



## Gail Rinder

August 20, 2025

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February 7, 1952 – August 20, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Gail Rinder, who left us peacefully on the morning of August 20, 2025, surrounded by her family. Gail often described heaven as “the big park in the sky,” and we take comfort in imagining her there now with her beloved Ashley.

Born in Toronto on February 7, 1952, Gail had a lifelong love for her city. She never drove a car—she preferred to walk, ride the streetcars, and take in all the sights of the neighborhoods she adored. She cherished traditions like visiting the CNE—walking the midway and playing bingo for prizes—strolling through High Park to see the cherry blossoms, and shopping in Chinatown.

Gail’s love of traveling began as a teenager and continued throughout her life. She visited many U.S. states and especially loved California, with San Francisco holding a special place in her heart. She also traveled to Australia many times, a country she came to know and love deeply. In July 2023, she shared a treasured trip with her daughter to Assateague Island in Maryland, where they marveled at the wild horses—a memory that will always be cherished.

She was also happiest close to home, visiting the Riverdale Zoo, taking the ferry to Centre Island, or spending time at cottages with friends. Horses, in particular, always held a special place in her heart, a love she carried from childhood when she rode in the Don Valley.

Gail had many passions—reading (right up until her last days), art, jewelry, and playing billiards. She had an electric smile, a great sense of style, and a wonderful sense of humor. Even when her health declined, she remained upbeat and never let life's challenges get her down.

Above all, Gail was a deeply kind, thoughtful, and sentimental person. She was a devoted mother, nana, sister, mother-in-law, and friend. She believed in treating everyone with kindness and taught those around her that what matters most in this world is love.

Gail will be forever missed by her daughter, Sasha; son-in-law, Joey; grandchildren, Noah and Savannah; and her brother, Kenneth. She also held a special place in her heart for her dear friends Tom and Maggie, Barbie & Michael, Deana and Kaleigh, Barbara Joan, and Sharon.

Her family and friends will carry her memory in their hearts, remembering her laughter, her warmth, and her love of life.

In keeping with Gail's wishes, there will be no funeral. Instead, her family will be donating a special lounge chair in her name to the hospital that provided her with compassionate palliative care.

One of Gail's favorite poems was written the year she was born, and her family wishes to share it here in her memory:

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i carry your heart with me(i carry it in)  
by E.E. Cummings

i carry your heart with me(i carry it in  
my heart)i am never without it(anywhere  
i go you go,my dear; and whatever is done  
by only me is your doing,my darling)

i fear  
no fate(for you are my fate,my sweet)i want  
no world(for beautiful you are my world,my true)  
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant  
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life;which grows  
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)  
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

# Tribute Wall

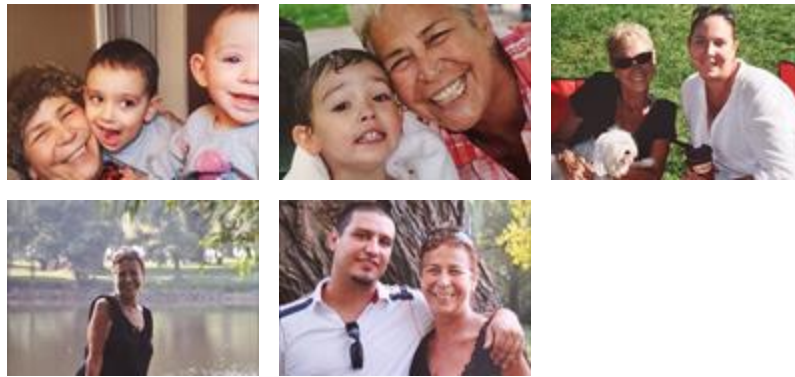
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“ One of the most amazing lady best friends forever I will miss her . We had many great memories and laughter Gail had a great sense of humor I am going to miss her everyday love you my friend 💔  
Tom and Maggie

Maggie McDermott - September 15, 2025 at 01:44 PM



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Elizabeth Pacheco MacDonald - September 09, 2025 at 11:32 AM

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“ My condolences and respect. Gail was a wonderful woman. I remember playing billiards with her, her smile, her carefree aura and her quiet strength. I remember her saying to me on multiple occasions “nice face wanna banana”, my face always spoke for me, it always made me smile. I feel honoured to have known her. May she rest in peace and forever touch our hearts ❤️

Glenda Masters - September 09, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ Gail was a shining light and always had a smile on her beautiful face. She was a great part of our lives and known as Auntie Gail to our children ❤️. We are so very grateful to have had the pleasure of knowing such a beautiful soul and now hold the beautiful memories we have made. Gail you will truly be missed!  
In our hearts always,  
Lyle, Liz, Logan and Madison ❤️



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**Elizabeth Pacheco MacDonald** - September 09, 2025 at 09:57 AM