



Sandra "Gay" Cordell

November 11, 1945 - June 7, 2025

In Loving Memory of Sandra "Gay" Cordell
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Sandra "Gay" Cordell was peacefully called into the presence of the Lord on June 7, 2025, while sleeping soundly with her loving family by her side.

Gay was born in Wenatchee, Washington, to W.R. "Bud" and Lena Bell Cordell on November 11, 1945. As the daughter of a hardworking and ever-mobile farmer, her joyful childhood unfolded across the Wenatchee area, the Yakima Valley, Quincy, and eventually back home to Wenatchee. After graduating from Eastmont High School, she attended the University of Washington, where she majored in Chemistry—she liked to joke it was the fastest route to a diploma. Ever independent, Gay's graduation gift from her parents was a bill for her car insurance, prompting her to quickly find a job. She spent a year in Alaska working with children, and later served as a social worker in the Seattle area.

One day, her father quipped, "You talk so much, you should get paid for it." Taking that advice to heart, Gay enrolled in law school. After graduating, she returned to Wenatchee and became one of the area's first female attorneys. Known for her brilliant mind, unwavering integrity, strong moral compass, and tireless work ethic, Gay built an extraordinary career that spanned over three

decades. Through her practice, she touched and transformed countless lives.

In 1992, Gay married the love of her life, Terry Scott. Theirs was a relationship filled with deep love, hearty laughter, and mutual respect. Together, they embraced life with joy—caring for aging parents, raising teenagers, skiing, sailing, golfing, hunting, and spending time with close friends. Sailing became their shared passion and the horizon was always calling. But in 2004, Terry was unexpectedly called home to the Lord at the age of 61. Gay was heartbroken. Just ten days later, her beloved mother also passed, compounding her grief.

For a time, the light dimmed in Gay's vibrant spirit. Even the work she had loved for so long no longer brought her joy. She chose to retire and found herself in a season of searching. During this time, she returned to the faith she had known since childhood. In 2006, Gay joined Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), where she immersed herself in Scripture, rekindled her relationship with Jesus, and experienced a profound spiritual renewal. Her joy was restored—deeper, brighter, and more infectious than ever.

Then came one of her life's greatest joys: becoming a grandmother. In 2007, Gay stood in the delivery room as her grandson Isaac was born. "We were both crying," she'd often recall with a tender smile. Just a year and a half later, Joseph arrived, and with them, a new calling unfolded—full-time grandma, joyful homemaker, faithful friend, and servant of God. Her home overflowed with laughter, children's voices, and happy barks from beloved dogs. Everyone was welcomed, hearts were lifted, and memories were made daily in her warm, loving presence.

Gay's life was also richly colored by adventure and deep friendships. She shared countless unforgettable moments with lifelong friends—sailing her 40-foot boat with Kaytie (to the terror of nearby boat owners), motorcycle trips

across states with spontaneous encounters from curious biker groups, a meaningful pilgrimage to Israel that included re-baptism in the Jordan River and visits to sites tied to her favorite apostle, “my guy Paul,” as she affectionately called him. From skiing in Sun Valley with Darlene to attending the opera and tulip festivals with Doreen, and walking the Camino de Santiago with Cindy—her adventures were as bold and beautiful as her spirit.

Gay lived a life of deep purpose, joyful spontaneity, and unwavering love. She gave generously of her time, her wisdom, and her heart.

She is lovingly survived by her devoted daughter Mimi (Randy), her cherished brother Wayne (Dianne), and her adored grandchildren: Ian, Logan, Austin, Isaac, and Joseph. She also leaves behind her beloved nephews: Rich (Stacy), David (Dana), Shaun, and Chris (Kelsey).

Though her physical presence is no longer with us, her light, laughter, and legacy of faith and love will live on in all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Saddlerock Presbyterian Church at 1400 S. Miller Street in Wenatchee.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Bible Study Fellowship at www.bsfi.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 1:00 PM (PT)

Saddlerock Church
1400 S. Miller Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall



“ I started practicing law in Wenatchee in 1998 and met Gay shortly thereafter. Both of us were elder law attorneys, and Gay pitched the idea to hold a weekend continuing education seminar at Campbell's in Chelan and asked for my help. Until that first meeting in Chelan, the meetings had been at SeaTac on a Saturday and sometimes included a Friday evening reception.

With the switch to Chelan, we encouraged attorneys to bring their families and extended the meeting to Sunday. Because of Gay's connections in Chelan, we chartered the Lady of the Lake and had a 3-hour dinner cruise with a local winery the first year. Gay also negotiated a discount at one of the jewelry stores.

The event was a high success, and most years the event continues to be held at Campbell's.

Peggi Moxley - June 14, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ Camille Cordell McCurdy and Sylvia Corde planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra "Gay" Cordell.

Camille Cordell McCurdy and Sylvia Corde - June 13, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ Camille Cordell McCurdy and Sylvia Corde purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sandra "Gay" Cordell.



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