



Gail Janet Smith

May 25, 1946 - October 6, 2025

Mrs. Gail Janet Smith (née Linn), 79, passed away peacefully on October 6, 2025, in Newnan, Georgia. Born on May 25, 1946, in Chicago, Illinois, Gail lived a life marked by a spirited energy that touched all who knew her. Gail grew up in Miami, Florida, where she graduated from Southwest Miami High School with the class of 1965. She pursued her passion for nursing at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, then at the University of Miami, earning her BSN. Later, she advanced her expertise by earning her MSN through Barry University. Soon after she completed certifications to become a Nurse Practitioner. For many years, Gail served as an ER nurse in Miami—a role in which she was known for her professionalism and calm under pressure. Her commitment to healthcare extended beyond the emergency room; she also taught at Miami-Dade Community College, driven by a deep desire to address the national nursing shortage and mentor the next generation of caregivers. On August 16, 1971, Gail married William Roberts Smith, a Miami policeman. Starting out with modest means in Miami, they worked tirelessly—Gail in nursing and Bill in law enforcement—to provide for their family. Over four decades of marriage, they raised two sons. Their partnership spanned 42 years until Bill's passing in 2013. In her final years, Gail was lovingly cared for by her son Matt, daughter-in-law Shushura and granddaughter Norah; as well as son Andrew and daughter-in-law Faith.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates gifts to one of Gail's favorite charities, National

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