



## Gail Elaine King Stock

February 2, 1960 - May 22, 2021

Gail Elaine King Stock passed away peacefully in her sleep late in the night of May 21, 2021, with her partner Gordon Serou at her side. Gail's passing was unanticipated and her family and friends are bereaved, with all wishing they had time to say good-bye.

Gail was born on February 2, 1960 in Newport, Rhode Island and she was the last of the five children of Mary and Frank King. Her loving mother passed in late 2019 and Gail and Mary are now reunited and enjoying God's blessings.

Gail is survived by her father Frank King (Covington, LA) and her two loving children, Marshall Stock (Sara Rose) (Fairfield, CT) and Sally Stock (David Critzman) (Norwalk, CT). She is specially survived by her first grandchild, Bengi Critzman, yet months from her first birthday.

Gail is also survived by her loving partner, Gordon Serou and her four siblings: Franklin Gary King (Susan) (Palm Beach Gardens, FL); Nancy Ray (Charlie) (Delmar, NY); Henry King (Cary) (Metairie, LA); and Michelle Cartwright (Mark) (Cocoa Beach, FL). Gail also had a caring relationship with her first husband and father of their children, Fred Stock (Norwalk, CT), with whom she shared many wonderful years.

Lovingly known as "Auntie Gail," Gail will also be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews, Catherine King, Heather King (Brett), Maile Ray, Matthew Cartwright, Marguerite King Marschner (Richard), Lucy King, Spencer King, Miles Cartwright (Brittany), and Marykate Cartwright, as well as her great nieces and nephews, Franklin Ethan and Jackson, Gray and Henry, and Adelaide and Cullen.

Gail lived most of her life in New Orleans and loved the city like no other. She graduated from Ursuline Academy and there she was the source of much fun. She later graduated from Loyola University in New Orleans, her best place to be.

Gail was an adoring and caring stay-at-home Mom. Most of this time, the family lived in

Wilton, CT, a town where Gail has kept many dear friends. Gail loved being there for Marshall and Sally, and often many neighborhood children as well. She adored her children and always wanted the very best for them. She thought of them daily, remembering the best of stories and fun times.

In her later years, Gail pursued work as a paralegal. She worked hard to obtain her paralegal degree and for many years she worked as the paralegal at the Law Offices of Gordon P. Serou, Jr.

Gail will be remembered as a most loving and caring daughter to her mother and father. For many years, she never missed her daily phone calls and weekly visits. For her children, siblings, and nieces and nephews, she was the special one, who was always there to share her love and a smile and hope, even in the hardest of times.

Gail also loved her animals. Often her home, especially in Wilton, CT cared for many more different species of pets than most could imagine. But, she especially loved her dogs, who dutifully travelled with her from Wilton to New Orleans and gave her many years of great joy. "Grits Mary" only recently joined Gail. Just a mere puppy, she is surely missing Gail too.

For her friends, Gail was fun and good times. She especially loved her old New Orleans' friends, Janet Klienberger and Lisa Mauberret, as well as her lively new "tennis group" friends. If you were so lucky to become a friend of Gail's, she was always your friend. Bad times or good times, you could be sure that Gail would be there for you.

Gail will be deeply missed by so many. She left too soon for all who loved her. Now, we will look to the heavens to have our lasting communion with her.

Memorial services are planned at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 S. New Hampshire St., Covington, LA 70433 at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 4, 2021. A reception to follow in Holzhalf Hall. Masks are required for all those who are not fully vaccinated to protect all attending and please maintain social distancing if not vaccinated. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Gail's name to Louisiana SPCA at 1700 Mardi Gras Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70114. <https://www.louisianaspca.org>

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# Comments

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“ Alan and Maile Ray purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



**Alan and Maile Ray** - June 01 at 05:16 PM

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“ Love, Nancy, Tricia, Sofia and your Diray Family. purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



**Love, Nancy, Tricia, Sofia and your Diray Family.** - June 01 at 09:51 AM

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“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



**Gordon Serou** - May 31 at 10:23 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



May 30 at 02:40 PM

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“ Gail was my aunt and one of my very best friends. I talked to her on the phone almost every day, and I feel such a void in my life, not being able to talk with her anymore and rely on her for guidance and a good laugh. She was always there for good times and bad, always there to impart wisdom, always there to make me laugh and to teach me important and useful things about life.

While Gail was amazingly easy to get along with and a friend to many, she also held very strong principles and values about how people should treat one another and how people should treat animals. When I was a little girl, I idolized Gail – her cool nature, her sense of humor, her beauty, her fashion sense, her depth, her kindness, and her fierce loyalty to her friends. When I was young, I remember being upset because people were prejudiced toward my father because he was gay. Gail was the first person besides my mother to pull me aside and tell me she loved gay people, had several gay friends, and that people who were prejudiced against gay people were misguided. This was in the early 1980's when prejudice and fear were rampant. It meant the world to me.

After college, I went to live with Gail for the summer to help teach my precious cousins learn to read and be a nanny. We had so many fun times during those months, and that was the beginning of a long and very close friendship. I still idolized Gail, so when I moved to New Orleans, I adopted my cat, Gumbo (“Bo”), from the Louisiana SPCA in 1997 at the age of 21, copying Gail, who had also adopted her first cat of her adult life at the Louisiana SPCA on Japonica Street at the age of 21. I wanted to be just like her. Gail treasured animals, as I do, and believed they should be treated like royalty. Her many pets received such treatment!

Gail was a very sentimental person, always sharing mementos with me and others to help us remember her loving friendship. She was also incredibly generous, always giving me beautiful clothes. She made sure that I knew that I always had a place in her home no matter what the circumstance. Once, when I was going through a difficult time in my adult life and many people were not as supportive, Gail's response was to send me a diamond bracelet, several of her favorite CDs, and a portable Walkman to listen to them on, all to cheer me up and show her undying support. It really helped, just knowing that she would do all of that and that her love was endless.

My heart is deep with sorrow at the passing of my very close aunt and friend, but I know she would want me to remember the happy times and cherish all of the mementos she has given me to keep forever as a memory of our wonderful and loving friendship. I love you, Gail. I still believe in guardian angels, and hope you will guard all of your beloved friends and family who miss you so deeply. I know if you could, you would wipe away all our tears.

Love your niece, Maile Ray



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**Betsy Paterson** - May 29 at 04:11 PM

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“ 10 files added to the album Memories Album



**Gordon Serou** - May 29 at 03:39 PM

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“ Gordon Serou purchased the Infinite Love for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



**Gordon Serou** - May 29 at 03:21 PM

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**Gordon Serou** - May 28 at 11:11 AM

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“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



May 27 at 08:02 PM

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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



May 27 at 07:58 PM

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“ Paul and Kristina Dalio purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



**Paul and Kristina Dalio** - May 27 at 04:06 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



May 27 at 01:03 PM

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“ Thomas P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gail Elaine King Stock.



Thomas P. - May 27 at 02:00 AM

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“ I am so deeply saddened and shocked by hearing of the passing of one of my dearest friends. I cannot fathom such a thing, her being so young. She was always one of my brightest moments in my work day at the tennis club. We shared so much in our recreational pastimes and our lives and she was so loyal, true and stood by you when you needed someone to talk to. She was always loads of fun, unpredictable and was so very friendly to everyone she met. Gail made everyone around her smile all the time.

Marshall and Sally, my heart grieves for you, your dad, her longtime friend and extended family very deeply. I missed her from the day you guys moved back to New Orleans, and even more now; but that was where her heart was then and I know she was happy making that move. Your mom, and your dad, always made me feel welcome in their home and were so benevolent. I feel very honored to know her and your family, and to call her my friend. This will be very hard for me to get over. She will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,  
Thom Preli

Thomas Preli - May 27 at 01:54 AM

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“ I love you Mom

sally - May 27 at 12:06 AM