



## Gayla Susan Nimtz

August 4, 1956 - September 7, 2024

A service to celebrate the life of Gayla Nimtz, 68 of Giddings, Texas, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. with the family being present for visitation from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Gayla was born on August 4, 1956 in Houston, Texas and was the daughter of Wilbert Ernest Nimtz and Ruby Lorine (Becker) Nimtz. She attended St. Mark's Lutheran School in Houston where she played on the basketball team, was a cheerleader, and was a member of the school choir. Gayla graduated from Spring Branch High School in Houston in 1974 and went on to attend Will Rodgers State College in Claremore, Oklahoma and Columbia School of Broadcasting where she studied music. Gayla spent several years working as a sales agent and radio personality for KIKK Radio in Pasadena, KYST Radio in Texas City and KBUK Radio in Baytown. In 1990, she began her career in Adult Protective Services, first with Catholic Charities in Houston and then with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. She served on the State of Texas Adult Protective Services Conference Committee and was instrumental in the production of the PBS documentary "Our Elderly at Stake" which was used as an APS training video throughout Texas and Oklahoma. After moving to Giddings, Gayla was a substitute teacher with the Giddings

Independent School District and enjoyed babysitting infants.

Her first and greatest love was music. She was a gifted musician and talented singer from an early age, and with the encouragement and support of her parents, she enjoyed sharing her gift throughout her life. Gayla was a member of several choirs throughout her life including the Young Ones. She could currently be found performing at the Dime Box Distillery and Fercho's, both in Giddings. In addition to her musical talent, she will be remembered for her boisterous personality, enthusiasm and especially her unique laughter.

Gayla passed away on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at St. David's Medical Center in Austin following a sudden illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbert Nimtz and Ruby Nimtz Koslan, and her stepfather, Werner Koslan.

Gayla is survived by numerous cousins and many friends.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

## Family Present for Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 6:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



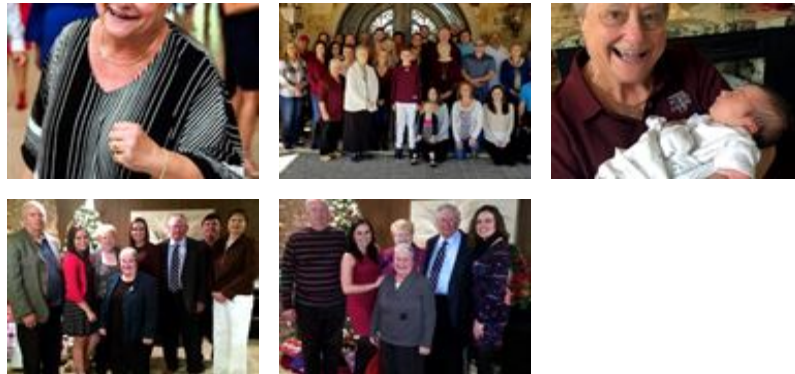
“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gayla Susan Nimtz*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 10, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 10, 2024 at 04:13 PM



“ *Connie Pampell lit a candle in memory of Gayla Nimtz*



Connie Pampell - September 10, 2024 at 04:05 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Sanders lit a candle in memory of Gayla Nimtz



Cheryl Sanders - September 10, 2024 at 01:06 PM

AL

“ I am so grateful to have known you, Ms. Gayla; you were an amazing substitute teacher and an amazing friend. Your singing was very beautiful and you lit up the whole room when you walked in. Everyone knew you as kind-hearted and very sweet. We all will definitely miss you here. I hope you're singing with the angels now. Praying for you, sweet angel.



Alexis Leyva - September 10, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MJ

“ Gayla was my neighbor for many years. She was such a positive person. She was very gifted and loved music and her animals. She took me to see my mother, who lived in Nolaville, several times when I didn't have a vehicle. She helped me get my job at Dime Box Distillery and have been there for almost four years. She was my friend and I have fond memories of the time we spent together. She brought joy to all those that knew her. She was loved and will be missed

Michele Jaeger - September 10, 2024 at 10:41 AM

SE

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Gayla was always such a delightful soul, we shared a good joke and laughed a lot together! She will be forever missed.*

Sherry Elstner - September 10, 2024 at 10:01 AM

MM

“ *I was fortunate enough to have known Gayla all thru high school and afterwords. The single most driving force for her had to have been music and it continued to be part of her life as well as her relationship with the Lord. I'm so glad to have known her and her folks. Rest in peace....*

Mark J Myler - September 10, 2024 at 08:45 AM

KM

“ *Ms. Gayla will be missed, such a sweet soul. I absolutely loved to hear her laugh. I met her at the school when she was a substitute. After our first meeting I could always count on her to stop by my classroom when she was on campus just to see how things were going with me. Not long ago I met her on Middle School Road and she gave me the biggest wave and smile ever. My last memory. I will cherish the memories of such a sweet, guitar picking, infectious laughing sweetheart.*

Karen Miller - September 10, 2024 at 12:59 AM


CM

“ *Very sweet lady! She loved life no matter what she had to go through! R.I.P.*



cotton & suzanna medack - September 09, 2024 at 08:11 PM

CD

“ *Gayla and I were close friends for a long time. She loved her music*  
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**Carl DeDear** - September 09, 2024 at 08:10 PM

RS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Rebecca Sherrill** - September 09, 2024 at 07:35 PM

DA

“ *Best substitute teacher GISD has ever had, this woman would light up a whole room, even if you were sad. She would always say hello, always. I remember bittersweet moments of her bringing her guitar and playing it for us while we were in class. Love you forever Ms. G and I will always remember you calling me baby or sweetie. Rest easy* ❤️

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**Daniel Arreola** - September 09, 2024 at 01:51 PM