



Gayle Rockoff

September 20, 1952 - August 8, 2023

Gayle Halpin Rockoff, passed away on Tuesday, August 8th at the age of 70. She was born on September 20, 1952, in Houston, Texas, to Harry and Marilyn Halpin. In March of 1976, Gayle married the love of her life, Richard Rockoff and remained married for 47 wonderful years. Gayle had two children she adored, Brettne and Jared. Gayle's passion was her community and worked for the Jewish Community Center of Houston for over 41 years until her retirement in 2016.

Gayle is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Richard Rockoff; daughter Brettne Hemley and husband Andrew; son Jared and wife Lindsey; and her beloved grandchildren Myca Hemley, Harrison Hemley, Jackson Rockoff, Preston Rockoff and Grayson Rockoff. Brother Dr. Robert Halpin and wife Dee Dee, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gayle was raised in Houston Texas, graduating from Bellaire High School. She received her degree in Organizational Psychology from the University of Houston. After a short stint working for B'nai Brith Youth Organization, Gayle started a long, illustrious career with the Jewish Community Center of Houston, working across multiple facets of the organization for just over 41 years. One of Gayle's proudest achievements while at the JCC, was her development of the early childhood program. A mentor and supervisor to many, Gayle was a positive influence on many careers.

In her retirement years, her greatest joy was seeing or facetimeing her grandchildren. Not a conversation would go by without her dotting on them.

The family would like to thank her care givers Carla and Nell for their attentive care and services rendered so lovingly to our sweet Gayle.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to Meals on Wheels (<https://www.erjcchouston.org/meals-on-wheels/>)

A memorial service was held at 11:30 am on Friday, August 11th at Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX 77005. The service will be livestreamed at <https://www.emanuelhouston.org/watch/proler-chapel/>

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 11. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We sincerely send our condolences to Richard, Bretne, Jared and all the family on Gayle’s passing. May she Rest In Peace.

Fannie Sherman - August 10, 2023 at 10:33 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Gayle’s friends and family ... May she Rest In Peace 🌹

Sherri Jansing - August 10, 2023 at 09:31 AM

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Heartfelt condolences to Richard, Brittne, Jared, grandchildren, ERJCC Community & BAC Community. Gayle embraced literally & figuratively our 3 children 1 by one as they began pre nursery & beyond beginning in 1975. She was so very accomplished. She welcomed Jerry with great enthusiasm when he arrived in Houston as the Program Director of the then JCC in Oct. of '71 & to me 3 months pregnant with our 1st child, Naomi. So many beautiful memories over the years--observation of my children, Channukah & Passover at BAC, staff parties, Book Fair, Performing Arts Series, Dance Month, Retirement events. I will dearly miss her. So brave, so caring. Midge Wische

Midge Wische - August 10, 2023 at 04:11 PM