



Gail Hires

January 14, 1958 - November 22, 2020

Gail Hires, 62, of Indianapolis, went home to be with the Lord early Sunday morning, November 22, 2020, at Franciscan Health in Indianapolis following a brief illness.

She was born January 14, 1958 in Anderson, Missouri, a daughter of Duane and Lovene (Pendergraft) Johnson.

Gail was a 1975 graduate of Gravette Holiness Bible School in Gravette, Arkansas. She married the love of her life, Paul Hires, on Valentine's Day in 1976. Gail graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Hobe Sound Bible College in Hobe Sound, Florida in 1981. She was Co-Valedictorian in both High School and College. As an Elementary Education teacher for 39 years, Gail's world revolved around children. She had a motherly joy and love for every child placed in her care. Gail was currently teaching at Nazarene Christian School in Beech Grove.

Gail was a faithful partner in ministry with her husband, Paul, as they pastored and served in Christian education across several states. They were members of Independent Nazarene Church in Beech Grove. She loved music, especially Southern Gospel Music.

Gail was happiest when with her grandchildren. She loved to cook for her

family and have them all together. She especially loved holidays and celebrating with all her family.

Those left to cherish Gail's memory include her husband of 44 years, Rev. Paul T. Hires; a son, Dennis Paul (Melinda) Hires of Indianapolis; a daughter, Melissa Kay (Daniel) Morris of Speedway; five grandchildren, Kelsey Morris, (9), Arie Hires, (7), Derek Hires, (6), Kylie Morris, (5), and Darren Hires, (3); a brother, Denny (Janet) Johnson of Fayetteville, Arkansas; two sisters, Nila (Loren) Coates of Mulberry, Kansas and Nola Linn of Gravette, Arkansas; a sister-in-law, Colleen Johnson of Columbus, Kansas, and several nieces and nephews.

Awaiting Gail in Heaven were five precious, infant grandchildren; her cherished mother, Lovene Johnson; a brother, Chris Johnson and two sisters-in-law, Becky Johnson and Norma Johnson.

A service to celebrate Gail's life will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Independent Nazarene Church, 5152 Hornet Ave. Beech Grove, Indiana, 46107, with Rev. Paul Hires and Rev. Denny Johnson officiating.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 pm Friday evening at the church and one hour prior to the service Saturday.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to the Independent Nazarene School at the address above. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Gail Hires.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Independent Nazarene Church
5152 Hornet Ave.
Beech Grove, IN 46107

Celebration of Life

NOV **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Independent Nazarene Church
5152 Hornet Ave.
Beech Grove, IN 46107

Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gail Hires*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 25, 2020 at 02:23 PM

BR

“ *I got to meet Ms Gail in the hospital, she was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul. She LOVED to talk about her family & “ her school kids”. I’m so sorry for your loss, but feel blessed that I had the privilege to care for her.*

Brenda - November 29, 2020 at 08:25 PM

GM

“ *Gladys Malaby lit a candle in memory of Gail Hires*



Gladys Malaby - November 28, 2020 at 11:44 PM

CJ

“ *She would always do flash cards with us and she would always help me understand math and she would always smile and be happy. from CJ*

CJ - November 27, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gail Hires.*



November 27, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ *Gail was one of the sweetest people I knew. Always had a cheerful smile and attitude. I knew her from GHBS, and Nola and Nila. My condolences to the family she left behind. But went to a much better place. You will always be missed...never forgotten, and always in our memories. Shirley Pilkington Frost.*

Shirley Pilkington Frost - November 26, 2020 at 03:08 PM



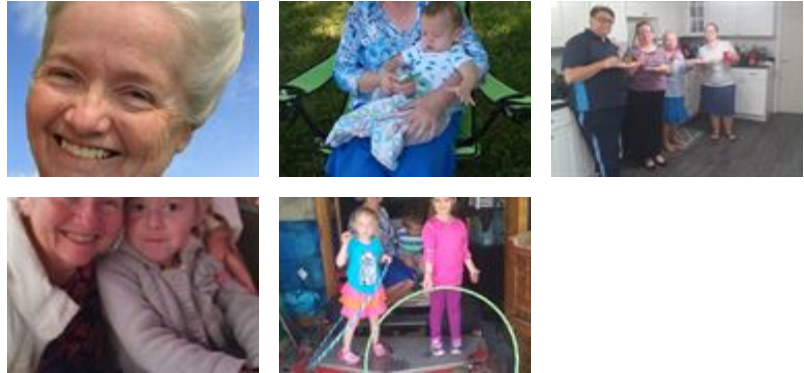
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gail Hires.*



November 25, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ 128 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 25, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Gail Hires*.



November 24, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Gail Hires*.



