.

Gail was born on April 8th, 1950 in Littleview, Alabama to Bill and Billie Askew. Gail grew up attending schools in National City, CA. In 1965 Gail met Joseph Perreira in Big Bear, CA. Shortly after meeting and falling in love they were married. In 1969 Gail and Joe welcomed their first child; 10 months later another followed. After divorcing in 1979 Gail moved to Washington State briefly. It was after that in 1981 Gail, in a moving truck with her two young children, moved to Fort Jones, where she would plant roots and work within the community. Gail loved to garden, socialize, and laugh. Her primary goal always was to take care of her growing children and family.

Gail worked for Oro Fino Dairy. Though that was a physically challenging job she toughed it out until she physically couldn't. Gail then continued on into the helping field where she would care for the elderly. After working many years in the Scott Valley she moved to Yreka where she could be closer to her job. After years at The Grenada Inn Gail left to care for those who would return home with family but still needed her. Gail then took a job offer in Scott Valley where she spent several years caring for and managing "A Touch Of Home". In 2010 Gail suffered a massive heart attack that ended her working career. If

you knew Gail, not working was the most challenging for her. After spending so many years taking care of others, she now needed to be taken care of. Gail demanded independence until she drew her last breath.

Gail is survived by daughter KimLen Perreira and her children Lindsay Vernon & Ryan Crowe (Catherine); son Joseph Perreira Jr. (Lisa Richardson) and his children Nina Perreira, Rose Reagan and Joseph William Perreira; great grandchildren, Maria and Remy Carpio, Alexander Perreira, Sarah-Dawn Davis, Daryn Balsz & Christopher Crowe. Siblings Sharon Lujan (Danny) of Utah and their son Michael Botus, brother Jefferson Askew of Keno, Oregon, and his daughter Jessica Askew Forbes of New York, & baby sister Laurie Martin of Klamath Falls, Oregon and her children Stanley Butler (Katie), Richard Martin (Jessica), Melissa Martin, Christopher Martin & Joshua Martin (Trista), 4 great nieces & 8 great nephews. Gail is also survived by her uncle Gerald Evans and his son Jack Evans (Maria) and their children Curt, AJ, Natasha & Jessie; her best friends, Penny and Paul Haehl of Yreka, whom she had known since moving here and where she lived with until her passing.

Gail was predeceased by her parents Bill and Billie Askew, brother Christopher Askew, grandsons Michael Perreira & John Henry Stuart, and uncle Charles Evans.

A private service will take place at a later date. We would like to thank Madrone Hospice for their wonderful care and support, Catherine Balsz Crowe for her love and support along with the years of taking care of Gail, Penny & Paul Haehl for being the BEST friends a person could ask for, and the unconditional love they showed for all of us during this process.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Love you grandma for ever and always.* ”



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**Catherine Balsz** - October 13, 2020 at 12:19 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



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**KimLen Ferreira** - September 03, 2020 at 12:24 AM

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“ *Missing you Momma, you would have been proud of us. We did exactly what you wanted. Never imagined my life without you always thinking I would go before you. I will miss you every single Day for the rest of my life.* ”



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**KimLen Ferreira** - August 31, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gail Ann Ordway.



August 24, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ I think it was approximately 1976 or 77? I was playing in the neighborhood with a kid who was one our extended family members, I believe it was Jerry Stroud? We were superheroes...and I was Superman...as I flew out across the road I hear screeching tires! I remember hearing you ask the medic "Do you have to cut his clothes off, they're brand new" lol. Even in crisis, you still had a sense of humor! A lifetime of jokes and laughter, pain and loss, we endured so much mom...as I try to be the strong man you raised, I now sit in tears feeling like a lost child 🥺 I know you are with all of our family now, but I will miss you every day...so until the day comes when it's my turn to join you all, save a seat for me!

Joseph Perreira Jr - August 18, 2020 at 07:08 PM



Love you Brother ❤️

KimLen Perreira - August 31, 2020 at 10:57 AM

JN

“ I have so many memories of Gail. From when she used to babysit us as my mother worked. To weekends and Summers at Grandpas. Into my adult years as the voice in my head, she would rip me a new one for something stupid I did, then give the biggest hug and tell me to not do it again. She was loving, caring, fun and comical. Thinking of her makes me laugh and smile. I will forever love and miss her.

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**Julia Cooper Niekamp** - August 03, 2020 at 07:09 PM

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Love you Cousin, you did the same for me 💕

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**KimLen Ferreira** - September 03, 2020 at 12:15 AM

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“ My sister my friend, so many memories that will be kept and shared. She made me laugh and cry . She amazed me with her strength and dedication to her family. I love you sis. You'll be missed by all that knew and loved you.



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**Sharon Lujan** - August 01, 2020 at 09:08 PM

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Love you Aunt Sharon

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**KimLen** - August 04, 2020 at 01:03 AM

CB

“ Gail Ann, I will miss you so much and will forever cherish the memories I have of growing up together. You've always been there for all of us, being the matriarch of our generation. You lived and full life and have a legacy that would be impossible to compete with.

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**Catherine Burke** - August 01, 2020 at 03:38 AM

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“ Awe my Auntie how much I love you and how very special and important to me you are and will forever and always!!! You were the best auntie in the world and I couldnt have made it through this life without!!! Thank you for always being there for me and always loving me!! I miss you so so very much. Life wont be the same without you but I try to find peace in knowing you are no longer in pain and you are at peace. I love you so very much forever and always. You will be forever missed. In my heart,soul and memories you wil FOREVER be. I love you Aunt Gail!!!

Melissa Martin - July 31, 2020 at 10:25 PM

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KimLen Perreira - September 03, 2020 at 12:17 AM

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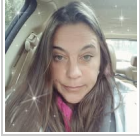
“ She played a big part in who am today! I love you sister and I miss you so much!

Laurie Martin - July 31, 2020 at 08:49 PM

ME

“ My last moments with her was me giving her some gentle ROM and massage. I was singing to her and the only songs I could think of was "Jesus loves me" and "Open arms" by journey. I'm not good with death and I'm so glad I found the courage to spend time with her and say goodbye. I feel like she helped me be strong and supported me to say goodbye. For family and friends that are struggling please reach out to one another and learn to be happy in mind and health for Gail. She would all want you to be the best you can.

Maria Evans - July 31, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Love you very much. And I will miss you so much. You are always there for me. No matter what. I love you. And don't forget your promise okay

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**Lisa Richardson** - July 31, 2020 at 06:54 PM

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**KimLen Perreira** - September 03, 2020 at 02:53 AM

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“ Miss you Mom



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**KimLen Perreira** - July 31, 2020 at 06:48 PM