



Gail Landy

July 15, 1945 - July 18, 2025

Gail Landy of Evanston, IL, formerly of Fitzwilliam, NH, passed away peacefully on July 18, 2025, at the age of 80.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 54 years, Macreay Landy; her daughter Ruth Bell and son-in-law Devin Bell; her cherished grandchildren; and her siblings Jeff Pohlman and Lynn Rickabaugh.

Gail grew up in Oak Park, IL, and attended Oak Park High School. As a young woman, she spent many memorable summers working at the Trailside Museum of Natural History and Brookfield Zoo—experiences that nurtured her lifelong love of learning and nature.

She earned her degree in English from the University of Illinois and went on to receive a Master's in Library Science. Over the years, Gail dedicated herself to public service through her work in public libraries in Kalamazoo, MI; Dayton, OH; and Marion, IA. She served as the Library Director at Levi Heywood Memorial Library in Gardner, MA for 23 years, where she oversaw the planning and construction of the library's new building which was completed in 2004. She was deeply committed to her community and believed strongly in the power of public libraries to educate, inspire, and connect people.

A woman of endless energy and curiosity, Gail expressed herself through her many hobbies including cooking, gardening, fused glass, and silversmithing. She pursued each of these with passion and joy, always eager to learn and share her talents with others.

Friends and family are gathering on Sunday, October 19 from 12:30-3:30 (eulogies begin 1pm) at Gillson Park's Lakeview Center, 800 Gillson Park Drive, Wilmette, 60091.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to The Levi Heywood Memorial Library Association (<https://www.leviheywoodmemlib.org/>).

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care 773-318-1305 or www.inclusivefuneralcare.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **19**. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Lake View Center Gillson Park

800 Gillson Park Drive

Wilmette, IL 60091

<https://wilmettepark.org/parties-rental/lakeview-center/>

12:30 guest arrival; 1pm service of remembrance; reception to follow.