



Gretchen Ann Picou Clifton

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Gretchen Ann Picou Clifton passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at the age of 39, after a short, but very courageous battle with lung cancer.

Gretchen was born on August 16, 1969 in New Orleans, LA to adoring parents, Dianne Bologna Picou Boland, and the late Lee J. Picou, Jr. The family moved to the Abita Springs and Covington area when Gretchen was 2 years old, so she always thought of the North Shore as her home. She is the beloved wife of David W. Clifton, and is survived by her life long best friend and brother, Brian Steven Picou, sister-in-law, Kimberly Decker Picou, nephew Vincent Lee, and niece Gretchen Angelle Picou. Gretchen felt very fortunate to still have her beloved maternal grandparents, Nana and Paw-Paw, Antonio and Anna Duclos Bologna living close by and she was very devoted to both and will be greatly missed by them. Gretchen was the granddaughter of the late Lee J. Picou, Sr and Catherine Selhofer Picou. Surviving also are her parents-in-law, Charles J. and Leatrice Dours Clifton, and a hosts of numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and friends.

A graduate of the class of 1987 from Covington High School, Gretchen went on to learn and earn her Medical Assisting career in Pediatrics, first being employed by Children's Medical Center and at the time of her illness and for the last thirteen happy years of her life with Fairway Pediatrics where she was loved and respected by physicians, coworkers, parents and patients alike.

Relatives, friends, physicians, coworkers from both clinics who were fortunate enough to have this devoted employee are all invited to attend a wake on Sunday, August 24, 2008 from 6-9PM at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Ave., Covington, LA 70433 with visiting hours again on Monday, August 25, 2008 from noon until 2PM, at which time the funeral Mass will begin promptly. Interment will follow the Mass at the Abita Springs Cemetery.



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The Family asks that all who read this will kindly share your remembrances of Gretchen by signing the family Guest Book online at www.ejfieldingfh.com



Tribute Wall

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



June 11 at 9:46 AM



Rosalind posted:

Just wanted to say I'm thinking of you and sill miss you around the office!! Really miss you!!!!

July 2 at 5:14 PM



Dianne Boland (Gretch's Mom) posted:

My darling daughter, There isn't a day that goes by that I don't miss you, or long to hear your voice. Eventhough, it's been over 2 years now, I still can't believe you're gone. Someone told me recently that my relationship with you did not end with your death, it continues until we meet again in Heaven. I am anxious for that time, Gretch. There were so many things left unsaid, so many things I wanted you to know, and secretly hope you knew those things already. I HAVE to hang on to that, because I'd really loose it, if I didn't. So much has happened since your death. Brian is still having a hard time, but he is trudging on with faith and courage. The kids give him so much to live for, although he wishes you were here to share his children. He does seem so lost without you. I worry about him. Vincent is smart, energetic, inquisitive and always smiling. Gretchen is so like you, I feel as though I am watching you all over again. Brian is an excellent father, just like your Dad. Gosh, Gretch, I'd give my arms and legs to have you with us, but I know you are in a place far more special than we can provide. Just know that you are missed and loved desperately. MOM

February 14 at 10:46 AM



Rosalind posted:

IT WAS YOUR BIRTHDAY ON MONDAY I WAS A LITTLE SIDE TRACK BUT ANYWAY HAPPY LATE BIRTHDAY !!! AND ALSO YOUR DEATH ANIVERSARY IS THIS SATURDAY YOU ARE SO MISSED BY ALL.I CAN'T BELIVE YOUR GONE 2 YEARS ALREADY. IT 'S JUST LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY THAT YOU LEFT US.OH GRETCH I MISS YOU AND YOUR FOOD HA HA AND YOU JOKES AND EVERTHING. I KNOW YOU ARE LOOKING DOWN ON US FROM WERE YOU ARE. I NEVER CHECKED ON DAVE LATLEY BUT I AM SURE HE IS FINE. WELL NOT THIS WEEK ANYWAY I AM SURE HE IS HAVING A BAD WEEK. OK WELL I WILL CHECK IN SOON MISS YA!!!!!! ((HUGS TO YOU IN HEAVEN))) :

August 18 at 5:26 PM



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RO

Rosalind posted:

JUST WANTED TO SAY I DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT YOU JUST HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH MY CHILDREN AND WORKING. BUT WE STILL MISS NOT HAVING YOU AROUND AND ALL YOUR FUNNY JOKES. OK MAY YOU R.I.P.

