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Gale Barkley Vineyard was born on December 20, 1963 into the happy household of Katherine and Ben Vineyard in St. Joseph MO, joining siblings Ginny and Ben. Later when Kitty arrived, the family was complete.

From her earliest days to her last, Gale lived a life of cheer, gladness, laughter and love. At an icebreaker in college when asked to introduce herself using an adjective starting with the same letter as her first name she didn't miss a beat. "Hi, I'm Glad Gale", she said. Nobody who knew her before or after would disagree.

She pursued lots of interests always - competitive swimming and horseback riding in her early days, corporate sales, swim team coaching and adventure travel later on - but the through line of Gale's life was friendship. She made friends everywhere - Noyes School, Central High School, University of Colorado, at every job and in every one of her neighborhoods. These friendships were close and lasted her entire life. But all the friends and all the fun are no match for her love and pride of wonderful Johnny, Gale's son and apple of her eye. She was a fierce supporter of his brilliant swimming and

academic careers. Theirs is a bond that will never break.

Amazingly the diagnosis of brain cancer didn't dampen her spirit. She 'fought forward' (another Gale motto) through treatment and rehab with remarkable courage; committed always to keeping a positive attitude. Her Flying Fish swimmers called it "Gale Force".

Gale leaves us to remember her radiant smile, crack wit, eagerness for fun, brilliant sense of the ridiculous and playful spirit. Your whole world will miss you, Gale.

Survivors: Son John Vineyard Martin, siblings Ginny Vineyard (Morrie Pitluck), Ben Vineyard (Kay Evans), and Kitty Vineyard (Joe Jochens); nephews Ben (Abby Lerner) and Greg Scott (Kate) and niece Gigi Jochens; aunt and uncle Gigi and Jock Streidl; great-nieces (Lily, Isla, Lucy), great-nephews (Myles and Benny), lots of cousins, and tons and tons of friends.

Donations may be made in Gale's name to the YWCA North Shore Flying Fish Aquatics Program <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ywcevasho/>.

Memorial celebration Friday, June 6, 4-7pm (eulogies begin 5:30pm) at Double Clutch Brewery, 2121 Ashland, Evanston, 60201.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

JUN 6. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Double Clutch Brewery
2121 Ashland Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201
<https://www.doubleclutchbrewing.com/>

Doors open 4:30pm, service of remembrance begins 5:30pm

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Sabine and Mark Russo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gale Vineyard.

Sabine and Mark Russo - May 29, 2025 at 12:18 PM

SL

“ Gale and I went to college together at CU Boulder. She was by far the funniest -- and most fun-- friend. She was also a brilliant prankster. Somehow, we got in the habit showing up at each other's dormroom with our faces scotch taped into monstrous expressions, laughing until we (literally) wet our pants. Even when she was in the hospital this winter, we were talking and texting and laughing. I will miss her light and beautiful spirit. My love goes out to her family.

Suzanne LaFetra - May 05, 2025 at 03:06 PM

NV

“ I have a lot of great memories growing up with the Ben Vineyard family and Gale's arrival. I was so proud to share my bedroom with her in her little bassinet when she came to visit for Christmas. I was so looking forward to being a good babysitter. I wasn't. I was terrible. Recently with Gale, my best memories are how much she stood up for me and was there for me. My one regret has been that her tumor was cancerous and mine was not. I would've changed places in a heartbeat just because my children are on their own and doing well, but she has a young man that she's leaving. Anyway, I am not maudlin and I have already had the pleasure of a visit from Gale on the other side with her smile still exactly like you all remember. 💕🥹

nancy vineyard - May 04, 2025 at 12:18 AM

LT

“ Through her whole life, if Gale turned her smiling face to you, she lit YOU up. It was an amazing grace that she had. And, as mentioned in the obituary, she had a wonderful sense of the ridiculous! Gale was always laughing and she always brought you along. ❤️
Liz Vineyard Turner

Liz Vineyard Turner - May 03, 2025 at 10:13 AM

ME

“ My strongest memory of Gale is and will always be her enormous smile that lit up her entire face, and her laugh that spread instantly across an entire room. She had the happiest laugh I've ever known.
Missy

Missy Ehrgood - May 03, 2025 at 08:26 AM