

Service

NOVEMBER 2 AT 11AM
EAGLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
305 E. MAIN ST.,
EAGLE, WI 53119

Officiating

PASTOR PARK

Special Thanks

BARRY STEPHAN
MARY MACPHERSON

IN LOVING MEMORY



GAY
SEMANKO

October 6, 1951 - April 19, 2024

Obituary

Gay Semanko, 72, of Bloomington, passed away on 19 April 2024. She was born 6 October 1951 to Mabel and Robert Finney.

Gay is survived by her husband, Michael, her daughter Alissa (Andrew) and son, Tristan.

Having a determination to help people and inspired by her brother, Mark, who had a minor speech impediment, Gay pursued a career in Speech Pathology. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, where she honed her skills and passion for helping others.

After moving around with her family to find the right position, Gay and her family settled in Bloomington-Normal, where Illinois State University became her professional home.

Gay formed lifelong friendships in the Speech and Language department at Illinois State University, where she also touched many lives by mentoring students. Her students fondly remember her dedicated guidance and the impact she had on their lives. They will all remember 'The Score Sheet', where her insightful feedback was highly respected and valued. Even after her retirement, she still attended parties and lunches with many of the friends she had from the Illinois State Speech and Language group.

She was a long-time active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington-Normal where she held various positions over the years. Gay was devoted to her involvement with the UUBN congregation, contributing her time and talents to its mission.

Gay's warm smile and genuine kindness touched the hearts of all who knew her. Her generosity, talent, and unwavering compassion will be cherished and remembered by those whose lives she enriched. Though she may be physically absent, her spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved her.

Order of Service

WELCOME - BY PASTOR PARK

HYMN - 'ENTER, REJOICE, AND
COME IN' LED BY MARY
MACPHERSON

EULOGY - BY MICHAEL MICHELA

TALK & MUSIC - BY ALISSA WALES

READING - BY ANDREW WALES

TALK - BY BARRY STEPHAN

THANKS - BY PASTOR PARK