



Gail Ann Cranfield

January 16, 1964 - January 9, 2014

Gail Ann Ratledge Cranfield, age 49 of Sweetwater, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 9, 2014 after a 5.5-year courageous fight against cancer. She was at her home and surrounded by her family. Gail was born on Thursday, January 16, 2014 in Rockford, Ill., to Wayne and Merlene Ratledge. She was preceded in death by her brother, David Ratledge of Niota; niece, Chassity Ratledge of Athens; father-in-law, Dallas Cranfield of Athens; maternal grandparents, Glenn and Callie Mae Dawson of Sweetwater; and paternal grandparents Rev. J.T. and Mary Ratledge of Friendsville.

Gail was a 1982 graduate of McMinn County High School and a 2006 graduate of Lee University. She served as a pre-kindergarten teacher for Spring City Elementary for the past seven years. She was of the Baptist faith and was a 22-year-member of Rock View Missionary Baptist Church. Gail leaves behind her husband of 22 years Rodney Cranfield; son and daughter-in-law, Dustin McCosh and Jessica Presley of Ooltewah; daughter and fiancé Bethanie Cranfield of Sweetwater and Chris Rose of Madisonville; son Jake Cranfield of Athens; mother and father, Wayne and Merlene Ratledge of Niota; mother-in-law, Joyce Cranfield of Athens, sister and brother-in-law, Ginger and Tim Layman of Niota; brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Theresa Ratledge of Athens. In addition, she leaves behind special aunt Glenda Synder and several aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews.

The family is grateful for an outpouring support from friends and family, and wishes to express sincere appreciation to Spring City Elementary School. The

family will receive friends at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, on Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with funeral services to follow at 8:00 p.m. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Scotty Standridge and Rev. Gerald Perry officiating the funeral service. Graveside services and interment will be on Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery in Niota with Rev. Martin Bowlin officiating. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

TF

“ Gail and I were friends and classmates from elementary school at Niota to high school. We stuck together as kids in dreaded piano recitals and later sat next to each other in classes at McMinn. She was a wonderful person, and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family and many friends.

Tracey Parris Schwarz - Sandy, UT - Classmate & Friend - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I never knew Gail personally, but I felt as though I did through her parents and sister. Wayne, Merlene, and Ginger are very dear to my heart, and I am so sorry for this loss. Much love and peace to all the family during this time of loss.

Bridgette Vestal - Sweetwater, TN - Family friend - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We went to school together and was always good friends I am praying for her family she was always very nice and smart going to miss her rest in piece Gail class of 1982

donna croft - pispah, AL - school friend - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Max & Juanita Scarbrough - January 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I'm truly sorry for your loss. Gail was such a sweet Lady. I wish words could ease your pain. I pray God will give you strength and courage. Your family is precious to me and my family. Love to you all..

Linda Hooper and Family

Linda Hooper - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Merlene, We just heard....I am so very sorry about Gail Ann....I know she fought a hard battle....My heart is with you and Wayne and all her family....My God be with you all through this hard time....Love you dearly....Sissie

Marian Barnes - Harriman, TN - cousin - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I worked for Dr. Tom Prince and remember Gail when she was a child. She was a beautiful and sweet young girl. I also remember Merlene and Wayne and Glenn and Callie Mae. Merlene, I have thought of your family many times, and I am so saddened for your tragic loss of Gail. My prayers are with you now.

Carol Rayburn Greer

Carol Rayburn Greer - Knoxville, TN - Friend - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Merlene and Family, sorry for your loss. Gail was a sweet person, I remember her from MCHS band in the 1980's, with my boys.

Alfreeda Edgemon (Hutsell) - Athens, TN - friend - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Sorry for your loss*

susan lee,tammy boatman,trudyhartley - athens, TN - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *love you all*

becky williams bell - ten mile, TN - friemd - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *So sad that you had to leave so soon. I know you are enjoying being home with the Lord and seeing David, Mammaw & Pappaw again. You will be missed until we all meet again on your side of Heaven. I love you. Praying for the whole family. Love you all.*

Debbie Wattenbarger - Sweetwater, TN - 1st Cousin - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ *Merlene and family, there's no words that take away the pain you feel, all we can say is, we are so sorry to hear about Gail Ann. She fought a long battle. Ethlene kept us informed. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Norman & Phyllis

Norman & Phyllis Dawson - Kingsland, GA - great neice - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Praying for the Cranfield family....and know that you are all loved by many and that God will comfort you and always be with you.*

Greg & Amy Triplett - Etowah, TN - Friend - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for Gods peace.*

Terry Hughes - Athens, TN - Friend of Joyce Cranfield - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I pray that the Lord will reach down and wrap His loving arms around you and your family. May God give you comfort and peace. God will be with you all every step of the way. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Love you.*

Faye Martin - Madisonville, TN - Aunt of Jessica Presley - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM