



## Gayle Sutherland

November 11, 1949 - February 10, 2009

Larinda Gayle Sutherland, daughter of James L. And Thelma M. (Foote) Secrest, was born November 11, 1949, at Laverne, Oklahoma, and passed away February 10, 2009, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 59 years, 2 months, and 28 days after losing her fight with Pulmonary Fibrosis while waiting on a much needed lung transplant. Gayle attended Waynoka High School where she had many accomplishments. She was active in basketball, softball, track and was crowned Miss Waynoka in 1967. On September 2, 1967, she was united in marriage to Bobby Leo Sutherland at Waynoka. To this union, three daughters were born. In the early years, Gayle worked as a dental assistant and as a telephone operator. In 1980, Gayle went to work for USPCI. She moved up the ladder there for 13 years and left employment as the Corporate Regulatory Trainer. She started her own training company in 1992, Sutherland & Associates, where she taught regulatory training to many large corporations. While operating her own company for many years, she employed many family members and friends, including her parents. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Waynoka. She served on the Northwest Substance Abuse Center Board for 3 years until she was hired as Executive Director of the facility, a job of which she loved. Gayle was committed to helping people. She always had a smile on her face and an infectious laugh that will be missed. She enjoyed her friends but her husband, daughters, and grandchildren were her life. Gayle is survived by her husband, Bob, of Waynoka; three daughters, Lori Ann Adair and husband, Jay, of Waynoka,

Tambi Dawn Brown and husband, Billy, of Enid, and Cassi Lyn Bouziden and husband, Mitchell of Waynoka; her five grandchildren, Jake Adair of Mooreland, Taggart, Brenli, and Taelyn Brown, all of Enid, and Temperance Bouziden of Waynoka; her parents, Jim and Thelma Secrest of Waynoka; her four brothers, Jimmie Secrest and wife, Jo, of Ardmore, Billy Secrest and wife, Debbie, of Seiling, Danny Secrest and wife, Kelly, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Larry Secrest and wife, Jill, of Stillwater; other relatives and many friends. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for pulmonary fibrosis. Funeral services for Larinda Gayle Sutherland will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, 2009, at the Waynoka School with Mike Marsalis and Rodney Guy officiating. Interment will be in the Waynoka Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka, LLC. At Gayle&s request, the casket will remain closed.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle Sutherland*

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January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Dear Bob, Lori, Tambi and Cassie, I am so sorry about your great loss. There is little to say in this time but hang in there help each other through it. I know my mom was very saddened in your loss. She talked alot of her and your mom playing ball and when they were in school. I can&t imagine how hard it is for you girls to lose your mom. I will keep you all in my prayers and thoughts. God bless you. Mandy Smiley Porter*

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**Mandy Smiley Porter** - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thelma, Jim, Billy, Danny, and Larry,  
How deeply saddened I am and do extended my most heart felt sympathies to each of you and the rest of the family. I am still in shock at the news of the passing of "my dear sweet Gayle." (She was my first "heart throb" of any consequence.)  
May God&s strength and comfort be with you all in the coming days as you each deal with the grief of your loss in your own way. The loss of a loved one is not something you get over, you just learn how to handle it better with each passing day.  
Please know that you are in my prayers that God will bless and comfort you in this time of great loss.  
With greatest sympathy,  
Patrick Andrews, Minister Southeast church of Christ San Antonio, TX*

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**Patrick Andrews** - February 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Lori and Jay: I was so sorry to learn of Gayle&s passing. I remember her giving me my training when I first started work. She was always willing to go the extra step for everyone in class. I will always remember her and keep her in my thoughts.*

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**Paul Shaw** - February 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ *Bob, Lori, Tambi, Cassi, Thelma and Jim We are so sorry for your loss. I know what you are going through as I have lost my Mom also. Just cling to the memories and in time it will be easier, but you will always have her with you in your heart. We love you guys and if you need anything we are here.*

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**Rita Inman** - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *To all the Sutherland family...our thoughts and prayers go with you at this difficult time. Gayle and I played guards together on the basketball team in high school. She was quite an athlete and so very beautiful. Her smile was electrifying. Jim and Thelma, mom sends her sincere sympathy to you. She is here in Ashland residing at Foutain View Villa.  
Lean not on your own understanding and trust in the Lord.  
Blessings, Carol Faurot Bouziden*

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**Carol Faurot Bouziden** - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ To Gayle&s family, the loves of her life. I had an opportunity today to be a part of the homegoing celebration that was held at the high school, nothing would have kept me from it. I too have sat on the front row, where you girls sat and my heart felt your hurt! The thing that gave me strength and has carried me these 27 years is the example that my mother left. As I sat in that school auditorium, I realized that is what will keep you, remembering who she was; the wife, the mother, the grandmother, the daughter, the sister and most importantly the Christian. It is not the amount of years that a person lives and I realized that when I lost my mother at 53 years and 9 months but it was how she lived, who she touched and the difference she made; my dears, your mother made a difference. I met her through the treatment center and there was nothing that I asked of her that she did not do (last minute surveys or meetings, point of clarification or whatever came up during the course of the business day). She did not have any treatment experience, was not a clinician, did not have a license BUT she was certified and qualified in the ability to care. She took the helm of that organization and made a difference. It was such a privilege to present the ?? Eagle?? award to her, which exemplified the difference she made to the treatment center and the commitment of everyone who worked along side her. I will truly miss her and I am sorry for those women who will never know the ??Gayle factor?? BUT I am so grateful for those women and children who did get to know her. I will be praying for you and your family and remember "love never dies."

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June Elkins-Baker - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Family, I really wish I knew what to say. We have lost a wonderful and beautiful person, but God has sure gained alot. Thank God there is no more pain or struggling to breathe for Gayle in Heaven. Just when I thought no one could give me any help with something I was going thru your mother popped up and had the perfect advise to get me thru. Thank you girls for sharing your precious mother with all of us! Larry and I are here for any little thing you might need. Remember Lori going out into a pasture and screaming does help! God understands our pain at losing the ones we love.

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**Gayla Milledge** - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dearest Sutherland and Secrest families,we would like to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. May God bless you and comfort you during your time of extreme sadness. "They who know God are with God, We who know God trust God". The Ramirez family.

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**Ramirez Family** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family:  
I was so sorry to learn of Mrs. Sutherland&s passing. She impressed me as being one who was a caring person and so proud of her work and accomplishments in the business world. I know you will miss her so much. Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Roger L. Johnston

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**Roger Johnston - Enid** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To the Sutherland Girls, I know how it feels as a daughter to lose the pillar in your life. I know the pain seems so unfair and unbearable. But Love one another and support each other in this time that seems so unfair. I had the wonderful opportunity to get to know Gayle in working with her at the Waynoka, TX Center. She was always so supportive of me. She shared always how wonderful her girls were to her. And Bob and her life. She has wonderful parents that she was so proud of. I know words can not say how sorry I am for your loss. She was so proud of all of you and I encourage you to continue to let her memories be your pillars of strength for the future. Trudy Hoffman

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**trudy hoffman** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Dear Bob, Lori, Tambi, and Cassi Gayle was one of the most ambitious and amazing individual that I have ever met. She was always the first to give someone a chance based on what she saw in them or how she felt about them. I feel you were very lucky to have her in your life. I am so glad she was a part of mine. She gave me a unique opportunity when I worked with her at USPCI, and one that I have never regretted, thanks to her.  
Thank you for sharing her with me.  
Tanya Phillips

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**Tanya Phillips** - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To Cassi, Tambi, Lori, and Bob, I received word here in Germany that your mother had passed away. It is hard to believe that in July before I moved here she was just beginning to get sick. We had some great talks when I would go to the treatment center and do consulting once a week. I always thought that she was the most "put together person" I had ever known. Never without her lipstick and not a hair out of place. I have known all of my life that my own success came from hanging on to the coat tails of great people. I want you to know that your mother was one of those persons. In my own small way, I feel that I somehow contributed to giving her a great deal of joy before she died and for this and more I am grateful for having known her and I can truly say that I am a better person because she crossed my path. Please accept this note as a token of my affection for Gayle and go forward with the great memories you made together with her. My Deepest Respect and Sympathy. Audry Haldaman, ACSW, LCSW, Licensed Clinical Social worker, Ansbach, Germany.

