



Gailor Scott-Hamsley

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Gailor Scott Hamsley, age 69, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025, at Baptist Restorative Care Hospital in Memphis, TN, after a valiant battle with ALS. With an infectious laugh and a personality to match, “Gailor like sailor” was a true joy to be around. She was an amazing mother, a loving wife, a caring nurse, a generous friend, and a kind, gentle soul. Gailor was the beloved wife of James Kenneth “Kenny” Hamsley Jr. and the doting mother to James Kenneth “Jake” Hamsley III and MaryAnn “MayMay” Lindley(John Lindley). She loved being a mother and dedicated her life to her children, yet her favorite role of all was being “Grandma” to her adoring grandchildren: Mary Gailor Wilson “MG” Lindley, Tristan Lee Cook, John Arthur “Ari” Lindley III, and Scottie Elizabeth “Izzy” Lindley.

Born in Memphis, TN, on September 21, 1955, Gailor was the second child of Roy Maurice Scott Jr. and Mary Ann Gailor Scott. After her mother remarried, Gailor and her older brother, Roy Maurice “Scotty” Scott III, moved to Poplar Bluff, MO, with their mother and stepfather, George B. Scott Jr. She graduated from Poplar Bluff High School, Class of 1973, and later became a proud alumni of Stephens College in Columbia, MO, Class of 1977.

Gailor went on to graduate from nursing school in 1988 and was a much loved nurse at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital for over 17 years. She was a gifted nurse for children because Gailor always maintained her own childlike innocence and compassion. She often said in reflecting on her years at St. Jude that she felt dedicated to the kids, but as a mother, she also looked into the eyes of the parents and felt she must offer them hope. After the loss of her own mother and brother, Gailor took a break from nursing to focus on raising her children. Later, she returned to nursing and began working with newborns in the nursery at St. Francis Hospital. Gailor finished out her decades-long career at Baptist Patient Placement with her beloved PPC family.

Gailor Scott Hamsley was the definition of kindness. She was known for her cheerful energy, her light-hearted humor, her loving spirit, and her knack for nicknames, as well as her occasional



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“potty mouth.” As a close childhood friend said when reflecting on Gailor, “She was light and laughter and love and funny as hell.” Gailor will be greatly missed by the many friends and family members she leaves behind. Although she is now “somewhere over the rainbow,” the gift of her love will live on in the hearts of those blessed enough to have known her.

Visitation will be held 10am on Saturday, February 8, at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis. Funeral services will begin at 11am with a reception to follow. Please join us to share your favorite memories and to celebrate the life of Gailor Scott Hamsley.



Events


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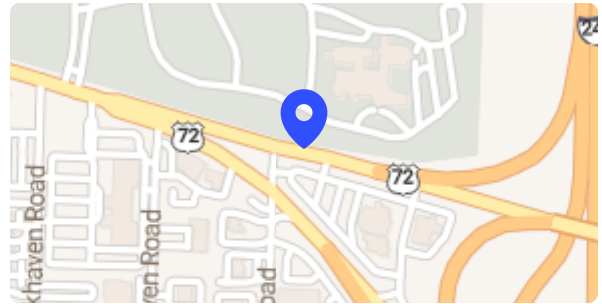
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 8, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

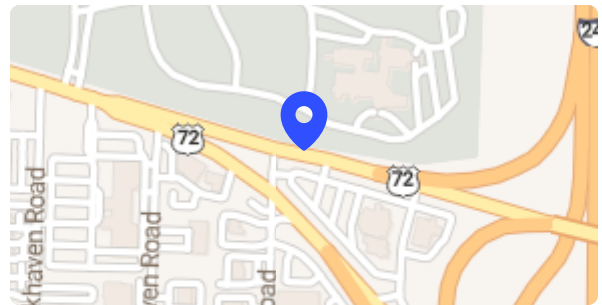


Funeral Service

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 11:00 AM CT

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Tribute Wall

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Buddy Strack posted:

Gailor and I counseled each other on love in high school. A world without her is a much sadder world.

February 12 at 4:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Scott-Hamsley family.



February 4 at 5:03 AM



Maria, John, Abby, and Jonathan. sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Scott-Hamsley family.



February 4 at 2:48 AM



Love And Prayers, Gail Glassell sent an Arrive in Style to the Scott-Hamsley family.



February 2 at 4:30 PM



The Stephens Gals sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Scott-Hamsley family.



February 2 at 3:12 AM



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Mollie posted:

I met your mom when Andrew started kindergarten with you, Jake. But we did not become friends until we were class mom's together for MayMay and Mason's kindergarten class. I remember making the goodie bags for the Halloween party at my house and we were talking in the front yard as she was being pelted in the head with falling acorns. After about the 3rd or 4th pelt to the head she had some colorful words for my oak trees, we both laughed so hard it hurt and I knew then we'd be friends. She always teased me for being the youngest mom in the group. So much so that I could not wait to turn 30. I thought she'd finally think I was "legit". No such luck though...she'd already turned 40. She made peewee soccer bearable, PTO meeting fun, and helped me so often with medical emergencies. You will be missed Dear Gailor like Sailor with a G.

January 30 at 9:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gailor by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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