



## Gale Rickert

November 3, 1957 - February 19, 2024

My beautiful bride of over 38 years and best friend has joined her mom and dad in heaven. She left in peace, I was at her side holding her with last kisses.

Please honor my request that the memorial service is restricted to immediate family members only. In the coming weeks/months to follow, I plan on a Celebration of Life so all of her friends, colleagues, and acquaintances can come and remember the good time shared with Gale.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to be made to Dorchester Paws.

Thanks, Ross (JB)

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ I just recently became aware of her passing. Gale was an excellent leader, co-worker and hella' engineer. RIP my friend, Godspeed and good tailwinds!

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**Brian Campos** - August 07, 2024 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ Very sorry to hear about Gale. I always felt safe flying with her. She was always kind, jovial, courteous and professional. May God bring comfort to all those who had the honor and privilege of knowing and flying with her.

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**Robert Burleson** - February 26, 2024 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear this news. She was a very kind soul in the 76 MAS at Charleston AFB years.

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**John Strickland** - February 25, 2024 at 03:14 PM

NS

“ I have so many memories but the one that touched me most was when she came home from camping to attend George's funeral. I told her I was surprised to see her as I knew she had been camping, her response was for this came home. She will be missed by so many from all walks of life. Rest in piece my friend.

Nancy

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**nancy svagerko** - February 25, 2024 at 01:09 PM



JC

“ *My soul is saddened for the loss of my friend. You will be missed terribly. RIP red Sonya*

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**Joe Don Cool** - February 24, 2024 at 11:59 PM

DC

“ *Once the milestone is complete the journey ends swiftly. My deepest sympathy. Doris C. Johnson*

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**Doris C. Johnson** - February 22, 2024 at 09:54 AM

LS

“ *It's been almost 10 years since I was saw you and now you're gone. It's crazy really, but anyway I still remember all that you taught me from my freshman year up to my senior year and I still follow those core values til this very day. You have been brutally honest with me when you have to and gracious when I felt like I didn't deserve it. You've lived a great life and unfortunately it was time for you to go. You will be missed by many if not by all who knew you. RIP, Sgt. Rickert. We will always love you.*

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**Linda Serrano** - February 22, 2024 at 03:41 AM

CS

“ *Srgt. Rickert I'm going to miss you so much you impacted us all through school and after I thank you for everything.*

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**Christie Simmons** - February 21, 2024 at 11:19 PM

AM

“ My heart and prayers go out to you JB. I knew Gale from Eastern Star. We spent many years traveling together, hanging out, just having fun. She was a great friend and someone who was always a joy to be around. She will be missed.



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**Andrea Barry Mann** - February 21, 2024 at 08:33 PM

JH

“ Gale was a special Eastern Star sister. She was an inspiration to all .She will be missed by all who knew her.

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**Joanne Huckstep** - February 21, 2024 at 05:48 PM

LN

“ Aww I love youu I will always remember all of the memories in ROTC with you & everyone. Thank you for everything. Sending my condolences to your friends and family <3 2012-2016

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**laura nation** - February 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM

RL

“ Gale was always a very giving person. She was a joy to work with while I was at Charleston AFB. Condolences JB. I'm sure she will be missed by many.  
Rob Lyons

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**Robert Lyons** - February 21, 2024 at 04:26 PM

LH

“ I had the terrific fortune of meeting SMSgt Rickert at CLC at the Citadel. I was lucky to spend a week for 2 summers standing in awe of one of my heroes. So many great memories. Her kindness upon learning of my son’s heavenly deployment to Valhalla meant a lot. I know my son welcomed her to Valhalla and she’s making sure everything is squared away. Fly high SMSgt

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**lisa heintz** - February 21, 2024 at 03:38 PM

TS

“ In disbelief of such sad news and one that has devastated the Brady family. You were like an aunt to me and I am so fortunate to have grown up around you since I was a toddler. So many memories from squadron picnics and boating days out at Short Stay, to you being there for EVERY big milestone in my life, an incredible friend to my parents, so many countless memories to name. I know you are flying that C-141 bird high and instructing an ROTC class of students like you did at my alma mater up there in the heavens. Don't take no shit from them up there you fiesty red head. You are with your parents now and I know all your cats you so dearly loved are excited to see you, but gosh you left us too early and that we will never understand. A huge void you have left behind but rest assured never forgotten. Give them hell red

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**Theresa Swofford** - February 21, 2024 at 03:23 PM

MR

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Gale was an amazing person, and who always helped me with any NASA project I brought to her! She never said NO...  
Her dedication to students was admirable!!  
She will be missed!!