November 24, 2020 at 09:23 PM

DG

“ We have not been in touch for many years, but fondly remember times together in Hobe Sound. Gail and Paul were a wonderful pair to spend time with, and her lovely smile and quick laughter were her "trademark"! So sorry for your loss. Dave and Rita Green

Dave and Rita Green - November 24, 2020 at 08:54 PM

MR

“ We love her and we will miss her so much Teacher Hires, no other teacher like her in the whole wide world, so sweet and happy❤️



Maria Roberts & Kevin Roberts - November 24, 2020 at 07:02 PM

CD

“ Paul and Gail were our dear friends and our paths have cross-crossed ove the years.
Paul you and your family are in our prayers.
Carrell and Joy Day

Carrell and Joy Day - November 24, 2020 at 05:15 PM

TA

“ The Wesleyan Tabernacle Association purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gail Hires.



The Wesleyan Tabernacle Association - November 24, 2020 at 02:02 PM

GH

“ We have Good memories!! She was Always Sweet!! She took time for Others. She Loved her Grandchildren!!! SO Much, she would have sleepovers with her Grand Babies!! Loved Her!! The Hall's

GILBERT AND CAROLINE HALL - November 24, 2020 at 01:11 PM

GH

“ GILBERT AND CAROLINE HALL lit a candle in memory of Gail Hires



GILBERT AND CAROLINE HALL - November 24, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Hires.



November 24, 2020 at 11:51 AM

JF

“ Gail was my dorm girl in high school. I watched her fall in love with Paul. When they married she cooked too much food for the two of them and my little girls and I literally lived off of her leftovers! She was the most amazing teacher. My girls benefitted from having her as a teacher. She filled her students' minds and hearts with God's Word. It was an unforgettable treat to stay in their home with my PR groups through the years of travel. we always gained weight from her cooking. She and I wrote "Kelsey and the Pink Earmuffs" together. An amazing friend who had a heart big enough for everyone and no one felt left out. She'll be greatly missed and Heaven just became much more interesting since her little feet hit those golden streets! Jackie Foley

Jackie Foley - November 24, 2020 at 10:56 AM

GH

Beautiful! LOVE Your Note!! Jackie Foley!! Gail Was So Sweet!!! Always!! She Loved her Grandchildren!!! She will Be Missed!!!

GILBERT AND CAROLINE HALL - November 24, 2020 at 01:30 PM

LW

“ She was a lover of students, a gifted teacher, and a talented writer of program scripts. She knew how to set an abundant table of delicious food. She will be missed by all who knew her. May God comfort her family. Lonnie and Leta Witt

Lonnie Witt - November 24, 2020 at 09:20 AM

RF

“ Oh! the memories of playing at Sister Lovene's house when I was younger. Gail was just a little girl then, with beautiful long hair and a precious smile. She was the apple of her mother's eye! May God comfort your family, as only He can do! What a Glad Reunion Day for Sis. Lovene and her mother Sis. Pendergraft!

Ruthie Farriester - November 24, 2020 at 08:42 AM

PS

“ *She had the gift of hospitality in abundance. Numerous times I was in her home with student groups and she fed them until they could eat nothing more and made sure they had plenty of fun things to do and were comfortable. Students would ask if they could go on their day off to the Hires’ house. Even more than that, she was a genuinely caring person who loved her family, her students, her friends and people in general. She will be greatly missed.*

Paul Stetler - November 24, 2020 at 06:04 AM

MD

“ *Sis Hires, dearly loved her students, including 3 of my grandsons. Hunter, Tanner and Colton Dodrill. They loved her as well! She bragged on them every chance she got!
We honor her for her investment in Christian education!*

Marc Dodrill - November 23, 2020 at 10:24 PM

TP

“ So, so many memories have been racing through my mind since receiving the news. The first memory that immediately came to mind was the very first time I was ever at their home many years ago, we played a game of Guesstures and the phrase Gail had to act out was “putting on cowboy boots”. Well she started at her feet and kept on going all the way up until she had those pretend “cowboy boots” almost up to her hip. Of course everyone guessed everything BUT cowboy boots and all these years later that memory would still pop up once awhile and we would laugh about the longest pair of cowboy boots ever. Even in the worst of times she always had a smile on her face and was always quick to laugh. She was one of the most giving individuals I have ever met. She had no greater love then her children and her grandchildren. I was a witness to that love very often and for some reason some of it spilled over onto me. I will always cherish those memories. She will be greatly missed.

Tiffany Powell - November 23, 2020 at 10:01 PM

RT

“ Sis. Hires was a true friend and an excellent teacher. I so enjoyed our times of working together getting school rooms ready for classes to begin. We had many good talks and laughs together. I'm so glad we were friends @

Rita Tomes - November 23, 2020 at 08:34 PM

LJ

“ Gail Hires-you were a tiny lady but you possessed a BIG heart. Always giving, always loving!!! I am so thankful God allowed our paths to cross! What a blessing it was to work alongside you on the Women of Worth committee~ and, thanks for teaching our Alyson. Before you came to be her teacher she really never had a teacher who cared so much~!!! I loved your smiles and your hugs! Waiting for that BIG Homecoming in the sky---I'm sure you are on the planning committee. Please know in my heart you will never be forgotten. Trisha---and Larry Jewett!

Lawrence A. Jr. Jewett - November 23, 2020 at 08:34 PM