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Gail R. Wasserman



Gail R. Wasserman, age 73, died on February 11, 2018 in the care of the Kansas City Hospice House. She was born to the loving Clarissa and Leonard Bercuson in Edmonton, Alberta in 1943. After losing her father at the age of four, her mother Clarissa raised her as a single mom until she met Jack Rothchild of Kansas City – a war hero who swept Clarissa off her feet and quickly asked her to marry. Directly after nuptials were exchanged (which took place at the Rabbi's house next to Gail and Clarissa's apartment), they made their

way to start a new life in Kansas City. With just one look at the Plaza, a six year-old Gail adopted KC as her forever home. Falling in love with barbecue, jazz, the arts, and eventually, her greatest love, Mike Wasserman who she met at Southwest High School. The two became fast friends in their high school days, but didn't officially date until Gail was done with college – where she attended both the University of Missouri and George Washington University where she received degrees in Political Science and Economics. Gail and Mike married in 1968. They started a family shortly after with a daughter, Lanie and a son, Berk. With two children in tow, Gail found her true passion, being a mom. She showered her children with unbridled love and affection. Attacking all things mom with an enthusiasm and positivity that made her children feel as if they were her first, only and favorite priority. Years later, Berk and Lanie realized that she had not only had that effect on them, but on all the people she held dear. Gail had the uncanny ability to make all people happy. She had a light within her that brightened the day of anyone she touched. In her twenty-five years at Sprint, she made deep and lasting friendships. Those who knew Gail knew a woman who brought laughter, kindness, wisdom and an insatiable wit to any situation, and resilience not found in most. A woman who lost two fathers and a husband before the age of fifty, Gail kept smiling when many would not have had the strength to go on.

In her retirement, she loved cruising the high seas with her daughter, sharing jokes and cocktails with her son, talking football with her beloved son-in-law, Jimmy, celebrating anything with friends, spending time with her grandchildren, Frank and Ruby, and talking and laughing for hours every week with her daughter-in-law Maggie about Frank and Ruby.

Her warmth, love and passion for life will be forever missed by anyone whoever knew her. You're welcome, God. You just got a good one.

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Gail was in my class for The Kansas City Young Matrons and I had the pleasure of enjoying her friendship during our years of involvement there. Everything said in the obituary is so true, Gail was joyful and engaging at all times. And, Mike, who so cherished her, was a delight as well. My husband and I were their charade partners for years and I can say that I have never laughed so much as when we were playing charades and just being goofballs! Mostly I remember her dedication to her family and warm, loving ways. Know that she touched many hearts.

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