



## Gail Barbour Mayhew

August 16, 1950 - June 20, 2023

Joyce Gail Harris Barbour Mayhew, went to her heavenly home on June 20, 2023 after a year long illness.

Gail was born August 16, 1950, in Fieldale, VA, to Barbara and Clyde Harris. She was the youngest of five daughters. Gail graduated from Fieldale-Collinsville High School and worked as a claims adjuster for State Farm for 33 years.

She is survived by her spouse, Bicky Mayhew, of the residence; daughters Kirin Barbour Whitehead (spouse Brian) and Lyndsay Barbour Thorne (spouse Robert); grandchildren Abigail Hudson Whitehead, Wesley Paul Thorne, and Dominic Paul Whitehead. She is predeceased by her parents, her four sisters (Pearlie May Reynolds, Ida Dean Whitlow, Alma Gay Stultz, and Dovalee Shilling), her first spouse, V. Paul Barbour, Jr., and her granddaughter, Kaitlyn Faith Thorne.

During her illness, she was cared for by Brenda Bass and Frances Howerton and the family extends their most heartfelt thanks to these wonderful women for their loving care. The family is also grateful for the nurses from Commonwealth Hospice, Paige and Alisha, who were instrumental in providing Gail comfort in her final days. Finally, the family extends thanks to Elizabeth Harris, FNP, of PATHS for the outstanding primary care she

provided to Gail over the years.

Visitation will be held at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel on Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 6 – 7:30 pm.

Funeral services will be held at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 11 am, with graveside service to follow at Highland Burial Park.

At other times, the family will receive friends at the Thorne residence at 115 Sugar Lake DR, Danville, VA, 24541.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the MCV Foundation in support of the Hume-Lee Transplant Center, noting on the check's memo line that the gift is in memory of Gail Mayhew, and mailed to VCU Gifts & Records, Box 843042, Richmond, VA, 23284-3042. Online gifts may be made by visiting [Support.vcu.edu/give/medicine](https://support.vcu.edu/give/medicine) or [Support.vcu.edu/give/vcuhealth](https://support.vcu.edu/give/vcuhealth)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
(434) 793-5511  
info@wrenn-yeatts.com  
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gail Barbour Mayhew*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - June 22, 2023 at 09:35 AM

FT

*I always thought a lot of Gail, she was one of those special friends that if you new her was to love her, I'm so glad her daughter is my daughter- in - law, so proud of her, Gail will be missed—see you later in heaven,love you!!!*

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**Frances Thorne** - June 22, 2023 at 12:46 PM

CH

“ *So sorry for the loss of your loved one. May God bless each one of you during this time of sorrow.*



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**Colleen Hardy** - June 27, 2023 at 11:56 AM

LH

“ I have always remembered Gail as my champion. I was a new first grader in Fieldale Elementary School and she was in second. While waiting for the bus to pick us up to go home we students would play on the playground. The swings were always occupied by the older children, but one older boy told me he would "count out" another child on the swing so that I could have a turn. (Counting out was the method of turn-taking at the time, that is, if you were older.) So, I got to swing as the older boy pushed me higher and higher, so high that I wasn't able to get out of the swing. As my dress (required then) flew in the air the group of boys around the swing whooped and hollered about my panties, in their full glory. It all sounds cute, but I felt helpless. I was mortified, afraid, and powerless to stop the commotion. Then came Gail, only a year older but totally in control and in command of the situation, demanding that they leave me alone. And they did, stopping the swing and letting me out. She asked if I was okay, comforted me, and stayed with me until the bus arrived. Even now it brings tears to my eyes. How young, how brave, and what a champion she was. That was her character then, and I only imagine it lasted her entire life.

Linda Franklin Hube - June 23, 2023 at 11:12 AM

LT

*This is the sweetest story we've ever heard about Mom as a child! She was a champion and a fighter and would always stand up for what was right! That carried on throughout her life! Thank you SO MUCH for sharing! Take care... Lyndsay (her youngest daughter)*

Lyndsay Thorne - April 12, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JS

“ I will miss Ricky and Gail coming into the salon for services..I always enjoyed talking to her about a million subjects. She was fun. Rest in peace my friend. Pikie smith

Julia P Smith - June 23, 2023 at 09:20 AM

F!

“ Frances, Lindsey, Josh, Shauna !!!!! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gail Barbour Mayhew.



Frances, Lindsey, Josh, Shauna !!!!! - June 22, 2023 at 01:06 PM

LS

“ I could not have asked for a better friend than Gail.I appreciate that friendship more than words can saySuch good memories !

lela saul - June 22, 2023 at 10:54 AM

LT

She loved you lots, Lela! Best friends! Lyndsay

Lyndsay Thorne - April 12, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ 150 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - June 22, 2023 at 08:41 AM



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



June 22, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Barbour Mayhew.*



June 21, 2023 at 10:13 PM



“ *Connie Hall lit a candle in memory of Gail Barbour Mayhew*



**Connie Hall** - June 21, 2023 at 02:33 PM



*Go rest high on that mountain....rest in peace.*

**Connie Hall** - June 21, 2023 at 02:35 PM

EP

“ Girls I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful great lady. My mama sure loved her and you girls. My mom was Muriel. I enjoyed hearing about you all from mama when you were growing up. You girls were blessed with a wonderful loving mom. You are in my prayers. Remember all those wonderful memories. Ellen Boaz Pruitt

Ellen B. Pruitt - June 21, 2023 at 11:16 AM

LT

Thank you for your sweet comments! Oh how we loved our Muriel!!! She was precious to both Kirin and I. Take care!

Lyndsay Thorne - April 12, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gail Barbour Mayhew.

June 21, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gail Barbour Mayhew.



June 21, 2023 at 08:16 AM

DL

“ *Darlene Lee-Hill lit a candle in memory of Gail Barbour Mayhew*



Darlene Lee-Hill - June 20, 2023 at 10:06 PM



“ *Sherri Yeatts lit a candle in memory of Gail Barbour Mayhew*



Sherri Yeatts - June 20, 2023 at 07:20 PM

MW

“ *Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Gail Barbour Mayhew*



Maggie Williams - June 20, 2023 at 06:57 PM

MW

*Loved Gail, she was a beautiful person, with a beautiful Soul.*

Maggie Williams - June 20, 2023 at 06:58 PM

LT

*She LOVED you too! Me and Kirin love you too! Lyndsay*

Lyndsay Thorne - April 12, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Barbour Mayhew.* ”



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June 20, 2023 at 02:03 PM