



## Gail Robin Clark

July 1, 1960 - April 12, 2026

Gail Robin Clark, beloved wife, sister, aunt, teacher, and friend, passed away on April 12, 2026, at the age of 65 in Suwanee, Georgia.

Gail was born on July 1, 1960, in Philadelphia, PA, to Joyce Sokolove and Norman Sokolove. She grew up surrounded by family and carried that love with her throughout her life. In a fun bit of family history, her younger brother David was born on June 1, 1961—making them the same age for one special month each year, a detail that always brought smiles to the family.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Dennis Clark; her brothers, David Sokolove (Linda Sokolove), Jonathan Sokolove (Melody Sokolove), Edward Sokolove (Lisa Sokolove), and Stephen Sokolove (Kimberly Sokolove); sisters-in-law, Gayle Pugh (Keith Pugh) and Joan Bagley (Gary Bagley); and many loving nieces and nephews who brought her great joy.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents, Joyce Sokolove and Norman Sokolove and sister-in-law Kimberly Sokolove.

Gail was a devoted Christian and an elementary school teacher who dedicated her career to teaching in Christian schools. She earned her Master's degree in Education and touched countless young lives throughout her 42-year career. In recognition of her impact, she was honored as a national top 10 finalist in a "Heroes of the Classroom" competition. She was also a national and international speaker at Christian conferences, sharing her passion for teaching and her love for Jesus with audiences far beyond her own classroom. Though she did not have children of her own, she lovingly

considered every child she taught to be one of her own. Her classroom was a place of kindness, encouragement, and faith, where students felt seen, valued, and inspired.

She will be remembered for her joyful spirit, her deep love for Jesus, and the love she shared so freely with those around her. She had a special way of making people feel welcome and cared for, and her warmth touched everyone she met. Her beloved goldendoodle, Obadiah (“Obie”), was always by her side, a loyal and gentle companion whose presence reflected the love and joy she brought into everyday life.

Gail shared a special and lighthearted bond with her husband, Dennis, centered around their love of bananas—a symbol of their joy and playfulness together. Dennis once prayed, “God, I need someone bananas over You, bananas over me, and that I would be bananas over her,” a prayer that beautifully reflected the love they would go on to share. He later proposed to Gail on the beach using bananas to spell out “Will you marry me,” a memory that perfectly captured their unique love story. Gail responded by rearranging the bananas to say, “Yes, I love you,” completing a moment that perfectly reflected their shared joy and devotion. Gail truly was “bananas” for Jesus Christ, her husband, her family, her friends, and teaching (42 years), living her life with passion, humor, and devotion.

Her life reflected the promise found in one of her favorite Bible verses, 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 hope and a future.”

A Bananas Over Gail Service to honor her life will be held on May 16, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Eastgate Church, 2820 Brookwood Rd, Cumming, GA 30041; after the service, a light lunch will be provided.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in Gail’s memory as they come together in faith for the Bananas Over Gail Service. Gifts will assist with arrangements and meaningful ways to honor and remember her. The family kindly asks that you include your name and mailing address with your

donation so they may express their heartfelt thanks. For those who are unable to attend, donations may also be sent to Dennis Clark, 2925 Northcliff Drive, Suwanee, Georgia 30024.

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eastgate Church  
2820 Brookwood Rd.  
Cumming, GA 30041

# Tribute Wall

DH

“Gail was an awesome teacher who loved God and children. She had a profound influence upon my life and I was blessed to serve with her at Delaware County Christian School. My prayers are with you, Dennis, and the Sokolove family. With deepest sympathy,  
David Hegedus

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**David Hegedus** - May 02 at 06:13 PM

KC

“Gail babysat me through elementary school. She invited me to her Author's Tea at Bethel Baptist and let me help grade papers. She instilled in me a love of reading and a kind outlook on life. She left an imprint and I'm so grateful to have known her - and later meet Dennis at the shore. This is a heartbreaking loss to everyone who loved her.

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**Kristen Connelly** - April 30 at 03:21 PM



“Gail was my neighbor for so many years and always enjoyed her company. Dennis my heart hurts for you, however we all know she is rejoicing with no more pain or health issues. She will be greatly missed.

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**Trena Myers** - April 30 at 01:12 PM



“ Mrs. Clark, who I grew up knowing as Ms. Sokolove, was one of those rare people who truly changes the course of your life in quiet, meaningful ways. As a painfully shy child, I found so much comfort in her patience, her kindness, and the safe, nurturing space she created in her classroom. She always encouraged me to sing and was one of the first people who truly jumpstarted my love for music.

*I will always remember her warm heart, her contagious smile and laugh, and her famous cinnamon rolls. I was so lucky to stay connected with her over the years. She sent me the sweetest care package when I became a mother, shared guidance when I was homeschooling my children, and always made time to reconnect when she visited Florida.*

*She made such a lasting impact on so many lives, including mine, and I feel incredibly grateful to have known her. She will be deeply missed.*



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Danielle Hansen - April 30 at 12:50 PM

KL

“ *Dear Dennis and Gail’s Family,  
Tony and I were devastated to learn of her passing. We have prayed so hard for her recovery regarding her health problems. We know your heart is aching. She made you so happy. When we visited with y’all years ago we saw how very proud you were to have her in your life, Dennis. As a teacher myself I commiserated with her about school issues. She was very knowledgeable. She gave such good advice regarding some personal educational issues with family members. I saw the love she had for you Dennis. You built a beautiful life with her. Thank you for sharing your special woman with us. God has her with him now and she has no more suffering. One day you will see her again. May those special memories you have of her here come to your mind in the days ahead. Our love and prayers and heart-felt condolences to you.  
Karen & Tony Longoria*

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**Karen & Tony Longoria** - April 15 at 07:49 PM