July 21 at 12:04 PM

RO

Rosalind posted:

HEY GRETCH I CAN'T BELIVE IT'S A YEAR ALREADY THAT YOU GONE IT SEEMS JUST LIKE A DAY AGO THAT YOU GREW YOUR WINGS. WE REALLY MISS YOU ME AND DR. QUARLS WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU TODAY AT WORK HOW MUCH WE MISS YOU.AND WE HAD LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY WITH ALL THAT GOOD FOOD OUT THE COOK BOOK. BUT IT WAS NOT THE SAME WITH OUT YOU!! WELL GIRL I WILL WRITE BACK SOON ALL I WANTED TO SAY IS I MISS AND LOVE YA!! I WILL MEET WITH YOU ONE DAY AGAIN!! TAKE CARE UP IN YOUR NEW PLACE, AND IM KEEPING ANITA IN LINE FOR YOU..HAHA LOVE YA ROSALIND

August 19 at 7:00 PM

RO

Rosalind posted:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRETCHEN!! IT'S EARLY BUT I WANTED TO WISH YOU A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY WE MISS AND LOVE YOU! WE KNOW YOU ARE WATCHING OVER US. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY UP IN YOUR WORLD. LOVE YA! ROSALIND

August 13 at 7:00 PM

RO

Rosalind posted:

JUST WANTED TO WRITE AND TELL YOU THAT IM THINKING OF YOU. WE MISS YOU AND LOVE YOU. ONE DAY WE WILL MEET AGAIN UP IN HEAVEN.

June 21 at 7:00 PM

RO

Rosalind posted:

HEY GRETCH,NEVER WROTE TO YOU IN A WHILE JUST WANTED TO DROP IN ON THIS NICE SUNDAY. JUST SITTING HOME TAKING IT EASY,WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU FOR A MIN. AND WANTED TO DROP IN TO SAY HOW MUCH I MISS YA!! WELL I WILL DROP IN TO WRITE ON YOUR PAGE REAL SOON!! MISS YA GIRL.. FRIENDS ALWAYS ROSALIND

March 21 at 7:00 PM



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RO

Rosalind posted:

HEY GRETCH JUST DROPE IN TO SAY HELLO.AND TO SAY WE MISS YOU AND WE MISSED YOU FOR CHRISTMAS!! KNOW YOU ARE UP THERE WATCHING OVER US BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU DOWN HERE WITH US.IT IS NOT THE SAME AT WORK. WE STILL TALK ABOUT YOU LIKE YOU WERE THERE, TALKING ABOUT ALL THE FUNNY THINGS YOU DID AND SAID. WELL JUST KNOW WE ARE THINKING OF YOU MY DEAR. FRIENDS ALWAYS ROSALIND

January 20 at 7:00 PM

EE

Eve Elliott posted:

Gretchen, You wore your mother's loving eyes and smile with beauty and grace. Your kind heart was a tribute to the love that you shared unselfishly and the love of your family and the love so many had for you. Now that you are Home and in the love and light of our Father-the Home we all came from, I pray this of you. Gretchen, save a place for us for to come back to. Keep His Light around your family and make them know that you are that warmth that feel in their hearts amidst their tears. You were always one who dared to walk where even angels sometimes feared to tread. Gretchen, you are love and you will always be loved. In His Name. I thank Him for your hand print on my heart. -----Eve

January 4 at 7:00 PM

RO

Rosalind posted:

GRETCHEN JUST WANTED TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRIST MAS AND I HOPE YOU ARE WATCHING DOWN ON US. WE SURE DO MISS YOU AT FAIRWAY. WE ARE DOING GREAT WITH THE COOK BOOKS. WE ARE ON OUR SECOND ORDER OF THEM. EVER ONE LOVES THEM THEY CAME OUT SO GREAT!! WELL I WILL DROP BACK IN TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN. FRIENDS ALWAYS ROSALIND

December 13 at 7:00 PM

EP

Eleanor Bologna Perret posted:

While Ken and I did not know Gretchen, we share my Bologna heritage with her. Who knows why God takes young people home to him--maybe he just needed another Angel to look after our family. Someone once said that God only lends our children to us and takes them back to Himself when he wills. It hurts when He does--how much I can only imagine--but the love you shared with Gretchen will comfort and sustain all of you, I believe with all my heart.

