



## Gail Sands

June 13, 2023

With heavy hearts we announce that Gail Amelia Sands, A member of Walpole Island First Nation passed away surrounded by family on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the age of 71. She will be forever loved and remembered by her children Vydel Nicotine Sands (Wahsayzee), Jenna Rose Sands (Mark) and Gordon Nicotine-Sands (Suzanne). Cherished Kookum 'Goobay' to her grandchildren Zaida, Mason, Liam, Jaelynn, Emma, Griffin, Ivey, Olive and great granddaughter Shyla. Beloved daughter of the late Fredrick and Zaida Sands and dear sister to Rosemary Sands, Jean Landry (Robert), Fred Sands (Ramona), Mike Sands (Jackie), Maxine Nahdee (the late Virgil) and the late Sharon Isaac. She will be missed by her many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. Family and Friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg, on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 5-8pm and on Friday, June 16, 2023 at the Walpole Island Sports Complex beginning at 2pm until the time of her funeral services on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 12noon. Burial to follow at Highbanks Cemetery. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



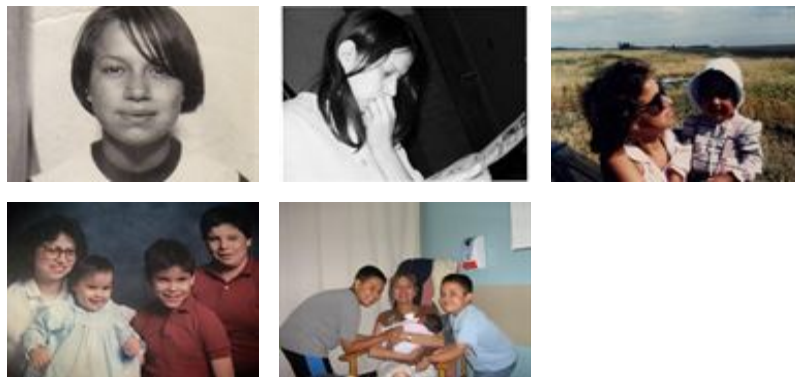
“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gail Sands



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - June 19, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ 119 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - June 19, 2023 at 12:22 PM

LN

“ Sure going to miss getting a hugs and beautiful greetings from Gail. Sending our deepest, heartfelt condolences to all of the family. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers❤️



Love, Lori Nahdee,  
Abbie Nahdee & Leroy Shenokey

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Lori Nahdee - June 16, 2023 at 06:48 PM

LL

“ Gail brightened Nokee Kwe with her great sense of play, beautiful laugh, and passion for First Nations culture and injustices. She was a teacher for me, and for that, I will always be grateful. In true Gail style, she initiated a group of us gathering each December and we exchanged surprise gifts by her "choose a number" coordination. Gail had a quiet strength, and a wise, grounded manner. I appreciated her down to earth ways...I could easily be myself with her. Gail always shared her pride and love of her children and grandchildren. It was easy to see how each family member was cherished. Jenna, Vydel and Gordon.. and all the grandchildren,... I am deeply sensitive to the pain you are experiencing with this profound loss. I hope you draw comfort from knowing the joy you have given your Mom and Kookum over the years. I believe her fiercely loving spirit will be with you always. Sincerely thinking of all of you, Laura Ladouceur

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Laura Ladouceur - June 16, 2023 at 02:32 PM

MA

“ *Melodie Avina lit a candle in memory of Gail Sands*



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**Melodie Avina** - June 15, 2023 at 10:37 PM

BG

“ *I always loved Gail's dry sense of humour and wit. Her smile and energy would light up a room when she walked in. May she be surrounded by the love and white light energy those who love her are sending*

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**Bob Gough** - June 15, 2023 at 01:49 PM

DS

“ *Baamaapii my dear cuz. Journey well. Love you forever*❤️



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**Debb Sands** - June 15, 2023 at 01:21 PM

RT

“ We had the privilege of being Gail's neighbors as her house is 2 doors down from us. Gail hosted family celebrations for **EVERYTHING** complete with banners, balloons, flowers and streamers decorating her verandah - always joyful for neighbors and passers by to witness! In the summer months there was also fantastic indigenous drumming that of course provided our end of the block with a special "cool factor" to be proud of together with the benefit of feeling the inspirational sound.

Gail had a peaceful nature unique to her- even her smile and wave from the car was calming. She was a lovely person whose presence will be sincerely missed.

We are sad to hear of Gail's passing. Our condolences to Jenna, Vydel ,Gordon and families.

Teichrob family (Rhonda, Peter, Christie and Kelly

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**Rhonda Teichrob** - June 15, 2023 at 01:18 PM

SW

“ Shannon White lit a candle in memory of Gail Sands



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**Shannon White** - June 15, 2023 at 07:48 AM

SC

“ We are so sorry for you loss.



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**Sherry & Dave Crowe** - June 14, 2023 at 10:48 PM

JM

“ *Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Gail Sands*



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**Jane McGill** - June 14, 2023 at 06:55 PM

AW

“ *Angela White lit a candle in memory of Gail Sands*



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**Angela White** - June 14, 2023 at 03:45 PM