



Gail Patricia Helton

July 20, 1946 - July 8, 2022

Gail Patricia Helton, 75, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed from this life on July 8, 2022.

Gail was born in Pittsburgh on July 20, 1946 and soon after the family relocated to Santa Ana, California, where she grew up. She graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1964 and 3 years later married Walter John Helton III. Their first three children were born in California, then in 1978 they moved to Colorado Springs, where their youngest was born. In retirement, Gail and John left Colorado and followed their grandkids, living for a time in Arizona, back to California, Las Vegas, and then settling in Fort Collins in 2014.

Gail was a woman of faith. She invested herself in ministry and was involved in local faith communities everywhere she went. Most recently, she was active at Light House Christian Fellowship in Las Vegas, and Faith Church in Fort Collins.

Throughout her life, Gail was known for being a “mega crafter.” She was an excellent baker and cake decorator and she could sew absolutely anything. She acted as “wedding planner” for numerous weddings for family and friends, making the cakes, sewing the brides maids dresses, putting together photo albums, and decorating. She was also very active in her church group luncheons and events, providing decorations and support to her church

community. Her ultimate joy came from making craft projects with her grandkids. She was extremely creative and loved sharing her creativity with others.

Gail's fun and goofy personality will be greatly missed. Her love for others was deep and she showed this in her selflessness and willingness to help anywhere she could. She especially loved her grandchildren and will be watching over them from above as they grow.

Gail is survived by her children, Alicia (Carl) Tippit; Alex (Rose Marie) Helton; Arika (Brad) Abel; and Aaron (Tiffany) Helton; grandchildren, Arielle, Aden, Alix, Tyson, Brock, Alivia, Ashton, and Anderson; sister Marcia Fulcher; and brother, Chris Rodgers. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Walter John Helton III.

Gail's life will be celebrated both in California for friends and family, and in Fort Collins, Colorado where she became part of the community in recent years.

A Celebration of Life in California will be held at 1:30 pm, Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the home of her daughter & son-in-law Arika and Brad Abel, 34751 Meadow Willow St., French Valley, CA, 92596.

A Memorial Service in Fort Collins, Colorado will take place at 11:00 am, Monday, August 15, 2022 at Faith Church, 3920 S Shields St, Fort Collins, CO 80526.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 13. 1:30 PM (PT)

Home of Arika and Brad Abel
34751 Meadow Willow St.
French Valley, CA 92596

Memorial Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (MT)

Faith Church
3920 S Shields Street
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Tribute Wall



“ *Gail Patricia Helton*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Gail's passing from this earth. A mighty warrior for the light in this dark world, particularly for those who are often overlooked. Heaven rejoices as a special saint arrives!*
Doug DeBord

Doug DeBord - August 15, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *I delivered Meals on Wheels to Gail for several months. She was so kind and even made me a pillow with fabric of my choice. I think of her every time I look at her pillow. Nancy Vahrenwald*

Nancy Vahrenwald - July 20, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Gail. She is home with our Lord now, no more pain, tears or sorrow. She will be missed by many who loved her. Our prayers are with all of you, Aunt Di and Uncle Gary*

Dianne Prigmore - July 14, 2022 at 08:09 PM