



Gale Eileen Smith

July 4, 2025

Gale Eileen Smith, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away unexpectedly on the morning of July 4, 2025. She was 73 years old.

Gale was born in Union City, New Jersey. She was a proud graduate of the University of Mount St. Vincent, where she studied economics and business. She married the love of her life, Leo Smith, on July 8, 1989, and together they built a beautiful life rooted in love, faith, and family.

Gale had an exceptional warmth and charisma that touched everyone who knew her. She found great joy in life's simple pleasures—gardening was one of her passions, especially planting zinnias, marigolds, and rose bushes. She adored hummingbirds and spent many peaceful hours birdwatching with Leo. A lover of golden retrievers and a talented knitter, Gale especially enjoyed making cozy winter hats for loved ones.

She was a devoted member of St. Therese Church for over two decades. Gale's faith was a cornerstone of her life. She will be remembered for her kindness, creativity, and the love she shared so freely with her family and community.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 36 years, Leo Smith; her children, Eileen and Matthew; and her stepdaughters, Ingrid and Carolina. She was

predeceased by her stepson Eduardo, who passed away in 2016.

Gale's spirit, grace, and presence will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A funeral service will be held at St. Therese Catholic Church, 4137
Portsmouth Blvd., at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 23, 2024.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Therese
4137 Portsmouth Blvd.
CHESAPEAKE, VA 23321

Tribute Wall

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“Gale and I met at the YMCA during a water exercise class. We became fast friends. After she moved in my neighborhood, our friendship grew. We became like sisters. I will always cherish and celebrate her friendship. Rest in peace, my friend until we meet again.

Doris Swanson - July 22, 2025 at 09:10 PM

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“Gale & I met in Kindergarten 68 years ago. We remained steadfast friends thru the decades sharing the good times & the bad times and the just plain silly times like when we'd wear each other's shoes ! Attending school together for 13 years & living very close to one another (she on 13th St & I on 14th) created an unbreakable bond for more years than most people can claim. I will miss you, Gale, until we meet again. Love, Cynthia

Cynthia Tosatto Harris - July 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM

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That is just a beautiful and touching post...

Ursula Ramirez - July 13, 2025 at 03:04 AM

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I used to do housecleaning for Gale and her husband. Gale was the nicest, kindest lady!! She was soft spoken and always saw the good in people. I always admired her talent with cross stitching and crocheting that she loved to do. She was always willing to help anyone and was a great listener! She would always make me the best cup of coffee! I know Gale is with the Lord and I'm going to see her again. Prayers and condolences to Leo and the family,

*Sincerely
Leigh Carroll*

Leigh Carroll - July 13, 2025 at 10:06 PM