December 1 at 7:00 PM



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MB

Michelle Boze posted:

Dear Ms. Dianne (& family), When I saw you yesterday memories and happy thoughts of Gretchen flooded my heart!!! I will never forget Gretchen's beautiful eyes and smile; I will forever be grateful to call her my friend!!! Take comfort in her laugh and kindness and know she is with you as you guide your grandchildren Vincent and Gretchen, to know their wonderful aunt- Aunt Gretchen. All my best. Michelle Boze

December 1 at 7:00 PM

RO

Rosalind posted:

Hey Gretch, just wanted to drop in to say that we had our Thanksgiving Feast at work today and it was not the same. Poor Anita she just looked at me and I knew, no Anita it is not the same. We had Dave and your brother but we really missed you girl. Well I hope you have a good night and I will write soon !! LOVE YA AND MISS YA ROSALIND

November 18 at 7:00 PM

GC

Gay Elizabeth Crain posted:

I have known Gretchen from the time she was born. I look forward to our reunion in Heaven. Gretchen's Mom, Dianne, and I are first cousins. I treasure all the family times with Gretchen when she was a young child and as an adult. Gretchen bloomed into a funny, love giving, generous person. Gretchen was also a fabulous cook like her Mom and Nana and shared her dishes often. I will remember Gretchen for her tremendous, courageous faith and her determination to encourage others when she was suffering so much. My husband, Cecil, and I had the privilege to visit Gretchen and Dave at their home about a month before Gretchen went into the hospital for the last time. Gretchen and Dave extended gracious hospitality to us. Gretchen spoke of the peace and reassurance of knowing Jesus as her Saviour. Although Gretchen knew that her chances of surviving cancer were low, Gretchen said that all things were possible with God. Gretchen expressed the marvelous gift of being with our Saviour forever. Gretchen shared the many spiritual books that she was reading and even identified with me in my recent serious illness. Cecil and I thank Dave, Dianne, Brian, and all Gretchen's family for treasured memories with Gretchen. We are most grateful for Gretchen's love and spiritual gifts that she gave freely to us. All of Gretchen's family and friends are in our prayers each day. We love Gretchen and you. We also know how much Gretchen loves her family and friends.

November 17 at 7:00 PM



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SE

Sister Rosalie Erdmann Slw posted:

I'm very sorry to hear of Gretchen's death. She will be missed. She and the family are in my prayers.

November 13 at 7:00 PM

JG

Jean Giglio posted:

Dianne, David, and family. I knew Gretchen as a young child and often heard of her many accomplishments through the years from her devoted Mother, Dianne, my dear friend. My daughter, Barbara, and I were truly blessed to meet Gretchen again and David just two weeks before her death. I was impressed with the love the young couple shared. Gretchen was a pillar of peace, grace, and strength. I will cherish the memory of Gretchen as an inspiration to all. May your family find peace and comfort knowing that she is at peace with our heavenly Father. God bless you all. Love, Jean

November 9 at 7:00 PM

RO

Rosalind posted:

Just wanted to stop in to say we miss you Gretchen so much and miss having you around. We know you are watching over us and we will miss you for the holidays, having you around and cooking all that good food. Girl I still can't believe you're gone, but not forgotten. Ok we'll talk to you later. Miss You Always Rosalind

November 5 at 7:00 PM

MM

Michele Murphy posted:

I worked with Gretchen at Fairway and she was always helpful, kind and caring towards me when others weren't. She always had a kind word for me. She will be missed. She is with God now and he is truly lucky.

November 1 at 7:00 PM

SC

Sheri Sable Campbell posted:

To Gretchen's Husband, Mother, Brother, and all who loved her - I am keeping you in my prayers. It seems she was able to touch so many lives in the time she was on this earth. I send you my sincerest sympathies. I'm so so sorry for your loss.

October 31 at 7:00 PM



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ME

Mary Evans posted:

Dianne And Dave, You Both Are In Our Prayers Daily. I Ask God To Comfort You And Give You The Will To Go On. Believe He Wil. My Memories Of Gretchen Are Sweet Ones. She Was A very Good Person And Loved By All. Dianne The Picture Of Gretchen, John paul, Holly are so precious. I'll Always Cherish That Picture. We Love You, Mary Ellen

October 28 at 7:00 PM

KM

Kelly Montalbano posted:

To Dave, Na-Na, Mr Antonio, Mrs Dianne and Brian--When I first signed this book I really couldnt believe Gretch was gone. But I must make this one thing clear. Gretchen made me a better nurse. I learned alot from her the 5 years I worked with her. She gave me confidence in myself since I was fresh out of school and my knees were shaking on my first day of work. She took me under her wing and showed me how to become the best nurse I could be and I owe that to her. She helped me make alot of personal life decisions that I didnt know what to do with....she gave me good sound advice and always tried to make me see the whole picture in a mature adult way. I know she is in heaven and watching over us everyday just like she did when she was here!!!! I miss her so much---she made me laugh everyday and she and Dave would do anything to help anyone. Thats how they were...good hearted kind compassionate people. I still miss and love you Gretchen!!!! Until we meet again---Kelly Montalbano

September 18 at 7:00 PM

EZ

Edwin Ziolkowski posted:

Dear Dave, Dianne, Brian, Anna and Tony, To me, Gretchen meant many things...good times, laughter, a loved one's touch. Her time with us seemed much too brief, but in my grief I lift up my heart to God, realizing that He wanted her now. He set her free, it had to be. She was (and is) His Angel, just as she was to all of us who knew and loved her so. I will never forget the smile she left in my heart. I love you all very much. Thank you for bringing her into my life. Ed

September 16 at 7:00 PM

CM

Candace Cooper Metz posted:

I went to high school with Gretchen and remember her as a sweet girl. I was saddened by the news of her death. I read the guest book and see that her sweet personality stayed with her. My condolences to her husband, family, and friends.

September 15 at 7:00 PM



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DP

Dawn Politte Patchell posted:

Brian, my condolences to you and your family.

September 3 at 7:00 PM

AP

Anita Pankey posted:

My children, ages 7 and 4, are patients at Fairway Pediatrics with Dr. Quarls. When I was an uptight new mom with way too many questions, Gretchen always listened like she really cared. She never dismissed my concerns but rather followed up to make sure everyone was fine. She always had a smile and just seemed like such a nice person. She really cared, and I always appreciated that about her. I'm so sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

August 28 at 7:00 PM

CD

Carrie Duncan posted:

I did not know Gretchen, but I do know how much Brian loved her. To see the love for her in his eyes, was very obvious! My heart breaks for your family, and I will continue to pray for you as you continue to miss such a loving soul!

August 27 at 7:00 PM

ML

Mary Lynn Ligon posted:

I just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss of a great wife, daughter, and medical assistant. She was great with my two boys, Parrish and Pierce. She had Parrish's number, and knew how to handle him. She always had a huge smile on her face. I appreciate everything that she did for my boys and myself. We will miss seeing her at Fairway, and have since she left for treatment. I wanted and prayed so much for her to beat this. Parrish, Pierce and I will miss you Gretchen. Your truly touched our lives. Thank you, Mary Lynn Ligon

August 25 at 7:00 PM

KM

Kyle, Tasha, Gabbie & Kyle Moran li posted:

Gretchen remains a light and inspiration to me. I am so grateful for her kindness and support to my sister, Kim, and Brian especially during the last few years. To all of Gretchen's family I am so sorry for your loss. I am comforted in knowing that as a person of great faith and love she is with our Lord smiling down on all of us. Blessings in Christ, The Morans

August 25 at 7:00 PM



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DM

Dana Mcphearson posted:

