



Gail Cook

March 3, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of Lorita Gail Cook, who departed this life after a lengthy illness on Tuesday afternoon, March 3, 2026, in the presence of her loved ones.

Lorita Gail Collins Cook was born at Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas, to Lola Mae and Lawrence Howard Collins. She grew up in the old Northeast Side with her younger sisters, Elaine and Nancy. In the ninth grade at Burbank Jr. High School, during a Home Economics baking contest, Gail won first place for her Pumpkin Spiced Cake. She also shot the winning goal of the girls' championship basketball game. Having a passion for music, she remained a loyal member of the Glee Club from seventh through twelfth grades. In high school, Gail was a proud member of Company B, where she played the snare drum for the high-stepping Houstonette Drill Team. She graduated in 1973 from Sam Houston High School.

Gail lived a life rooted in faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, kindness and quiet strength. From an early age she accepted Christ and directed her life to loving the Lord and serving others. Following in the footsteps of her mother, Gail shouldered a legacy of compassion, respect and steadfast service. Gail's faith was the foundation of her life. She held an unwavering trust in God and found comfort and assurance in the promise of Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm

you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” This verse reflected the deep hope and confidence she carried throughout her life.

December 5, 1975, Gail went to work for the City of Houston. She successfully worked in various departments for twenty-eight years, retiring on July 1, 2004

On January 1, 1999, Gail married the love of her life, Thomas “David” Cook. They spent years knowing one another and building a friendship that gradually blossomed into a lasting love. Together they shared countless, cherished memories. He was a blessing to her.

Preceded in death by her parents, Gail leaves behind her beloved husband of twenty-seven years; her faithful sisters, Margaret Elaine Collins and Nancy Louise Morrison; her nephew Jeremy Collins and four nieces.

Gail will be remembered for her gentle spirit and kindhearted nature. She approached life with grace and sincerity, always willing to lend a helping hand, offer a listening ear, or share a word of encouragement. Her humility and genuine care for others left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

We can be assured that Gail, through her salvation in Christ, is now in Heaven, reunited with her parents and her adored fur babies

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to Gail's family and friends during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Magnolia Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Burial

MAR 11 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Margaret, Nancy, Jeremy and girls: It is with sincere condolences that my family morning the lost of Gail, to. We are praying for your entire family. We ask God Almighty to bless Gail's soul, forgive her trespasses and grant her a place in Paradise alongside her beloved parents ❤️ 🙏. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Inas K Hassan - March 12 at 08:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Cook.



March 10 at 01:27 PM



“ E. G. Collins Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gail Cook.



E. G. Collins Family - March 09 at 04:19 PM



“ Sending condolences and love to all. Great memories with “uncle Howard's girls”, and I can hear Gail's wonderful laugh, and her beautiful smile, just like her sweet Momma Aunt Lola. Ernest G Collins Family sending love.

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“ *My condolences to the cook and Collin’s family. Gail and hung out as children we would cut through the neighbors property to visit one another i lived on duff and she lived the net street over.*

karen burnett - March 07 at 12:58 PM