



## Gail Gillman

December 16, 1940 - May 23, 2026

Gail Gillman (nee Sparr), age 85, passed away Saturday, May 23, 2026. She was born December 16, 1940, to the late Lewis and Rose (nee Rein) Sparr. Devoted wife to William “Billy” Gillman. Loving mother to Heather (John Sutorius) Gillman, Kelly (Butch) Zepf, and Amanda Gillman. Dear grandmother to Wyatt and Layla Zepf. Sister to Jay (Liz) Sparr.

Gail shared 53 beautiful years of marriage with her beloved husband, building a life centered on love, family, laughter, and adventure. Together they created treasured memories through their travels and the many experiences they shared with family along the way. Her greatest joy was simply being surrounded by those she loved most.

Gail had a lifelong passion for horseback riding and found great happiness at Derbyshire, where she spent many memorable days doing what she loved. Her compassion for others shined through her volunteer work with Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and at Summit Behavioral Healthcare, where she gave generously of her time, patience, and caring spirit. She believed deeply in helping others and brought warmth and encouragement to everyone she met.

Above all else, Gail was an incredible mother, grandmother, and wife. She especially loved the time she spent with her grandchildren, Wyatt and Layla and was always there to cheer them on at their soccer and softball games.

Her family was the center of her world, and she filled their lives with unwavering love, strength, wisdom, and support. She will be remembered for her gentle heart, generous spirit, and the way she made everyone feel welcome and cared for.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 1:30PM at Weil Kahn Funeral Home (8350 Cornell Rd. Cincinnati, OH. 45249) where guests will be received from 1PM until the time of service. Services will be LIVE STREAMED at [https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed\\_viewer/122482](https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/122482). Burial will follow immediately at United Jewish Cemetery Montgomery (7885 Ivygate Ln. Cincinnati, OH. 45242).

A gathering will be held on Wednesday, May 27, from 6-8PM at the Gillman residence (7550 Fernwood Dr. Cincinnati, OH. 45237).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship or a charity of your choice. <https://www.ctrhohio.com/programs>

# Cemetery Details

## United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane  
Montgomery, OH 45242

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home  
8350 Cornell Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45249  
513-469-WEIL (9345)  
[info@weilkahnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@weilkahnfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.weilkahnfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 26.** 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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## Gathering

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gillman Residence  
7550 Fernwood Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45237

# Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gail Gillman



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**Weil Kahn Funeral Home** - May 24 at 04:01 PM

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“ Gail,  
to my best friend's mother -- my second mom — thank you for loving me like one of your own. You let me bend the rules just enough to feel seen and trusted, and you always laughed the hardest at my wild stories instead of judging them. Your home was a safe place, full of warmth, comfort, and the kind of acceptance every kid hopes to find outside their own family. Until we meet again, I will carry the fond memories we shared.

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**Carrie Lange** - May 26 at 08:25 PM

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“ Billy, Heather, Kelly, Amanda & Your Precious Family... Such A Beautiful Service In Honor Of Your Incredible Mom! What A Blessing She Was To All Of You, And Everyone Whose Life She Touched! I Hope All Your Beautiful Memories Help You Navigate This Most Difficult Time. Love You All So Much, And Treasure All Our Wonderful Memories We Shared Together! Sending You All My Thoughts Love, And Prayers! XOX Laura Paul

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**Laura Paul** - May 26 at 02:25 PM