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**MRoyle** - February 21, 2024 at 02:27 PM

AW

“ *Mr. JB and SMSgt. Rickert's family, I am incredibly sorry for your loss and wish you comfort at this devastating time.*

*SMSgt. Rickert was more than an instructor, she was a warm and strong friend. I would not be who I am had I not met her. I am so grateful to have been known and loved by her. I love you, SMSgt. Rickert. Thank you.*

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**Autumn Jean Weidman** - February 21, 2024 at 11:58 AM

MK

“ *I flew with Gale when I was in the 76th Airlift Squadron at Charleston AFB. In a time when there was few woman Flight Engineers I remember her as an excellent FE, examiner as well as an Instructor.*

*The knowledge I gained from her led me down a path to a long career as both a military and civilian Flight Engineer.  
God Bless!*

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**Michael Kalbfleisch** - February 21, 2024 at 11:28 AM

LC

“ *1 file added to the album Clark & Law family memories*



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**Linda Law Clark** - February 21, 2024 at 11:26 AM

RC

“ *May our Father shower the family with HIS comfort and peace, 'peace that passeth all understanding.' We will miss you, Ms. Gale.*



Rivers & Janet Cole - February 21, 2024 at 09:09 AM

CB

“ *You have touched so many lives and made an impact throughout your career. Giving us the foundation to be successful in life. Thank you for everything. You will be missed, we love you!*

Chase Banker - February 21, 2024 at 08:36 AM

AM

“ *I'm so shocked to hear of her passing! She was a huge impact on all her students including me! Rest in peace Sargent Rickert!*

AME - February 21, 2024 at 08:32 AM

MC

“ *Sgt. Rickert was one of the three people who mentored me through highschool, she gave me the most brutally honest advice any highschool student could have needed and gave me the strength to look at things in a new perspective. I will forever appreciate her and how tall she stood*❤️

maria clements - February 21, 2024 at 08:27 AM

KE

“ *She will be missed by many of her students who's lives have been forever changed by her wonderful influence. Sgt. Rickert. We love you forever. Rest peacefully, beautiful*

keoshia - February 21, 2024 at 08:18 AM

JD

“ *My deepest condolences . Gale was a great person and engineer. She and I flew together on several missions on the C141. Always very professional and great sense of humor.I am heartbroken . Praying for her husband JB and family.*

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**Joe Dowd** - February 20, 2024 at 11:24 PM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences. Flew with her all over the world. She was a very caring and a professional person. She will be missed by many.*

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**Mike Merwin** - February 20, 2024 at 10:05 PM

RW

“ *So sorry to hear the news and for your loss. Gale was a mentor and professional. She did my first flight check at the XX.*

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**René Weber** - February 20, 2024 at 09:01 PM



“ *Gale was a role model....I thank her for paving the way, for her strength, and being fierce (in the best way). I admired her and I will tip a good bourbon in her honor.*

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**Christina Richards** - February 20, 2024 at 09:00 PM

MP

Dear JB,

*I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Gale. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. May Gale rest in peace, and may you find comfort in the cherished memories you shared together.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Mark Patten*

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**Mark Patten** - February 21, 2024 at 05:43 PM

DD

*JB, so sorry to learn of Gale's passing. She was a friend and Corvette Fanatic. She will be missed. Condolences to you from Coastal Carolina Corvette Club!*

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**Del Davids** - February 21, 2024 at 06:08 PM

GW

“ *JB, I have no words to describe how sorry I am for your loss.*

*Greg Weber*

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**Greg Weber** - February 20, 2024 at 08:41 PM

RD

“ *I'm deeply sorry to hear of her passing. She was a mentor of mine and a close friend during a difficult time in my life, she will be greatly missed. My the Lord bless your family.*

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**Robert Daniels** - February 20, 2024 at 08:33 PM

LA

“ *Our deepest condolences JB. Gale was my FE Instructor on the C-141B. She was the best and most of all a nice Lady.*

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**Larry Alva** - February 20, 2024 at 08:27 PM

CL

“ Gale was one of my best friends. I was honored when she asked me to stand with her when she got married. She was a joy to fly with and explore different countries. I will miss her greatly! Prayers for JB and family. Fly high Gale!

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**Cecelia Lange** - February 20, 2024 at 07:54 PM

MR

“ JB,  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
Mark Redman

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**Mark Redman** - February 20, 2024 at 07:44 PM

BF

“ So sorry to hear this. I flew many a mission with Gale over the years from Charleston AFB and it was always a pleasure flying with her. My deepest condolences to the family and to you JB, she will be greatly missed.

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**Bill Fielders** - February 20, 2024 at 07:38 PM

RM

“ I met Gail when I got to the XX squadron. We were both flight examiners and worked together in Stan Eval. Gail was a pro. She was also dependable and a lot of fun to fly with. So glad I was able to see her at the reunion. What a loss for all of us.

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**Rodger McElrea** - February 20, 2024 at 07:27 PM

DC

“ Gale was an amazing woman and military leader. I will always remember her in her yellow corvette. RiP Gale. You brought so much joy to the world. Diane Chancey.

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**Diane Chancey** - February 20, 2024 at 06:57 PM

CR

“ Gale was my instructor in my second overseas mission on the C-141. Right then I knew she really knew the airplane and I was going to learn a lot from her. She was the consummate professional and a great mentor plus an all around great person. My heart goes out to JB and all of Gale’s family.

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**Craig** - February 20, 2024 at 06:42 PM

RL

*I am so sorry. I too was one of her students. I learned a lot from her. She, and JB also had me out on their boat, on the rivers. So, so sorry. In my prayers.*

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**Russ Lorraine** - February 20, 2024 at 07:24 PM

BC

“ So sorry to get this news. Flew with her several time..great FE and an amazing human being.

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**Barry Crocker** - February 20, 2024 at 06:31 PM

BR

“ Gale was Great gal, enjoyed flying with her, learn a lot from her. Blueskies Gale

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**Ben Reed** - February 20, 2024 at 05:12 PM

  
George  
Liley

“ A life cut to short. She was wonderful person . The world is a lesser place without her in it

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**George Liley** - February 20, 2024 at 04:28 PM