



Gail Louise Fisher Jensen

September 25, 1950 - March 12, 2020

Gail Louise Fisher Jensen, age 69 of Tyler, Texas, passed away March 12, 2020, after a very long battle with dementia. Gail was born in Dallas, Texas, on September 25, 1950, to Dr. James and Sharon (Black) Fisher. The family moved to Rusk when Gail was two years old. In addition to truly enjoying academics, Gail was a member of the high school band playing the flute and as a talented twirler, earning her the position of Drum Major her senior year. She was valedictorian of her class at Rusk High School in 1969. Her talents in the ballet studio were also becoming apparent, and it was the start of a life and career that would focus on the art of beautiful movement.

Gail attended Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, where she graduated with honors with a Bachelor's degree in English, a minor in history, and a teaching certificate. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) sorority and served as President of the Lamar Chapter. Her experience as a soloist with Lamar University Ballet and a member of the Beaumont Civic Ballet led to a fifteen-year career as a dance specialist in public education. During her tenure as the drill team director at Westchester High School in Houston, the Westchester dance team won first place at the Tulip Time International Music Festival in Lisse, The Netherlands and performed in the Battersea Park Easter Parade in London. In the United States, her dance teams opened the nationally televised NBC TV Orange Bowl Parade and were featured performers in The Orange Bowl and The Sugar Bowl. For the first Pro Bowl ever held in Aloha Stadium, Gail choreographed and directed the entire

televised halftime featuring the Westchester dancers.

She married the love of her life, Bryant Jensen, in 1986. Together, they worked hard, traveled the world, and orchestrated the Young! Tanzsommer: Stars of Tomorrow, the pre-professional portion of the Tanzsommer dance festival in Austria from 1995-2006. She was also an active volunteer with Junior League and ZTA. She would say that these years were the best times of her life.

She is survived by daughter Jacqueline Crill and her husband Josh Crill of Loveland, Colorado; step-daughter Dr. Courtney Aberle and her husband Ian Aberle of Allen, Texas; step-son Reagan Jensen of Dallas, Texas; grandsons Jackson Bowser and Jaden Bowser of Loveland, Colorado; step-granddaughters Cai Anne Aberle and Kalin Aberle of Allen, Texas; brother Gary Fisher and his wife Cheryle Fisher of Troup, Texas; brother Mark Fisher and his wife Donna Fisher of Troup, Texas; sister Kathy Wallace of Dallas, Texas; and really awesome nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Bryant Jensen in 2006, her father James Fisher in 1997, and her mother Sharon Fisher in 2006.

A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Rusk with Rev. T.J. Gabelman officiating. Visitation will be at 1:30 p.m. at the church and burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

A special thank you to Heart to Heart Hospice, in particular Breanna Lowery RN and Beverly Lott CNA, and the Meadow Lake Memory Care staff. Our family is deeply grateful for your heartfelt work.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Cedar Hill Cemetery
Rusk, TX 75785

Previous Events

Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
255 S. Henderson St
Rusk, TX 75785
(903) 683-4675

Tribute Wall



“ *Gail Louise Fisher Jensen*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *You inspired so many including me. May love and light be with you on your journey. Julie, Austria*



Julie - March 14, 2020 at 03:51 AM



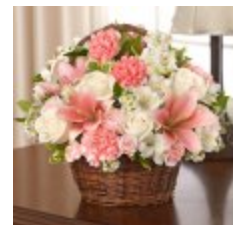
“ *White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Louise Fisher Jensen.*



March 13, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Gail Louise Fisher Jensen.*



March 13, 2020 at 04:32 PM

LF

“ Love, Glenda, Vanessa & The Young Tanzsommer Family purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Gail Louise Fisher Jensen.



Love, Glenda, Vanessa & The Young Tanzsommer Family -
March 13, 2020 at 04:28 PM

CB

“ I went to school with Gail and her siblings. She was such a beautiful person. Always polite and courteous and had compassion for others. She loved her family dearly. Praying for Gary, Mark and Kathy and their families. Gone but not forgotten. RIP Gail. Spread your wings and fly.

Cathy Gabbert Booth - March 13, 2020 at 03:42 PM

CD

“ We remember Gail as the most graceful, kind and classy person in Rusk High School. A real sweet person. Thinking of all her family and the loss of her presence.



Charles and Jane Dansby - March 13, 2020 at 03:29 PM

KW

When Gail graduated from High school she became my assistant at Tops in Twirling at Kilgore College. I told her to lower her kicks so that she wouldn't outperform me. We became good friends and I will remember the good times as a twirler and Drill Team Director. She was a good friend.

Kathy Musick Wood - March 13, 2020 at 07:46 PM

JW

Gail was all class in every way as I recall. She was the epitome of style and grace. Well remember watching her kids perform on live tv in the Macy's Parade as mentioned in her obit. Loved her mom, and her dad was my dentist, as he was for many in Rusk back in those days, as well as a former mayor of the City of Rusk. So many memories 2 cherish 4 so many, who will never forget her; that's for sure.

John C. Williams - March 13, 2020 at 11:19 PM