Our thoughts are with the families at this time. We have known Gretchen for the past 10 years through her work at Fairway. She was always so kind and caring towards our 2 children.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

GS

Greg Sibley posted:

David - I am so sorry for your loss. You and Gretchen are in my family's prayers. Your words at the funeral mass were powerful and loving. I admire your strength and courage. Your strong spiritual and religious beliefs will get you through this difficult time. Please keep your faith and rely on your family and friends - if you want to talk, please call me at 504-737-0547. If you are in River Ridge or want to watch a Saints game with with a few cold ones, you are always welcome at my house. Take care of yourself and know that I am thinking of you.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

CB

Cheryl Brown posted:

Dave, Dianne and Brian & Family, Aunt Anna and Uncle Tonio, A Beautiful service for such a Beautiful young lady. She lived a short but powerful life. She is an inspiration to all! We were so blessed to have known her and to love her. Our thoughts and our prayers are always with you. Love, Danny and Cheryl and Aunt Mavis

August 25 at 7:00 PM

LO

Logan posted:

Brian, I am sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.

August 24 at 7:00 PM

SG

Scott Gougis posted:

David,God Bless you & your Family.We are thinking about you. Scott& Katrina Gougis.

August 24 at 7:00 PM



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CS

Charleen Sorensen posted:

I have known Gretchen for the 13 years that she worked with Fairway Pediatrics. She was a wonderful nurse to my three children, Shannon, Scott & Sean. I saw her most mornings going into work as well, since we worked next door to one another. She was a joy to speak with, and her attitude toward her illness was nothing short of courageous. She will be missed by my three children as well as myself. Your family is in our prayers.

August 24 at 7:00 PM

MJ

Maria Jones posted:

My heart goes out to you and your family in a special time like this. Gretchen was a lovely young woman, and a joy to many people's lives. We will miss her on Saturday mornings waiting in the cold and rain for Endymion.

August 24 at 7:00 PM

LK

Lois Labatut Karno posted:

Dianne, Mr and Mrs Bologna and your whole family, my family and I would like to extend our condolences to you at this sad time. We will pray for your daughter, Gretchen and all of you as we think in fondness of our childhood in New Orleans. Lois Labatut Karno, Mrs. Ann Guidry Labatut, Elaine L Lamb, Ann Labatut, Janet L Davies and Phyllis L Baker.

August 24 at 7:00 PM

ER

Estelle Robinson posted:

My heart cries for Brian and you.

August 24 at 7:00 PM

AM

Artis Mccully posted:

With deepest sympathy. I know she will be missed. When I think about Gretchen I remember what a wonderful cook she was and how she made people happy with her great cooking. Dave was always so proud of her, always generous sending samples of her food to UPS for everyone to try. Praying for you in your time of grief.

August 24 at 7:00 PM



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WC

Warren Crain posted:

Dear Gretchen, I always enjoyed spending time with you, Dave, and Brian at family dinners, birthday parties, parades, etc. You were always very kind, sweet and fun to be around. I will dearly miss you and look forward to seeing you again in heaven some day. The love of Jesus Christ was apparent in your life. The apostle Paul, wrote, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13. Gretchen, you have hope and faith in Jesus Christ and most importantly the love of Christ. I know that you are with our Lord and Savior. I love you and will continually pray for us that have been left behind for now. Love, Warren

August 24 at 7:00 PM

CW

Chuck & Rene Walgamotte posted:

Dave, my friend, we have been through alot with our journey at UPS, but no one never knows what lies ahead of him in life, there are no words to express how I feel for you and your family at this time of need, Dave she is painfree and in a better place with our precious Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts and prayers are with you today and always.

August 24 at 7:00 PM

GT

George-Ann Stokes-Townsend posted:

Dear Picou and Clifton Families, My deepest condolences to your families. I was so sorry to learn about Gretchen's passing. She was a wonderfully sweet caring person. May God continue to bless and strengthen you as you mourn, and may the love of caring friends, be with you to lift up the pain of your loss. Lean hard on your faith, family and good friends at this difficult time. Thinking of you, George-Ann Stokes-Townsend

August 24 at 7:00 PM

AL

Allison Leachman posted:

She held our hand and cried with us when our son was diagnosed with a chronic kidney condition, we will do the same for you and your family if you need us to. I pray that your great memories of Gretchen keep you smiling she was a great soul and her compassion was always evident. Jason, Allison, Cole and Aimee Leachman

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EJ

Evelyn Jackson posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is broken for my dear friends Tony and Anna. My prayers are with you all.

