



## Rachel L. Gish

April 16, 1945 - July 26, 2018

Rachel L. Gish, of Elizabethtown, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, July 26, 2018.

She was the loving wife of Jay Gish with whom she was married for nearly 53 years. Born April 16, 1945, in West Donegal Township, she was the daughter of the late Martha and Walter Heisey and was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Groff.

As a child, Rachel thoroughly enjoyed the shenanigans associated with being part of a large family with 5 siblings. A graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School, she spent much of her adult life as a pianist/organist and as a piano teacher for many students. She furthered her education with music courses at Millersville University and Lebanon Valley College.

Rachel was a kind, gentle and loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister who always enjoyed a good laugh. She modeled generosity, always doing and caring for others while expecting nothing in return. Rachel cherished her daily walks of several miles with friends, family or simply alone.

In addition to Jay, she is survived by two sons, Kevin Gish of Sharon, VT and Andy Gish of Annapolis, MD; siblings: Marian Keener, Ken Heisey, Jean Snyder and Joe Heisey; and 4 grandchildren: Margaret, Chris, Casey and

Drew; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at Grace Brethren Church, 305 Anchor Rd, Elizabethtown, PA on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm, with a visitation from 5:00 pm until the start of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association, <https://alz.org>.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Kevin, Andy and Mr. Gish, Though many moons have passed since I have seen your mom, I still remember her welcoming, loving and endearing personality. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know her when I was a young girl. If I had a chance to say goodbye to her, I would thank her for raising such great kids and for the opportunity to share some super fun times with your family. I'd thank her for passing on her sweet smile to the next generation and for nurturing a sense of humor in all. I would thank her for providing me, as a young and impressionable girl, such a great example of a beautiful committed marriage and hard-working and loving family. I thank God for blessing me with the chance to have known such a sweet, kind and welcoming spirit. I'm sorry to learn that Alzheimer's stole her mind, but her heart is still very present in the legacy she leaves behind. May she be remembered eternally among the saints and may God have mercy on her soul.

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**Theanne Touloumes Gagianas** - August 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *An Indoor Planter was ordered on July 31, 2018*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - July 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Jay, Kevin, Andy and the Heisey Family: I was so saddened by the news that God called Rachel home. I will always remember the many good times we shared with her, her warm smile and the way she cared for her family. She was a truly a beautiful person and a talented musician. She will be missed and I have no doubt that we will see her again in the glory of heaven. But for now, I will keep all of you in my thoughts and lift you up in prayer for God's hand of comfort to lead you through this difficult time. With sincerest sympathy: Terry L. Starr & Family

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**Terry Starr** - July 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM