



## Gail Edwards Sifford

March 23, 1948 - April 16, 2024

Gail Edwards Sifford, 76, of Charlotte, NC passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at Lake Park Health and Rehabilitation Center in Indian Trail. She was born on March 23, 1948 in Pageland, SC, the youngest of two children born to Joseph Worth Edwards and Virginia Presson Edwards.

She was a graduate of Garinger High School. Gail then went on to attend UNC Greensboro and ultimately received her degree as an English Major from UNC Charlotte.

Blessed with an ability to sort numbers and data, Gail worked for IBM as a clerical and financial clerk for over 30 years. She also was employed at Parks & Co. Upon retirement, she enjoyed being part of Garinger Girls and spending time with friends and family. Gail was an avid reader who enjoyed reading multiple books at a time and she also loved watching classic movies. In addition, she was very interested in genealogy; documenting family lineage and history at official positions in both district and state levels for the DAR and UDC. Most of all, Gail loved the Lord and spending time with others. She fiercely shared that love of God through fellowship and bible study groups. She often participated in multiple study groups at a time as well as serving as a leader for Bible Study Fellowship for Women.

Through his mother, Gail met the love of her life in John Robert Sifford. They

married, made a home and raised two children: Stephanie and Brad, in Charlotte, NC. In addition to working for IBM and her other life activities, she was blessed to be called Mom and also “GG”. Her grandson, William, who she called “her sunshine” shared a close bond and spoke weekly. The two loved to spend time together getting coffee and frequenting bookstores, sharing a love of reading and stories together.

Gail is survived by her two children whom she adored, Stephanie Sifford Westhues (JT) of Normal, Illinois, and their son William and John Bradford Sifford (Valerie Harris) of Indian Trail, NC, and his stepchildren: Zach and Preston. She is also survived by her brother, Joe Edwards (Carol) of Indian Trail. Gail is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband and the love of her life, John Robert Sifford.

Gail was a gracious woman who loved her family and her Lord. She had a heart for so many and loved seeing and believing in the beauty of life and God’s creations. Memorials may be made to Children’s National Hospital of Washington, D.C. Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, The Ronald McDonald House, St. John’s Baptist Church or the charity of one’s choice.

Gail’s family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for her and for them. A visitation for friends and family will be held from 4P.M. to 7P.M on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Lowe-Nedoo Funeral Home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road in Matthews..

The family will greet friends for a Memorial Service at 11A.M on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at St. John’s Baptist Church, 300 Hawthorne Lane in Charlotte with a reception at Lasatar Hall to follow. Interment of ashes for family and close friends will be at 10A.M. on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at Magnolia Gardens, located on the grounds of Calvary Church, 5801 Pineville-Matthews

Road in Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Memorial Gardens

5801 Pineville–Matthews Road  
Charlotte, NC 28226  
[http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18\\_150\\_112.cfm](http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18_150_112.cfm)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 23.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home  
4715 Margaret Wallace Road  
Matthews, NC 28105  
(866) 682-4043  
[info@loweneddo.com](mailto:info@loweneddo.com)  
<https://www.loweneddofuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

**APR 24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St John's Baptist Church  
300 Hawthorne Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28204  
<https://stjohnsbaptistchurch.org/>

## Graveside Service

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APR **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Magnolia Memorial Gardens  
5801 Pineville–Matthews Road  
Charlotte, NC 28226  
[http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18\\_150\\_112.cfm](http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18_150_112.cfm)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gail Edwards Sifford*



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**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - April 23, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ *Donna H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail Edwards Sifford.*

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**Donna H.** - May 09, 2024 at 11:23 AM

WF

“ Gail was my best friend throughout high school; we had a long platonic relationship by phone after we graduated. Our spouses understood. In fact, our families traveled together on several occasions and were very close.

*I spoke to Gail only days before her passing. She was planning a trip to Birmingham to see me. I tried again to call her yesterday, and found this notice today.*

*I am shocked and terribly saddened at her lost to this world. But I know she and Johnny and the Lord are rejoicing in the next life. My sincere regrets to her children and family. God bless you all.*

*William (Bill) Funderburk*

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**William (Bill) Funderburk** - May 08, 2024 at 08:05 AM

RB

“ I am so sorry to learn of Gail's passing. I was blessed to have worked with Gail at IBM starting around 1985ish. She was the first Customer Support Representative whom I worked with (for)...Gail took a great deal of pride (in her words) "in training Burdick" (as she did for many new "whipper snappers". We became good friends then and I always enjoyed seeing her over the years. It was great to see the many photographs of her growing up in your tribute to her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as we all celebrate her life, Gail was such a beautiful soul. God speed.

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**Rob Burdick** - April 25, 2024 at 07:11 AM

SI

“ Siffords purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Gail Edwards Sifford.



Siffords - April 23, 2024 at 02:41 PM

BZ

“ Beth Z. purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Gail Edwards Sifford.



Beth Z. - April 23, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gail Edwards Sifford.



April 23, 2024 at 09:28 AM



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



April 22, 2024 at 08:33 PM

LB

“ I will miss you Aunt Gail. Memory of you and me on your wedding day. And I just wanted you to stop and let me know everything was ok. You sent me this picture and I have always cherished it. What a light in this world and my light when I was a little girl and I will forever miss you. I love you. Love Leanne



Leanne Brunelle - April 22, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail Edwards Sifford.



April 22, 2024 at 11:37 AM

TP

“ Tess, Robert & Veronica Pietrucci planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail Edwards Sifford.

Tess, Robert & Veronica Pietrucci - April 22, 2024 at 11:37 AM

JC

“ Joe and Carole purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gail Edwards Sifford.



Joe and Carole - April 22, 2024 at 09:01 AM



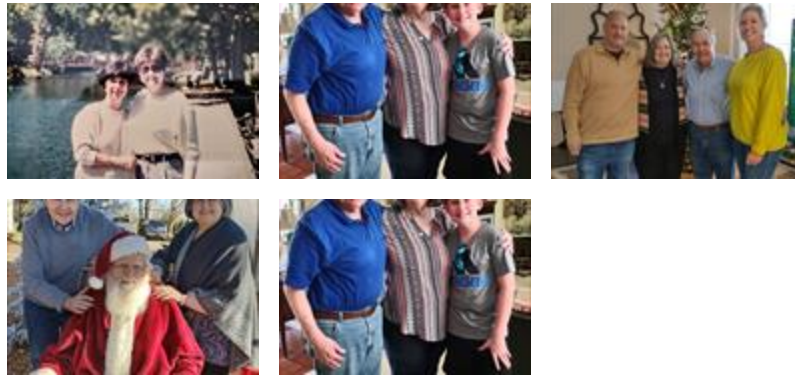
“ - purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gail Edwards Sifford.



-- April 22, 2024 at 09:01 AM



“ My Aunt Gail was always so supportive and had a smile on her face every time we got together. She loved her children and especially her sweet William. She and my Dad had a close bond and loved each other dearly. She will be missed. Love you Aunt Gail!!❤️



Ashli Courtwright - April 21, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ What a lovely lady a good friend. My love to the family.

Carol Caywood - April 21, 2024 at 06:49 PM

BH

“ A Memory? Where to start? Classmates from 64-66 at Garinger. Enjoyed so much being in classes with Gail, especially Bible with our beloved teacher, Janet Robinson. Kept in touch with her especially in our Garinger Girls 66 group since 2012. We shared hugs and big smiles as we greeted one another. She was also in DAR ... I first ran into her years ago at The Landmark. She was having lunch with a few of the ladies and I was with my Mother. We were so glad to see one another, both got up to greet with a big tight hug, my eyes welling with tears. We never forgot that day.... Love to her daughter, Stephanie and grandson, William. They both were her “ mini me’s”. Oh my, how she adored William.. Her face lit up like a candle whenever his name was mentioned. Praying to Almighty God for Comfort, Christ’s Peace and Holy Spirit to give guidance during their time of grief.

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Becky Johnson Hargett - April 21, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gail Edwards Sifford.



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April 21, 2024 at 04:11 PM