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Gayle J. Reddington, 73, of Fredericksburg, passed away Friday, December 18, 2020 at her home with her family by her side.

Gayle's family was the most important part of her life, especially her grandchildren. She was tremendously passionate about education, and enjoyed a 50-year career teaching all over the country. Gayle loved to travel with her husband, especially to the beach, and to collect art everywhere she went.

She is survived her son, Michael Reddington, Jr. and his wife, Krista of Maryland; her daughter, Elisabeth Palomares and her husband, Gilbert of Fredericksburg; four grandchildren, Jordan, Joshua, and Jacob Palomares, and Ciara Reddington; an uncle, Ralph Davis; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Gayle was preceded in death by her husband and high school sweetheart, Michael J. Reddington, Sr.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, at St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Gayle's family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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AS

A Student posted:

Mrs. Reddington, What can I say about the most amazing teacher ever. She was more than a teacher, she was a friend, and a confidant. She literally saved me by noticing something was amiss with me and reaching out to see if I was ok. She was the reason adversity didn't get the best of me. I will always be grateful to her for saving me.She was my Spanish teacher at Royal and her classroom was a gathering place for more than just her students. We would hang out there to talk about the game; she was always so nervous on game days. We would tell her, "Don't worry, the A-Train has the best line in Ventura County blocking for him." and no matter what we talked about, some how a comment was always made about Mrs. Reddington's vertical challenges. Watching her cover her eyes when Mike carried the ball was the best. I'm sure her eyes are wide open now, watching over her loved ones.Mrs. Reddington, you have always been missed and now, you will forever be missed.My deepest condolences to Michael and Beth.

March 16 at 9:02 PM

MF

Maryjo Flood January 4 at 3:55 PM
Mike and Beth I am so sorry to hear about Gayle's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .

ER

Eric posted:

Mrs. Reddington was my favorite teacher of all time. We met my freshman year in high school. I was painfully shy and didn't know anyone where I just moved to the area. We formed an instant bond and she played a big part in breaking me out of my shell. She always looked after me more than anyone could hope for a teacher to do, whether it was staying after to help me with school work or just talking to me and making sure I was making friends and transitioning well to the new school. She taught me for three years straight and even when I didn't have her my senior year I made sure to stop by her room everyday to catch up and share some laughs. Years after I graduated and was home from college I was walking with friends to a neighborhood basketball court. As we were walking I heard a car slam on their brakes behind me and someone shouting my name. Mrs. Reddington parked her car in the middle of the street and ran and gave me a big hug. We talked for several minutes as other cars had to drive around us and her car which we laughed about. It made my day to see her again and wish I had the pleasure to see her one more time. I loved Mrs. Reddington and will always remember her infectious laugh and bubbly personality. I know that she adored her children and grandchildren and although I've never met them I'm sure they felt the same. I am praying for them and anyone else who was also touched by this amazing woman.

January 10 at 12:39 PM

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EL

Eric Ludden posted:

Gayle was a great friend and fellow teacher at Massaponax HS. Rebecca and I had many great conversations about teaching and just about everything else. We were lucky to have her teach our sons Eric and Travis Spanish. They loved her class and loved her. Gayle's warmth and friendliness endeared her to our entire family.

January 10 at 10:14 AM

RG

Roseann Gesario posted:

Gayle and I grew up together.Most of the time partners in crime I'm shocked & devastated to lose a life time friend she will be missed.she will be forever in my heart & always on my mind. R.I.P. my dear friend sending much Love to Beth.Michael and their family

January 7 at 4:41 PM

LF

Lisa Fuller posted:

Gayle always made me smile. She was beautiful on outside and inside. I got to know her more recently and she was such a good soul. She is now with her soul mate. I know she is smiling when she saw him. I am so sorry for your loss.

December 22 at 5:32 AM

LB

Lisa Brown December 26 at 3:25 PM
Gayle was amazing in so many aspects of her life. We will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, the people she loved so much. The Brown Family

Memories only last if you share them

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

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