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YB

Yvette Barr posted:

Gretchen helped us care for our two children over the past 12 years. She was able to calm both the sick child as well as the worried parent. She truly had a GIFT for caring for others. We will miss her greatly...the Barr family.

August 24 at 7:00 PM

JC

Joanne Champagne posted:

Dear Dianne, I am so sorry for your loss!!!! Please know I am praying for you and your family. Blessings to you all, Joanne Champagne

August 24 at 7:00 PM

LF

Lyle & Crystal Leche & Family posted:

Our family sends our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Dave and his family. Gretchen's light will shine in our hearts every day. Her strength and bravery is an inspiration to us all. May we live our lives as wonderfully as she lived hers.

August 23 at 7:00 PM

FB

Frank Bologna posted:

This is to send along my deepest sympathies and condolences to the entire family. To Gretchen's husband, to her Mom Dianne, to her grandparents, particularly my cousin Antonio and his wife Anna - you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry that circumstances prevent me from coming from Houston to Covington for the services. May God bless Gretchen and all of the family.

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RJ

Regina Jimenez posted:

Gretch took me under her wing from day one at Fairway and for that I always looked up to her. She became a great friend very quickly. She always knew the right things to do and say to make us laugh... She will be greatly missed... I hope that we can all find comfort in knowing that she is in a better place. I am praying for you all... with love and prayer, Regina Jimenez

August 23 at 7:00 PM

TF

The Callia Family posted:

Gretchen and Brian have always and will always be special to our family. We remember the days when Aunt Dianne, Uncle LJ, Gretchen and Brian would come to visit and we would share LOTS of laughs. We also remember the first time we met Dave, we fell in love with him too. We all continue to remember all of you in our thoughts and prayers. With Love, Aunt Esther, Katie, Susan, Sevi, Holly, Tommy and Kelly CALLIA

August 23 at 7:00 PM

DE

Debbie Ezell posted:

Brian- I am so sorry. Tell your Mom I will pray for you both through this awful time.

August 23 at 7:00 PM

AR

Alison Rhodes posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. She was truly loved at work. I know personally I will miss her very much. Love Alison

August 23 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jane Schexnayder Soslow posted:

There are no words..... Please know that you are loved. Love, Jane

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AG

Anita Fonseca Gaudet posted:

Mrs. Dianne and Brian, I am shocked and saddened by Gretchen's death. She was a very important part of my childhood and even more important part of my early motherhood. She gave me confidence as a new mother. She will always be my cherished friend. I will be praying for you both, her husband and your family. Love, Anita Gaudet

August 23 at 7:00 PM

DD

Douglas & Julie Decker posted:

Our condolences and understanding to the family. Love the Deckers.

August 23 at 7:00 PM

LR

Linda And Bill Rafferty posted:

THE BEST God saw Gretchen getting tired And a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around her And whispered "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you, And saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

August 23 at 7:00 PM

SY

Sheri Yrle posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Gretchen often attended to my daughter and our granddaughter, Taylor, at Fairway during the past 6 years. She always had a smile for us and never walked out without making sure Taylor was at ease. Make God watch over you, bless you and give you peace. Sheri & Michael Yrle/Kristi & Taylor Davidson

August 23 at 7:00 PM

BZ

Bunny & Eddie Ziolkowski posted:

We are so grateful for the special friendship we've shared with Gretchen. Whenever we think of those funny, wonderful times spent in Florida, we smile. Those memories are precious to us and will stay in our hearts forever.

