



Gail Bareford Hardinge

July 27, 1958 - May 9, 2021

Dr. Gail Bareford Hardinge, 62, of New Kent County, departed her earthly body on May 9, 2021 after a brief, but courageous battle with ALS. Gail was known for her quick wit, her loud laugh, and her sage advice. She will be missed by many.

In her professional life, Gail was a tireless advocate for public education, and spent the last 17 years working for the College of William & Mary, and served 18 years as a member of the New Kent County School Board. Prior to that, she worked many years as a school psychologist for Williamsburg-James City County and New Kent County schools. In her free time, Gail loved gardening, reading, and caring for her horses.

Gail is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Baxter; her two children, Payton (Matt) and William; brother, Gary Bareford; brother-in-law, Randall Vaughan; great-aunt, Jacqueline Hoff; many life-long friends, and her beloved horses and dogs. She is predeceased by her mother and father, Marian and William Bareford. The family is grateful to friend and caregiver, Vanessa.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Dr. Gail B. Hardinge Scholarship held at the New Kent Educational Foundation. Contributions may be mailed to P.O. Box 110 New Kent, VA 23124.

An outdoor memorial service will be held Monday, May 17, 5:00PM at Cumberland Estate (9007 Cumberland Road New Kent, VA 23124).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 5:00 PM (ET)

Cumberland Estate
9007 Cumberland Road
New Kent, VA 23124

Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Sending sad condolences to Dr. Hardinge's family. This is a huge loss for all in New Kent County where Gail was a driving force for good. May God continue to bless this family and bring peace to them all. RIP, Gail. You will be sorely missed for a very long time.*

*Sandi Gauthier
Barhamsville*

Sandra J Gauthier - May 17, 2021 at 02:13 PM

BL

“ *Gail was a wonder person I worked with her on several committees. Gail was always prepared for all of the meetings. She will be remember for years to come. Job well done RIP my friend.*

*Brenda D. Lee
King and Queen County School Board Member
Stevensville District*

Brenda D Lee - May 17, 2021 at 10:20 AM

CF

“Gail was so happy that I was getting married that she wasn’t content to be just invited to the wedding—she had to be a part of the fun. So she offered to “make some food” for the cocktail hour. In typical Gail fashion, that became creating a Pinterest board of research, recruiting a chef to set the menu and prep, and then refusing to let us pay for anything. When the day came, the spread Gail laid out before us was so lavish everyone thought the cocktail hour WAS the reception! That is who Gail was to me—a bringer of joy, and creator of warmth and community. I saw it in my own life, but I saw it in her life’s work: serving countless others like military personnel and veterans, K-12 students, college and grad students, and families and citizens across Virginia and beyond. It was an honor to know Dr. Gail Hardinge.



Charlie Foster - May 15, 2021 at 02:11 PM

RF

“My best friend growing up! We were definitely partners in crime during our Tappahannock shenanigans! We reconnected several years ago and it was like the same old good times. I will miss you my friend and my heart is broken. I know how proud you were of Payton and Will and your love for Baxter. Give your Momma a hug for me and Wild Bill! Until we meet again.

Rebecca Flanagan - May 14, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Gail on a couple of education grant proposals (sadly none were funded). I found her to be funny, genuine, inspiring and just a joy to work with. I wish I had gotten to work more closely with her as I know I would have really enjoyed collaborating with her. My thoughts and prayers to her family and friends. --Lisa Lawrence

Lisa Lawrence - May 14, 2021 at 09:03 AM

PR

“ What heartbreak upon reading this news this morning! I had the privilege of working with Gail when I was part of W&M Law's Special Education Advocacy Clinic; her insight as an educator and a school board member was very helpful to me and my students in representing our clients and their families. It was impossible not to then gain Gail as a friend, with her warm and welcoming spirit, her deep laugh and wide smile. She always left more joy than she found in any of our conversations and coffee. Our paths took similar turns as I moved into veterans advocacy and she spearheaded Virginia's Troops to Teachers. Her leadership was impactful and the ripple effect of her enthusiasm, hard work and gregarious spirit evident in its quick growth and national example. Gail leaves significant professional success and positive ripples far beyond those she will ever know, but she also leaves a devastating emptiness where an amazing person used to be. God bless Gail's family with the strength to get through this difficult time, and the peace to find joy in her memories. - Patty Roberts

Patricia E Roberts - May 13, 2021 at 06:17 PM

JL

“ Even though our life journeys had taken different paths, I always remembered our childhood together fondly. I only wish we could have reconnected. Sending prayers for you family and the hope we meet again one day.

jeanette loser - May 13, 2021 at 12:35 PM

SC

“ Deepest sympathy on the loss of a wonderful woman. She was a childhood friend and fellow “townie”. Gail will be missed by many.

Sharon Carr - May 13, 2021 at 10:46 AM

MD

“ Dr. Hardinge was one of my professors and mentors while attending grad school at W&M. I am praying for her family and friends, and all the lives she touched in the field of education and psychology. Her laughter will definitely be missed.

Melissa Danner - May 13, 2021 at 02:27 AM

 Drew
Stelljes

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Gail at William & Mary. She was such a force for good.

Drew Stelljes - May 12, 2021 at 04:24 PM

JW

“ I worked with Gail many years ago at New Kent Primary School. She was both caring and professional in all that she did. To her family, I am sorry for your great loss.

Janet Werner - May 12, 2021 at 02:06 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dzula lit a candle in memory of Gail Bareford Hardinge*



Debbie Dzula - May 12, 2021 at 01:18 PM

GC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I send my thoughts and prayers for her family and friends. Cherish your precious memories until you are with her again.
May God continue to be with you.
Gloria Couch*

Gloria Couch - May 12, 2021 at 10:02 AM

DG

I worked with Gail on the STEM grant and just loved her! She was a wonderful person and cared so much about education! I will miss her smiling face! Prayers for the family.

Donna Gill - May 13, 2021 at 10:01 AM

KI

Gail was a great friend. We were old friends long ago. My love and condolences go to those who's shared her life. Baxter, Payton and Will my thoughts are with you in these hard times. She was such a wonderful person and friend. Love, Kitty Pearson

KittyPearson - May 13, 2021 at 07:44 PM

DH

What can I say about my friend, Dr. Gail Hardinge? She was and is simply amazing. There are people you meet and at best you will become seasonal friends. Then, there are people like Dr. Gail, that you know your friendship will last forever. I will miss her quick wit, her smile, her hugs, and her countless "how are... questions." I am a better person, pastor, and community advocate because I was blessed to have Dr. Gail B. Hardinge as my friend. Family, I encourage you not to think of your having lost her. She is not lost. She now lives in that eternal land of promise called heaven, free from all of the infirmities and challenges that we still face. And knowing Dr. Gail, somewhere beyond the veil of this life, she is still watching over you, cheering and challenging you, while promising to meet you when you finally get home.

Dr. Milton A Hathaway - May 16, 2021 at 09:04 PM

DS

Gail was a cheerful person. I worked with her while teaching in New Kent county and again, at the College of William and Mary. She cared about people. My prayers are offered to her family.

Dr. Yvonne Smith-Jones - May 20, 2021 at 11:40 AM

CS

Gail was a wonderful person and a friend. I worked in the New Kent School Board Office and often visited with her when she came to our office and later when she was a member of the School Board. She will be missed by so many, and my thoughts and prayers are with her family.

CAROLYN SMITH - May 24, 2021 at 09:04 AM