

Gail Antony Knutsen

1939-2021

Gail Knutsen, beloved by her late husband, Knut Eric Knutsen (d. 2014), attentive and affectionate mother and grandmother, math whiz, computer programmer, educator, lover of literature, games, puzzles, and gardening, died December 22, 2021, after a sudden illness. She was 82. Born Gail Ann Antony in Brooklyn, raised in Clinton Hill and Bay Ridge, she attended the Packer Collegiate Institute (Valedictorian, class of '56). Gail enrolled at Mount Holyoke, then transferred to Barnard (class of '60; BA in mathematics). Upon graduation, she and Eric wed, relocating to Yorktown Heights, NY, to follow their careers, then settling in Riverside in 1971, where they spent the remainder of their long and devoted marriage. Gail's pioneering career in tech included working at IBM as a programmer (1960-'66), and as systems and programming manager at General Reinsurance (1978 -'89), among other part-time contract work. Gail also tutored in the Greenwich High School Math Lab (1973-'75) and worked as an instructional aide with ESL students (1992 to 2019) for the school system. Her civic-minded love of gardening earned her Greenwich Green & Clean's Golden Trowel award. She is survived by a brother, Peter Anthony; a son, Eric (Rick), and his wife Frances; another son, Chris, and his current partner, Suzanne Ceresko, and ex-wife, Nuar Alsaadir; and four granddaughters, Olivia, Charlotte, Isadora, and Sabine, who brought her immoderate levels of pride and delight. A memorial service will be planned some time in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of her favorite organizations: Planned Parenthood; the ACLU; the New York Botanical Garden. For more about Gail's life, or to leave condolences or remembrances, please visit: www.forevermissed.com/gail-ann-knutsen

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