



Gaye Boardman

May 21, 1941 - May 9, 2023

Beverly Gaye Boardman, 82 of Atlanta, Georgia passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, after a long battle with COPD. She was born on May 21, 1941. She was the daughter of Frederick James Boardman and Virginia Little Boardman.

A native Atlantan, Gaye attended Northside High School where she was known as “the girl that invented the Tiger”, an idea she created as a sophomore to become a varsity cheerleader and champion the high school spirit as the Tiger Mascot. Her natural beauty, competitiveness, and athleticism earned her notoriety in 1958 on the front cover of the Atlanta Journal & Constitution Magazine sporting a beautiful toe touch jump in full color – the first full color image printed in the AJC. After graduation, she attended Florida State University and was a member of Kappa Delta and the famed High Flying Circus as an aerial acrobat. Post college, she remained involved with the Northside High School Alumni Organization and spearheaded numerous gatherings and class reunions. She always loved a good party!

Gaye enjoyed ballet, dancing, piano, and a variety of competitive sports, including gymnastics, swimming, diving, sport fishing, and skeet shooting. Her guy friends were always envious of her drag racing skills on the streets of Buckhead and Daytona Beach. She was a passionate animal lover of all kinds, especially dogs. She always had a full house of furry four-legged friends. Major and Scout were her best friends. When she was not walking the

dogs, she loved riding horses which she continued to do into her 70's. She had an accomplished professional life working for Tom Cousins, Ed Iskason, Pete Jolley and numerous other real estate legends. As a member of the Atlanta Board of REALTORS she earned several Top Producer Awards throughout her 50-year career. She enjoyed helping others and was loved by all her customers. In retirement, she put her green thumb to work and volunteered often at the American Legion in Alpharetta supporting Veterans and planting seasonal flowers for all to enjoy.

Gaye was a devoted mother who empowered her children every day with her guidance, love, and wisdom. She encouraged everyone she met to live life to the fullest and to always help others along the way. She never met a stranger and enjoyed meeting new friends as a frequent patron at Western Sizzlin', Elan, Brookwood Grille, Crust Pizza, Scratch, Chick-Fil-A, and Mimi's Nail Salon.

In addition to her parents, Gaye was preceded in death by her brother, Lieutenant Commander James (Jim) Boardman, whom she loved dearly. Survivors include her son & daughter-in-law, Michael & Susan Taylor of Ponte Vedra, FL; daughter & son-in-law, Heather Taylor Koltes & Jason Koltes of Statham, GA; grandchildren, Kendall Isaacs, Christian Taylor, Brandon Koltes, Hunter Koltes, Parker Koltes & Carson Koltes, and three beautiful great grandchildren.

A funeral service is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Friday, June 9th, 2023 at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, with visitation at 11:00am. Interment will follow in Arlington Memorial Park.

Those wishing may make donations to St Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memorial Park

201 Mount Vernon Hwy NW
Atlanta, ga

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Gaye Boardman*



Northside Chapel - June 07, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaye Boardman.*



June 08, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Carolina A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gaye Boardman.*

Carolina A. - June 07, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaye Boardman.*



June 06, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gaye Boardman.

June 06, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gaye Boardman.



June 06, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gaye Boardman.

June 04, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gaye Boardman.



June 04, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gaye Boardman.



June 03, 2023 at 03:14 PM

DS

“ I'll never forget Gaye! She was a social, athletic, motivational individual who was an inspiration to us all.....and did I mention she was very beautiful in every sense of the word!

She was both athletic and beautiful simultaneously!

I will miss her greatly!

Dennis Strickland - June 01, 2023 at 06:38 PM

LL

Gaye and I were born on same day. Ended up with similar interests including gymnastics. I won Gold Medal, 7 Silvers & 11 bronze medals. Two scholarships offered. FSU & Michigan. Gaye gave up gymnastics for cheerleading. I turned it down for gymnastics. Sorry to hear of her departure. I think of her often. Linda Jarrett

Linda Jarrett Ling - November 14, 2023 at 04:41 PM

LL

Linda LONG not Ling. Oops

Linda Jarrett Long - November 14, 2023 at 04:42 PM

LL

Dennis Strickland send me your text please. I'm puzzled by her cause of death. Born same date, City and GA. Never as beautiful as Gaye. Who was!

