



## Martha Gail LaForest

December 17, 1953 - August 2, 2018

Martha Gail LaForest, 64, of Kingsley, passed away on August 2, 2018 at Munson Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. She was born on December 17, 1953 in Alabama to the late James Donaldson and Mary Brown.

Martha married the love of her life, William LaForest on December 27, 1971. She was a wonderful mother to three beautiful girls. Martha loved being a homemaker, where she would dance and dance with her grand babies. She was known as "Nonnie" to everyone who loved her. She was a loving wife and mother and always showed kindness and love to everyone she crossed paths with. Her home has an open-door policy to anyone and everyone. Martha had a smile that could light up any room, with a contagious laugh.

She loved the outdoors where she could soak up the sun, go boating and plant her flowers. Martha loved to enjoy Coke Cola in a can her straw, play rummy, scrabble, and enjoyed watching her westerns and soaps. Her patience, loyalty, honesty, sense of humor, and smile will never be forgotten. Anytime you see a monarch butterfly think of Matha Gail.

Martha is survived by her loving husband, William J. LaForest; her children, Frances Helen (Tom) Newcombe, Jamie Gail (Paul) Vaught, and Lisa Marie (Ryan) Darling; her siblings, Michael (Vicki) Smith, Jim Donaldson, Teresa (David) Peal, and Brenda (Tom) Donaldson; her grandchildren, RJ (Destiny), Christopher (Brooke), Cheyenne (Josh), Robbie, Catherine, Austin, Dustin, Sara, Alyssa, Savannah (Kirey), Tyler (Meranda); her three great

grandchildren, Tucker Jo, Westin Jo, Walker James, Cabella Jo; many brothers and sister-in-laws; many nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews; and best friends, Michelle Traylor and Cindy Bartnick. She is preceded in death by Fred and Janet Smith; brother, Barry Gene Donaldson; and her baby sister, Patricia Ann Donaldson.

A memorial service is scheduled for August 18, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Martha's home, 6649 Walton Rd., Kingsley, MI 49649.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

LaForest Residence  
6649 Walton Rd.  
Kingsley , MI 49649

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Gail LaForest*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Martha Gail LaForest*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Deanna Mikolasik lit a candle in memory of Martha Gail LaForest*



Deanna Mikolasik - August 12, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *I love you Gail. You are a wonderful and caring person. I enjoyed our time together. I just wished you could have come for a visit last year. I will remember how you shot from the hip and didn't care who's toes you stepped on. I loved this about you the most. This isn't a goodbye it's a see you later my precious*



linda - August 11, 2018 at 06:11 PM

PW

“ My earliest memory of Auntie Gail was when I was about 2 1/2 years old. The first men landing on the moon was on television and Auntie Gail had her hair up in curlers and had her head covered with a chiffon wrap. She was always loving and sweet to me. I spent several summers with her in Michigan. I love you to the moon and back Auntie Gail. This is not goodbye but just I'll see you later.

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**Phillip Wheeler** - August 11, 2018 at 12:56 AM

BD

“ Brnda Donaldson lit a candle in memory of Martha Gail LaForest



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**Brnda Donaldson** - August 10, 2018 at 09:16 PM

BD

“ I remember the time Gail and i were playing in the woods with our baby dolls.  
We made mud pies,furniture for our play house, out of pine needles. We were having a blast, then heard a noise and seen a snake. We were so scared and ran as fast as we could. We looke behind us and seen the blue racer humped up chasing us.Momma made our older bother Jim go get our baby dolls the next day.I miss you sis, life will never be the same without you in in my life. Love You

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**Brnda Donaldson** - August 10, 2018 at 09:14 PM

GC

“ I remember us (Gail) and all her siblings playing as kids on the farm !! We always had so much fun laughs and shenanngans ,, Your gonna be truly missed by all the Cuzz .. Love you prayers to Family ..



**Garry Cagle** - August 10, 2018 at 06:38 AM

Jamie Vaught

“ Jamie Vaught lit a candle in memory of Martha Gail LaForest



**Jamie Vaught** - August 09, 2018 at 07:15 PM

Jamie Vaught

*Love you mom and miss you so much. Missing our talks after work and your laugh. Love you so much rest easy mom, love you*

**Jamie Vaught** - August 09, 2018 at 07:16 PM

TA

“ RIP Aunt Gail..... I loved You and you will be missed.



**Tanya** - August 09, 2018 at 06:09 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry for all of you. Her memories will live on forever with us. I have lots of memories staying the night with Aunt Gail, Uncle Billy and the girls. We always had fun. She will be missed. I love you all and my prayers are with you.

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**Dawn Bevins** - August 08, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Martha Gail LaForest .



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August 07, 2018 at 09:55 PM

Terri Peal

“ Terri Peal lit a candle in memory of Martha Gail LaForest



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**Terri Peal** - August 07, 2018 at 08:47 PM

FL

*I love you mom they called you home to early they need you more then I do I don't understand I love you always I am going to miss you for ever*

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**Frances Laforest** - August 07, 2018 at 09:09 PM

FL

*You was the Best Mom*

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**Frances Laforest** - August 07, 2018 at 09:11 PM

KW

*RIP. You will always be remembered. I will miss your laugh.*

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**Kathy. Whittaker** - August 08, 2018 at 08:52 PM

BO

*My heart hurts with sadness. May you rest in peace.  
Sending butterfly kids sets to you.*

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**Bonnie** - August 12, 2018 at 11:46 PM

BO

*Kisses to you.*

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**Bonnie** - August 12, 2018 at 11:49 PM

AN

“ *I will always remember your laugh and all our talk when I was younger. Love to my big brother Bill and his family. My heart is with you.*

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**Amy Nowell** - August 07, 2018 at 08:21 PM