



Gail Durkee

September 3, 1936 - March 16, 2012

Entered into rest on March 16, 2012 in Fremont at the age of 75. Beloved wife for 48 years of Gilbert Durkee. Devoted mother of Lorraine Wilcox (Brian Beard), and Dan Mayes (Cheri). Cherished grandmother of Dan Mayes, Jr. (Kelly), Jeanine Wilson (David), Melissa Wilcox, and Michael Mayes. Treasured great-grandmother of Genevieve Mayes, Cameron Mayes, and Connor Jack Wilson. Dear sister of Darlene Bankston (T.C.), and Roger Durkee (Linda). Also survived by Molly, her pet cocker poodle.

Born September 3, 1936 in Alameda, Gail enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, camping, and her birds.

A celebration of life memorial reception will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 1pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536.

Tribute Wall

GR

“ I had the blessing to know Gail as a young man, she left a life long impression to say the very least. Through the years I would find my self thinking of the joy I had being around Gail, I seen just how much she loved her kids. I found easy enough some of what I learned from this wonderful Lady to raise my own daughter. When some one in your life gives so much you want to use it wisley in your own life.

Lori I just found out on 7-6 about your Mom's passing, I know she is in great hands as God is so very good.

Hug Danny and all your family as my heart is heavy today. Trust Christ.
Greg

Greg - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ today,tomorrow,and always,never to be forgotten, and always in our hearts. not only by me,but by everyone's Hearts you touched. love you, cousin kathie

kathie spencer - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Aunt gail you will be missed but you are in a safe place now.Just want to send out prayers to uncle gibby and the rest of the family she was a great women and i also loved her clam dip :). This is lori (john wife)i only got to visit her once but when i did i could see she was amazing person god with her now we loved you aunt gail

john durkee - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I don?t know exactly what to say, or even how to say it, but I want to start by saying thank you. Thank you for everything you have done. If it was not for your influence in Jeanine?s life, she would not be the most amazing wife, mother, and friend. I know you are in a better place, and I also know that you are looking down on us and smiling. I only knew you for a handful of years, but during those years I came to understand a new level of devotion for family. You were a devoted wife, a loving mother, a warmhearted grandmother, and the best grandma great. I love you, and will miss you deeply.
Love,
David

David - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ i wish things would have been different for us. i will miss you . i am at a lose for words. love you grandma.

dan mayes jr - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Grandma,

I really don't know what to say. I'm at a loss for words....you left me/us too soon! I miss you so much already. There had been a few times where i almost called you....but i can't. Ill always remember how you always asked me "so what's the gossip"? :) ill miss leaning over hugging you & you patting my butt like i'm still a baby. Ill miss going shopping with you, even though it want my favorite thing to do. My life will never be the same grandma..... I wish you would still be here to see me get married & have kids. Hopefully Connor is old enough to remember how awesome you were, so he can pass out on to his cousins.

I'll never forget the day you surprised me at school with Molly :) that was the coolest thing ever! Thank you grandma for being such an amazing grandma & always being there for me & being a great grandma to my friends as well. You're loved so much....things will just never be the same.

Love you xoxo

Melissa Wilcox - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So this is my fifth attempt to write something. I have so much to say but dont know how. First I want to thank you for EVERYTHING! Every wonderful, beautiful, exciting memory I have has you in it. I thank you for everything I am, everything I have and everything I will be. I have learned so much from you. You were more than an amazing person. So much so I feel like my life is no longer wholesome. I promise to pass along everything you have taught me to my kids. I promise to be a good mother and wife like you have shown me one should be. I promise to take care of the family.

We will miss you so much. Your cooking, your hugs, your kisses, the smell of your perfume, your laugh, your whistling..... Everything!!!!

I feel like I am the luckiest girl to have known such an amazing person. Please watch over us and be our guardian angel.

I love you very much Grandma may you rest in peace now.

Jeanine Wilson - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“Grandma was truly an Angel. I always tell everyone that grandma and papa are my adopted grandparents. I have no idea what I would do without my extended family. They're all such a big part of me and helped me to become who I am today...especially grandma. Melissa and I were inseparable when we first met back in 5th grade. We would spend every weekend together at grandma and papas. Grandma would make us an AMAZING breakfast, lunch and dinner all the time. Grandma always had the best snacks too...even to this day!

If you know me well, you know that the holiday's aren't my favorite time of the year. But I always look forward to going over to Aunties on Thanksgiving and Christmas to spend time with my extended family and to give papa a bad time and always tell grandma how sorry I am that she has to wake up to him everyday. (I LOVE YOU PAPA!!) :) Also, we always know what grandma gets Melissa and Jeanine for Christmas...undies!! That's always a good laugh.

Melissa and I would spend countless hours in the motor home. Grandma always brought us fresh watermelon and other yummy goodies. We would often run errands with grandma too. I remember one time she got Melissa and I an iced coffee after we ran around with her all day. I'm pretty sure she regreted that since we were so hyper and couldn't settle down!

I have so many great memories of grandma that I'll cherish forever. She was such an amazing, strong, funny, kind, caring person..just truly an Angel. You will be deeply missed, but never ever forgotten. I love you so much grandma!! XOXO

Ashley Lorenz - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ A truly wonderful person was taken from us to become an angel above. I will forever cherish having Grandma in my life.

In 3rd grade Grandma Gail would pack lunches for Jeanine to bring to school. Not long after Jeanine's first day of school Grandma started making extra egg salad sandwiches to pack in Jeanine's lunch for me (they were AMAZING, so much better than my PB&J). When she started doing that I knew then that my best friend's grandma would be my Grandma too over time. I will miss the little things about Grandma. Her egg salad sandwiches, her clam dip, her chex mix. How could i forget the smile on my face the very first time I went to her home to find that she had the twin to my childhood teddy bear, Holly.

Its been some 20 years since she became my Grandma for all intensive purposes and I have loved every moment shared with her. She was such a caring, giving person. Always spoiling her grandbabies (and of course Connor too once he was born) she would spoil them with clothes or toys or anything that she knew they would love, even if it was the tiniest thing. She spread her love in every way she possibly could & that is something I will never forget. I loved playing barbies in the RV & jumping on her huge bed while her & Papa watched tv. Of course as soon as we heard her coming down the hall we'd lay down & whisper "oh no Grandma we weren't jumping...shh" She loved having her babies around & she made it obvious they were her world.

Grandma was a force to be reckoned with, a strong beautiful woman that we look up to. I will miss her dearly & have no doubt that her memory will continue to shape us all in positive ways. Grandma may you rest in peace & watch over us all each day. Thank you for being amazing, I love you.
-Nicole

Nicole Smith - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Gail Goldie Durkee c/o Fremont Chapel of the Roses funeral home.*

March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *The obituary is beautiful. We are so sorry for your loss. Gail was a wonderful lady and she will be missed dearly. Our love and prayers to all of you!*

Maria Wilson - March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *May our sweet Gail rest in peace . Will miss her very much in our hearts but memories of her will live on with a smile on our face when we think of her.*

Wishing the family well in this time of sadness for them.

With love, Joan and family

Joan Johnson (Marley) - March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Roger and I will miss you in our lives. You will always be in our hearts. Gib we can't imagine the loss you feel, but we are always here for you. We loved her so much.*

Linda Durkee - March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM