



## Gayle Martin Valdez

August 14, 1956 - May 1, 2017

Gayle Martin Valdez, age 60, died peacefully on Monday May 1, 2017 at Sturgill Hospice Care Center in Brooksville after a brief struggle with cancer. Gayle was born August 14, 1956 in Dade City, Florida, to Lamon Martin and Dwinnie Powell Martin.

Gayle is a lifelong of the area, growing up in Center Hill, Florida. As a child she enjoyed Sunday Barbques with her close knit family. She enjoyed hot summer days at the springs with her siblings and cousins. She attended Pasco and South Sumter High Schools and went to college at Pasco Hernando Community College. As an adult she worked as a rural letter carrier for the US Postal Service and drove over the road trucks for 15 years. Her life was full of adventures. Her pride and joy was her only son Thomas Philip Valdez III.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lamon and Dwinnie Martin, and her siblings Robert Martin, Betty Seay, Larry Martin, Ronald Martin, Jimmy Martin, and Jackie Martin.

She is survived by her son Thomas Valdez (Kristen) of Ridge Manor, her grandchildren Broc Valdez and Blayne Valdez, and step grandchildren Call Graham and Caleb Graham.

Services will be held on Saturday May 6, 2017 at 3pm (visitation at 2:30) at Beyers Funeral Home Purcell Chapel. The family will receive family and friends at the home of her son at 7351 Castleberry Drive, Webster following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to Stugill Hospice Care Center, 12242 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, Florida 34613.

# Tribute Wall

LR

“ It's been almost a year since you left this world to go to Heaven. I miss you soooooo much I'm grateful that your suffering is over.... I just still miss you! I look at your picture daily with that all familiar smile of yours! RIP My Dear Friend! See ya when I get there. I can't wait to just sit and laugh like we used to. I Love You Gayle



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**Lisa Dupree Robinson** - April 24, 2018 at 11:18 AM

LR

“ My heart hurts as I come to terms that you are gone. I'm grateful that your suffering is over. I have so many, many memories from our years of Friendship. I Love You and I miss you. Rest High on That Mountain My Friend. My Deepest Condolences to all of Gayles Family and Friends.

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**Lisa Dupree Robinson** - May 04, 2017 at 07:19 AM

MG

“ It is with an incredible sadness in my heart that I wish to leave my condolences for Gayle's family. I first met Gayle in Ridge Manor around 2007. I was immediately drawn to her enthusiastic and bubbly personality. We became close friends with Gayle providing a big sisterly role that I needed. I may have spent more time staying at Gayle's house in Webster than I did my own. She cooked dinner for me often and in return I would bake the cinnamon roles for breakfast. I have so many memories of our adventures together and they will forever be treasured. My sweet friend I will miss you   


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**Michelle Garren** - May 04, 2017 at 03:48 AM

LB

“ *Gayle was like a second grandmother to me and I will miss her dearly. She was always there when in needed advice or a hug. I loved her smile and the sound of her laughter... I will miss her dearly.... I have great memories of her and love her. Prayers going out to Tom (Phillip) and their family.*



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**Little Ricky Branch** - May 04, 2017 at 02:34 AM

TM

“ *I will miss you my dear sister in law.... My heart is breaking. Love you always ❤️*



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**Tammie Martin** - May 04, 2017 at 02:26 AM

TM

“ *I will miss my dear sweet sister in law. You were always a joy to be around and we did have some fun times. Your smile and your laughter would always brighten up a room. You have touch so many life's and will be deeply missed.... I will love you always and miss you...*

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**Tammie Martin** - May 04, 2017 at 02:23 AM

SF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Gayle's family. I didn't know her well but my son, Shayne Wilson, did and adored her. I lost my son Shayne on December 12, 2015 and she spoke at his "Celebration of Life." Her words were kind, funny and loving when remembering Shayne and I am forever grateful to her for honoring him that day. Thank you Gayle and know we will remember you and your kind heart!!! You are at peace now... with love, Shayne's family



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**Shayne Wilson's Family** - May 03, 2017 at 09:58 PM

GS

“ Tom, so sorry to hear of your loss and I know Brian would want me to convey his families condolences for the loss of your mother.

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**Guy Simmons** - May 03, 2017 at 06:40 PM

ED

“ I'm still so shocked & saddened at the prospect of life without Gayle that I hardly know what to say. I will always remember her beautiful smile, kindness, generosity & overwhelming love for her son & grandchildren. It was always with great pride in her voice that she shared the latest accomplishments & successes of her family. I never once thought, as I left her hospital room last week, that it would be our last time together. My heart is broken. Phillip, my thoughts, love & prayers go out to you & your entire family.

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**Elizabeth Deal** - May 03, 2017 at 03:49 AM