



Gayle Marsh Davis

August 22, 1922 - February 14, 2016

Gayle Marsh Davis,

93, of Indianapolis, passed away Sunday, February 14, 2016 surrounded by loved ones. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Helen Louise Marsh Pope; her husband of 57 years, David R. Davis; and her oldest son, David R. Davis, II. Gayle was born in Indianapolis and was a lifelong resident. She graduated from Arsenal Tech High School in 1940 and attended Indiana and Purdue Universities. Gayle raised four children; was grandmother to five; and great-grandmother to one. She was always a leader in whatever community she was in and had many dear friends. She was fun at parties and could lighten any situation with a well-timed joke.

In 1953, she was an integral part of a group of parents who organized and started Noble School, the first educational opportunity for children with special needs in Indianapolis. She was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash.

Gayle was a consummate volunteer for many organizations, including tutoring children at Amy Beverland Elementary. She was a proud member of the International Association of Turtles, Inc. Gayle served as Matriarch of her extended family. People just loved to be around her. Her wisdom was profound, her faith was strong, and her feet were firmly planted. When she talked, you wanted to listen. She was quick witted, and full of empathy. Gayle could take any situation and see the good. She accomplished much, loved many, and had a ripple effect on the lives of those around her.

Gayle is survived by her children, Marsha Szalay, Randy Davis (Denise) and

Barbara Wood (Charlie); brother, Charles Pope, II (Ethel); her grandchildren, Maggie Davis, Michael Szalay, Carrie Reel (Seth), Andrew Wood and Lauren Wood; great-grandson, Sam Reel; nieces, Karen Kobza, Sherry Rising-Moore, Ellen Lennox and Gayle Gunderson; and nephews, Mark and John Pope. Visitation will be Friday, February 19, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd., Fishers. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Church of the Saviour, 6205 Rucker Rd., Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Church of the Saviour and/or Quest for Excellence, 2051 N. College Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Memorial Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Savior United Methodist
6205 Rucker Road
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gayle Marsh Davis.*



February 18, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Our parents were good friends for many years meeting thru the Legislature years ago. Mom had spoken to your Mom a few months and we were going to try to get them together. Many fond memories. Love and Prayers to all of you. Carmen and Sara Donaldson*

Carmen DONaldson - February 17, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *Your friends at Financial Center purchased the Ar
rive in Style for the family of Gayle Marsh Davis.*



Your friends at Financial Center - February 17, 2016 at 11:01 AM

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“ *Jamey, Betsy, Andrew, Austin and Emily Hepp purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gayle Marsh Davis.*



Jamey, Betsy, Andrew, Austin and Emily Hepp - February 16, 2016 at 06:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gayle Marsh Davis.*



February 16, 2016 at 12:56 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Gayle Remembered*



Marilyn Jenkins - February 16, 2016 at 11:27 AM

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Marilyn Jenkins - February 16, 2016 at 10:08 AM

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This is our little Swim Group, Gayle in her red Christmas sweater. Gayle's wit and colorful stories kept us laughing during many of our Wednesday lunches. She will be sorely missed, and long remembered.

Marilyn Jenkins - February 16, 2016 at 10:12 AM