Linda Jarrett Long - November 15, 2023 at 07:00 PM

AJ

“ Alvin Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gaye Boardman.

Alvin Johnson - May 26, 2023 at 10:59 AM

AJ

“ Alvin Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gaye Boardman.



Alvin Johnson - May 26, 2023 at 10:59 AM

MT

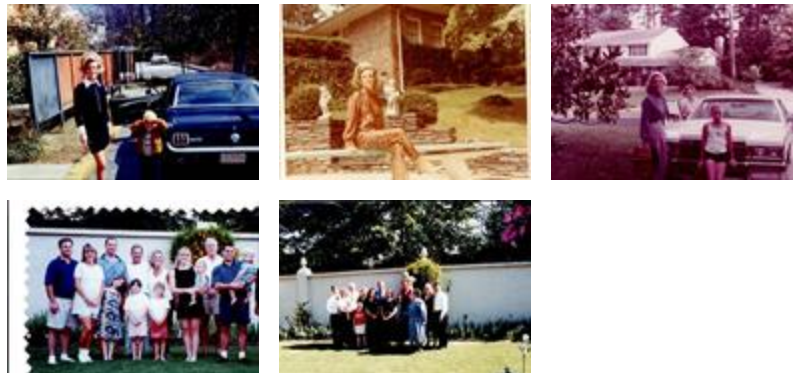
“ 7 files added to the album High School Friends



Michael Taylor - May 20, 2023 at 05:39 PM

MT

“ 10 files added to the album Family



Michael Taylor - May 20, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gaye Boardman.

May 20, 2023 at 04:30 PM

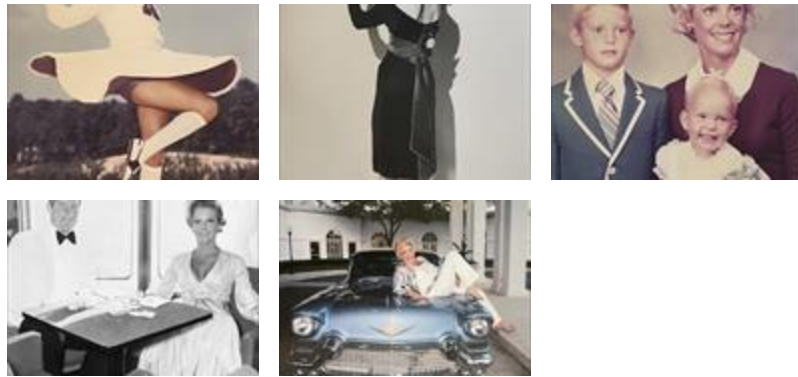


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gaye Boardman.

May 20, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Heather Koltes - May 20, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ Gaye, you will be missed but as God's child, you are resting with Jesus and enjoying the JOY of Heaven--you were welcomed HOME with "well done, faithful and good servant" All that knew/know you are thankful for your earthly sojourn with us Hank Lesesne

Henry Lesesne, MD - May 18, 2023 at 09:52 AM

DS

“ *She was so loved and appreciated by all. She kept the Northside HS Class of 1959 together for all these years with her timely email notices, and help with reunions. She was a beautiful person, and will be remembered and missed by many. Still remember playing touch football on her parents front lawn in Buckhead in the 1950's. So sad at her passing.*

Dennis Strickland

Dennis Strickland - May 16, 2023 at 08:25 PM

GM

So sad to hear this. You will be missed and so many times I think of our Real Estate Days. We worked hard and always made it fun and enjoyed it. Thanks for the memories. RIP. Gayle May

Gayle May - May 18, 2023 at 10:03 AM

MM

“ *Perhaps Northside High's class of 1959 #1 cheerleader, she was our link to our past and our present. She will be very much missed. Maryann Latz Mortimer*

Maryann Mortimer - May 16, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaye Boardman.*



May 12, 2023 at 05:09 PM