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**Audry E. Haldaman** - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“Lori, Tambi, Cassi and Bob - I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to your family. What a great person Gayle was. Saying goodbye is never an easy thing. You can all celebrate because your mom/wife is finally at peace, free from a body that failed to match the strength of her heart and soul that laid within. Gayle's life was profound, inspirational and courageous. Her actions and legacy will allow you to continue to let your mom live in your hearts. I know that the next few days, weeks and months will be incredibly challenging. This will be one of the hardest things that you will ever go through as a family. Never let your mom's memory go. I know how very proud she was of all of you!! She is your guardian angel now. And what a beautiful angel she is! I will always remember her smile and laugh. Love you all!!  
Sherri (Miller) Childers

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**Sherri (Miller) Childers** - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“JIM, THELMA, BOBBY, GIRLS & FAMILIES, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OF GAYLE. I WISH THESE WORDS WERE MINE, BUT PERHAPS YOU CAN GET SOME COMFORT FROM THEM. "THERE IS A SACREDNESS IN TEARS. THEY ARE NOT THE MARK OF WEAKNESS, BUT OF POWER. THEY SPEAK MORE ELOQUENTLY THAN 10,000 TONGUES. THEY ARE THE MESSENGERS OF OVERWHELMING GRIEF, OF DEEP CONTRITION, AND OF UNSPEAKABLE LOVE." LET YOUR TEARS FLOW, LEAN ON EACH OTHER AND TRUST IN GOD TO BRING YOU THROUGH THIS TERRIBLE TIME. WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY, SHARON SIMS

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**Sharon Sims** - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Sutherland family, I want to express my deepest sympathy. I am praying that you be comforted as only God can at this time. I feel so blessed to have known and worked with Gayle. She was such a bright and beautiful soul. I cherish the memories. Melody Miller

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**Melody Miller** - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ To the Sutherland and Secrest families, Gayle touched and blessed all of us with her warmth and smile. She was so very gifted and talented in so many areas, and truly devoted to her family. May God give you comfort and peace in what seems to be an unbearable time.

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**Sandie Olson** - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ The Sutherland family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time.  
Gayla Cohlmia Purdum, Stevie Cohlmia Taylor and Michele  
Cohlmia Nelson

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**Michele Nelson** - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Sutherland family. I had the opportunity to work with Gayle in 2005-2006. I worked at a facility in Woodward & we were at Waynoka and Gayle was in Woodward numerous times. I can say she was one of the sweetest, most caring women, not just professionally but personally. She was always so kind, considerate and willing to do anything to help. I was praying for her during her illness and I wanted to offer you my deepest sympathy on her passing. She was simply a wonderful person who touched many lives. God Bless & Keep you all, Mindy Hunter

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**Mindy Hunter** - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“Cassi, I remember just about 2 weeks ago talking to your Mom on the phone while we were sitting in the barn and she was so full of joy and laughter. I told her how I was keeping up with the updates on her Caringbridge Site and through emails with Tambi. I can remember telling her that I was chicken to post a comment on there and she told me to just say "Hi" and she would know exactly why it only said "Hi". I never did get to post that comment for her to see. But I know she is looking at this one laughing with that wonderful Gayle laugh no one will forget. So here is your post.... "Hi Momma Gayle, You will be missed by so many, and when you get your angel wings in heaven, please tell my Daddy Hello and I Miss Him! Cassi, Tambi, Lori, and Bob, I am thinking so much about all of you and praying that God will wrap his loving arms around all of you and give you comfort at this really hard time in your lives. Please let me know if I can help with anything. Im always here! Myka Seiger

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**Myka Seiger** - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *My Dearest Sutherland Family..Words can not express how sorry I am. Your mom was a very speical person who touch many many lifes, mine included. She was there for many of my mile stones and there are things that I do any my everyday life that I learned from her, like writing with a ruler. Just Tuesday I was filing out folders for Ty and I got out my ruler to write his subjects on them and I stopped and cried because she was wanted her lines to be straight..and now so do I. Gayle know that you are flying with the Angles and pain is gone...that is the only way I can make since of your passing..I am sure you have everyone in heaven smiling with your contagious laugh. Please please know that you are gone but never forgotten. Bob, Lori, Tambi and Cassi, I pray that God be with you now and that you lean on us..Your friends and family for comfort. Thats what we are here for and we want to help..We love you all!!! Rusty, Bonnie,Brandon,Brooke and Ty*

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**Rusty and Bonnie** - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Sutherland family. We loved Gayle and will always be blessed for having known her. She was truly a kind, caring individual that will always be in our thoughts.*

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**Steve and Pat Smiley** - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“Lori, Tambi, Cassi, Bob, and Family, I just wanted to express how deeply sorry I am that you lost such a wonderful person in your lives. She was one of the most amazing women I have ever known. Everyone is right, she had the most beautiful infectious laugh and smile. She was always so caring and compassionate towards everyone she knew. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, friend and wife. She never hesitated whenever anyone needed help and would always go out of her way for anyone. I know she has her wings now and is no longer in pain. I love her very much as I do all of you. I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers. Shawna

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**Shawna Schnoebelen** - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM