



## Gladys Mae Hall

April 26, 1942 - September 21, 2024

Gladys Hall passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 21, 2024. She died at home, beautifully, on her own terms. She stayed independent and knew exactly what she wanted—just like she did in life. Gladys was born on April 26, 1942. When she was a child, she was separated from her birth parents and adopted. The details of the separation follow the story of indigenous peoples throughout this land and putting together the pieces of that story was something Gladys was always working on.

Gladys loved her adoptive family. Her parents, Margaret and George Henson watched her win Homecoming Queen in Michigan and were present when she married the father of her two boys.

She worked to expand the definition of family by trying to reconnect with the Saginaw Chippewa heritage of her birth parents and finding her siblings who didn't come with her in adoption. She took Ojibwe lessons, loved basketry, and became an avid reader of Indigenous stories and works on ways of being. She shared this love with her grandchildren and filled her home with artifacts that connected her to her history.

She was lucky to have known many loves in her life and enjoyed giving romantic “advice” to her grandchildren. Gladys had two boys with her then-husband, Charles Lail. Gladys later married Gary Hall and, with him,

discovered a love of the desert and led an interesting life on the road while Gary trained horses. She tended her desert home by feeding the critters, painting the landscape, and practicing strict conservation.

She loved traveling internationally vicariously through travel shows and European mystery novels—and for some reason, she was really into the Royal Family gossip. When she wasn't learning about other countries, she was watching baseball. She loved watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren go after their baseball dreams and she was an MLB superfan.

Gladys loved learning about herbs, food, and health but that didn't stop her from enjoying just a little bit of your dessert or taco.

Gladys is survived by Richard and Debbie Lail, Morgan Lail, Danielle Lail and Ally Nabbouh, Benjamin and Jody Lail, Benjamin and Chelsy Lail, Laurie Jo and John Rentmeister, Brady and Kate Lail, Taylor and Matt Everton, and her nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by friends and neighbors who lunched with her and cared for her.

The family will be honoring her wishes by not having a big public service. We ask that you share a memory of Gladys with those you love and take your oregano oil this cold and flu season. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends taking Gladys's advice by taking the money you would have spent on them and burying it in your backyard.

Gladys, "may your moccasin feet take you to the encampment of the guardians who have known you before time." You were divinely beautiful and dazzlingly clever—a kindred spirit to many.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Gladys was my favorite patient. It was always more of a social affair when she came in to have her teeth worked on . One of her favorite topics was her grandson in the farm system of the Yankees . She was always hoping he would make it big time. We would laugh and carry on giving my assistants a heart attack because it would always put us behind. I will miss your smile and your wit, dentistry is more than just fixing teeth. I was really sad when I heard you passed away , I was supposed to see you that Tuesday after. You always told me you would go out in your terms and I'm glad you did. God bless you Gladys , John

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**John McArthur** - October 07, 2024 at 11:45 PM

AH

“ Oh, I have missed you Gladys, I didn't see you last year at Pow wow time and I thought that might have been my fault that I missed you. I didn't see you this year but you were on my mind, I was watching for you. I felt as if we both looked forward to our time together. I told stories to the interns about how wonderful you are and the fun talks we would have once or twice a year on the phone and once or twice during Pow wow. I hoped that this year if you weren't up to traveling, that Laurie Jo would stop by the Ziibiwing Research Center and give me an up date about your adventures. I know we weren't really close but you were a joy in my life that I anticipated at Pow wow time. I am sorry that these have come to an end here, but we will visit again.

Laurie Jo, your Grandma was so proud, she would say "This is my granddaughter Laurie Jo! " with the biggest smile! She loved her family, you all brought the sparkle to her days. I am sorry you have lost your family elder, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayer.

Travel well my friend, Baa maa pii ❤️ Anita Heard

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Anita Heard - September 30, 2024 at 02:30 PM

HM

“ Dear Gladys,  
How I have enjoyed your friendship all these years. Chuck was my sons baseball coach & Richard & Ben their friends. We worked at Mt. Bell for 30 plus years together. I loved visiting you in St George & you coming to my house for a short stay. You schooled me on drugs not to take, doctors, politics& talked about all our friends that we made together. When Jody called me I had been quilting with some of your friends that day. We talked about you often. Altho I was shocked of your passing, I know you are happy & I plan to visit you. (Not too soon i hope tho). I love you & you are a special blessing in my life . Until we meet again beautiful friend. Love you & miss you already. Always in my heart,Helen Montano

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**Helen Montano** - September 29, 2024 at 08:12 PM

MO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Morgan** - September 28, 2024 at 07:58 PM

KS

*What a beautiful woman. She glowed. She was a great artist and I am proud to have one of her watercolors. She was so proud of her pomegranates that she grew in the desert. I will be taking my oregano oil, Grandma. I am just so saddened to have discovered the grandmother I loved as a child, did not love me. I am so heartbroken that my Grandfather, Gary Hall, did not have his final wishes honored by her upon his death. I hope she found peace on the other side*

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**Krista Skinner** - January 31 at 06:11 AM

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“ Sending many prayers to you and your family at this difficult time, may she fly high. John&Peggy Steele

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**Steele** - September 27, 2024 at 05:58 PM

AL

*I hope the family is doing well. Very nice obituary, she was one of a kind. Love you guys.  
Al (aka yard boy)*

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**Al** - September 27, 2024 at 10:39 PM

JP

*Gladys was my cousin. I met her when she looked up my dad and after that she continued to recognize our connection as family even after my dad passed away. I am glad I got to know her.  
Julie Pego,  
Granddaughter of Lucy Chingwashe Smith*

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**Julie Pego** - September 30, 2024 at 10:47 AM