



Dr. Gail Wood Robertson

June 17, 2013

Dr. Gail Wood Robertson, 74, died peacefully on June 17, 2013 at her home in Yorktown, VA. She was born in Union, SC to Martha and Murray Wood. She was a graduate of the College of William and Mary holding a Doctorate Degree in Counseling.

Gail was the Director of CONTACT Peninsula, the crisis hotline for the peninsula, for 18 years. Following her tenure at CONTACT, Gail opened a private counseling practice where she worked until December 2012. Gail touched the lives of hundreds of peninsula residents with her skill, her tender care and her generosity. She was the recipient of The Professional Mental Health Counselor of the Year award and The Humanitarian and Caring Person award both bestowed by the Virginia Counselor's Association.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents and by her brother, Arthur Wood. She is survived by her partner of 24 years, Anita Tieman, EdD and her three beloved children: David Robertson and wife Sharron children Alexandra and Sarah; Dean Robertson and wife Bethany children Parker, Maecy, and Griffin and Martha Swirzinski and husband, Michael children Hannah and Ava. Gail is also survived by her sister-in-law Dianne Wood and many other devoted family members and friends.

A celebration of Gail's life will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, at 2:00pm at

Hilton Christian Church, 100 James River Drive, Newport News, VA 23601.
Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hilton Christian Church 100
James River Dr. Newport News VA 23601 UNC Lineberger Comprehensive
Cancer Center, CB #7295 UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7295.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Anita,
So sorry to hear of your lose. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this trying time. Kathy and CNU Family

July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was sad to hear that Gail had passed away. Even though we haven't kept up with each other over the years, she was a valued classmate in the class of 1957. My thoughts are with her family during this difficult time.

June 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Gail's passing. Love and prayers to the all of her family. Gail was a classmate of mine, and we graduated Aiken High School in 1957.

June 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ A woman with a devotion to helping others. A compassionate counselor who brought hope to others and helped so many people. She definitely left this world a better place. Gail I will miss you terribly.

June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita and Family,
Gail's passing has left a legacy of love and caring across the Peninsula as an outstanding therapist. Even in her darkest days she still served those in need. Our love to you Anita. We are almost 9 years married now and you tied the knot.....we love you and our prayers are with you and your family...PAMELA AND FREEMAN##imported-begin##PAMELA MORAN-CHRISTNER AND FREEMAN##imported-end##

June 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Although we never met face to face, I felt I knew you through a friend. From what I have heard you were a blessing to so many. May your family & friends be comforted with all the wisdom you've shared & all the loving memories that will certainly live on.##imported-begin##Glenda##imported-end##

June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Gail Robertson helped so many people. Alas, Gail is gone now, and gone too is her soft, kind voice with the lilting South Carolinian tones. Nonetheless, although she is gone, the good she did will live on in the lives of the many people she helped, and also in their children and their grandchildren and many generations to come. Remembering her with fondness and appreciation,
Carol Chapman##imported-begin##Carol Chapman##imported-end##

June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Gail touched the lives of so many people and surely did her part in making the world a better place. She added depth and richness to my life, both professionally and personally. I will remember her with love. I send my condolences to her family...your current sorrow is a testament to the love you shared.##imported-begin##Linda M. Sabonya, MD##imported-end##

June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I cannot think of anyone with a bigger heart. Her legacy, other than her children and Anita will be those she assisted with her common sense and honesty. Her legacy will be long and cherished.##imported-begin##pat mefford##imported-end##

June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Gail was a wonderful and very special lady, insightful, courageous, and loving, mindful, empathetic, and straightforward. She loved Anita and made her happy. She and Anita together convinced me to follow my own path to happiness, and for that I will always be grateful. She struggled mightily against her foe, but she also was able to cross over with grace and peace. Her life was full, and in those of us who knew her and loved her, she has left a wonderful legacy.##imported-begin##Wendy Tate##imported-end##

June 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Dean, Martha and Anita,
I read with such sorrow about the passing of my friend, your Mom and companion. I had not seen Gail for a year or more but I thought of her so often. She came into my life when it was the darkest it has ever been and she was with me as I rebuilt my life and moved on. I loved her dearly, as did so many others, and will miss her presence in this world. She was such a special person to so many. She was a wonderful mother and I am sure she enjoyed those wonderful grand-children so much. I mourn with you at her passing but know that she is pain free now and at peace. Always carry those wonderful memories with you, her presence in your hearts will uphold you for the rest of your lives. May God's peace be with each of you as you move on without her. Love to each of you.##imported-begin##Pat Bullock##imported-end##

June 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Dean, Martha and Anita,

My special friend has departed for her place in heaven, but she paused to let me know she was leaving. I had bought her birthday card last week and was about to address it this morning late as usual! when suddenly I knew she was no longer here. I Googled her name and read of her passing.

She's left each of us with wonderful memories. I know some of mine overlap with yours. Many places and many events where we were all present.

She shared her family with us because in Virginia we had none. And what a family! Murray and Martha and Mamie, Diane and Arthur. And she shared you three with us and we got to know you and love you. I regret that out of the 44 years we were friends we were only in Virginia for seven.

There is not a harder job than caregiver, truly there is not. And Anita you were among the very best. I admire and respect you so.

Take care of each other and we hope you can feel our arms around each of you.

Love, Dick and Chloe

##imported-begin##Chloe ##imported-end##

June 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I was so sorry to hear of Gail's passing.
Terri###imported-begin###Terri Walker-Layden###imported-end###

June 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ When you shall meet one who is strong and gentle too, pray feast your eyes; For she is glorious to behold, The blind can see her qualities. Her gentleness a polished shell with a silky feel and a precious pearl within. Gail my precious friend, I will miss your smile, laughter and the sincerity of your heart. To Anita, her children and grandchildren I send my love and prayers. With love, Sandi Murphy###imported-begin###Sandra Murphy###imported-end###

June 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Gail, appeared in my life during recovery from a severe stroke. Her words of comfort and understanding inspired and motivated a path to healing.
She will truly be remembered for a Christian spirit and love.
Prayers and Blessings to her family and friends whose lives she touched.
Servants in Christ,
Rev Dr Jim & Danielle Lehman###imported-begin###Rev Dr Jim Lehman###imported-end###

June 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita,
Gail was a beautiful person who touched so many lives. My
thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Becky
Tupper##imported-end##

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