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RO

Rosalind posted:

Gretchen you will be missed by all. Working will not be the same with out you there. God knew he needed a special angel up stairs so he came down and took you from us. Oh my Gretchen I know you are looking down at me and saying don't cry it's ok I was ready for this and prepared also. But now it's time to let you go, your spirit now is free. So Gretchen may you R.I.P. Friends Always
Rosalind

August 23 at 7:00 PM

MG

Mary Garcia posted:

To the Clifton and Picou Family, I knew Gretchen from Fairway Pediatrics, since my son was an infant, she was always very sweet and professional. I was very sad to hear of her news. I have been giving donations at the clinic and my son picked out an LSU candle just Wed, Aug 20th. I had mailed her a card Thurs am. I will think of her as the candle burns. I hope you find peace knowing she is in God's arms. My prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Mary Garcia

August 23 at 7:00 PM

JK

John, Emelie And Caitlyn Konopka posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to Gretchen's family and friends.

August 23 at 7:00 PM

TR

Trudy posted:

Gretch...how time has flown. From my earliest memories of us hanging out at CMS to taking my first trip to Schwegman's with your family, swimming @ your grandparents, the daily rides together to high school, Sr cruise, phone calls to Calif., divorce, marriage, first shots to my Megan...30yrs have come and gone...I will always love U! See U again in Heaven my precious friend...you're forever in my heart! You fought a heroic fight...now rest in the glory of our Lord.

August 22 at 7:00 PM

DC

Denise Casso posted:

I enjoyed working with Gretchen at Fairway and getting to know her. I will miss her and never forget her. Rest in Peace. Love Denise

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CF

Cyndi Fussell posted:

Dianne, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I pray God's love and comfort for you and your family. Cyndi Fussell

August 22 at 7:00 PM

DK

Darrell, Kristi And Hutson Kees posted:

This was such a shock to hear and our thoughts and prayers are with you Dave as well as Gretch's family, friends and coworkers at Fairway Pediatrics. Gretch was always smiling, always a joy to work with and have as a friend. Awesome with kids, always there as a friend and put on the best crawfish boils around.

August 22 at 7:00 PM

RO

Roxann posted:

My best friend through high school. We had some fun and great times together. I will miss you.

August 22 at 7:00 PM

DJ

Diane Jeanfreau Jenkins posted:

Dear family, Now Gretchen is with her daddy, Aunt Catherine, Aunt Jeanne and other loved ones who have gone before us. One day we will all be together again in heaven. My prayers are with you. Love, Diane

August 22 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jamie Sharp posted:

We are sorry to hear for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gretchen and her family during this difficult time. 3east nurses St.Tammany Parish Hospital

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SM

Shondi Mulkey posted:

Our deepest sympathy on your loss. Our family has known Gretchen for the past 13 years as she was our wonderful nurse at Fairway for our oldest daughter and then our 6 year olds. She was always available to answer questions, offer advice or just listen. I saw her a few months ago in the grocery and she told me about her illness. I was so sad to hear the news but her attitude and her faith were just wonderful. I have been following her journey through the staff at Fairway and was really hoping and praying that she would receive her miracle. May God's grace and peace be with you all during this most difficult time. We will miss her smiling face and lovely personality. God Bless!

August 22 at 7:00 PM

LS

Lynne Stock posted:

Diane, I am so sorry to hear about your daughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort in your memories of your beautiful daughter. Lynne Stock

August 22 at 7:00 PM

JT

Janelle, Juan, & Graci Torres posted:

To all who loved and cherished the time they spent with Gretchen be it through work, familial ties, or friendships. We are deeply saddened and pray for all to be comforted by joyful memories of such a precious person.

August 22 at 7:00 PM

AD

Anne Doerr posted:

I cannot put into words what Gretchen has meant to me. I would like to share part of a poem with everyone: God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be, So He closed His arms around you and whispered "Come to me". You didn't deserve what you went through and so He gave you rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.

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PE

Penny posted:

To the Picou Clifton family, Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your dear love one. May you find peace and comfort in Jehovah God and all that he promises in his word the Bible. John 5:28,29 "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out."

August 21 at 7:00 PM

FS

Fairway Pediatrics Physicians And Staff posted:

Gretchen was dearly loved by many. Her quick wit, sense of humor, kindness and efficiency always made her a pleasure to work with. She will be sadly missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with her family during this time of loss. Rest in Peace Love, physicians and staff at Fairway Pediatrics.

August 21 at 7:00 PM

MP

Maxine Platt posted:

Dianne, I cannot tell you how sorry I am to learn of the loss of Gretchen. I know nothing is more painful. You know my thoughts are with you, and I love you. I am here if you need me. Love, Maxine

August 21 at 7:00 PM

KM

Kelly Montalbano posted:

I WILL MISS YOU GRETCH!!!!!! YOU WILL ALWAYS BE SPECIAL IN MY HEART !!!! LOVE.....KELLY

August 20 at 7:00 PM



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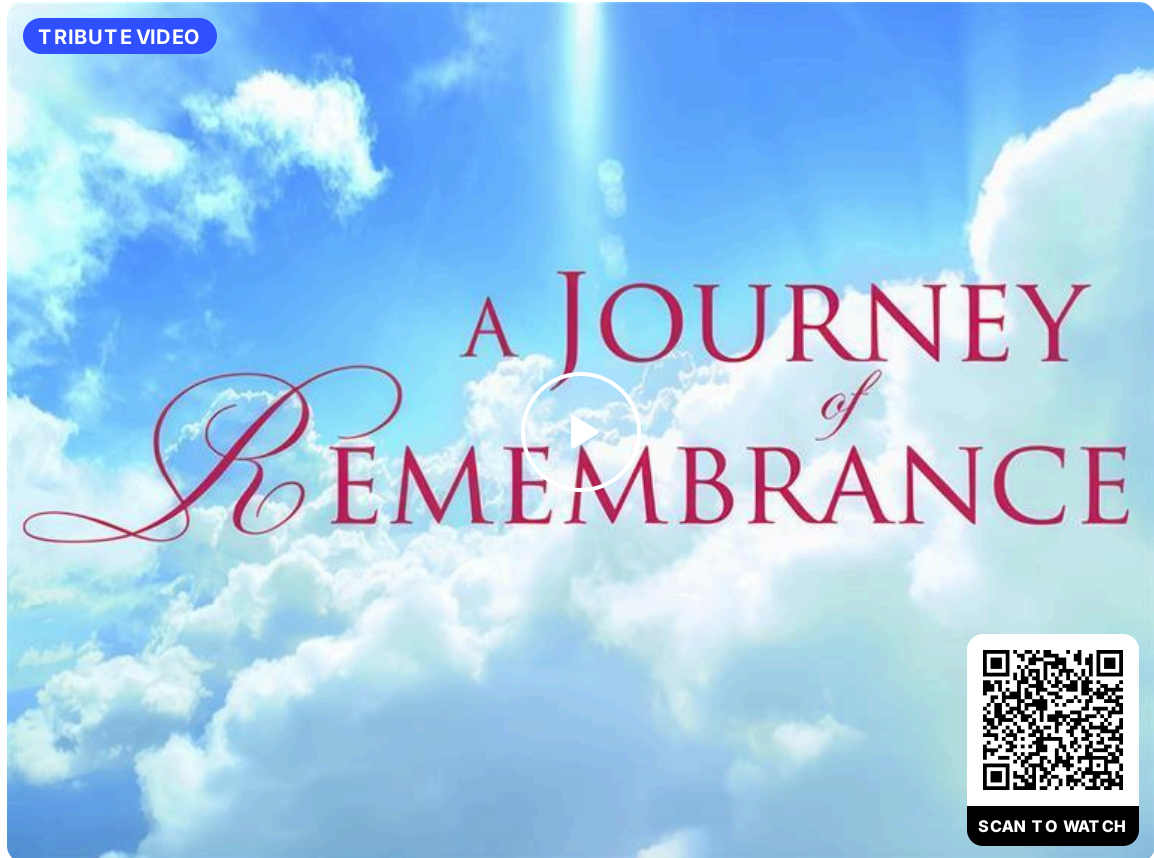
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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.

June 11 at 9:46 AM



Tracie Russell Darby April 7 at 10:22 PM

Wow so hard 2 believe u were in my English 1 class w Mrs Betty Badeaux Fly High class~mate seems like yesterday gone too soon 🙏❤️🌈🙏



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gretchen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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