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Gail Winslow Ginsburgh, age 85, of Naples, FL, Bethesda, MD, and Rehoboth Beach, DE, died peacefully on September 12, 2015 at Beebe Healthcare, Lewes, DE. She was born on December 2, 1929 in Baltimore, MD, daughter of the late Allen and Carolyn (Myers) Whitehead.

After attending Radcliffe College, she married Alan F. Winslow, a Central Intelligence Agency officer. Her second marriage in 1959 was to Robert N. Ginsburgh, an Air Force officer who went on to serve as an aide to President John F. Kennedy and President Lyndon Johnson and retired as a major general. In 1956, she joined Ferris & Company, a Washington, DC based brokerage and investment bank as a secretary and “gal Friday.”

She was a pioneer in a male-dominated industry. After passing the Securities and Exchange Commission exam, she became a successful stockbroker. According to a 1958 newspaper headline, “in a man’s world, Gail Winslow is a financial whiz.” In recognition of her growing stature on Wall Street, the New York Stock Exchange invited her to visit the all-male trading floor. Until then, the exchange had issued only two other invitations to women—the widow of former President Calvin Coolidge and the actress Tallulah Bankhead.

She rose swiftly through Ferris & Company and was admitted as a general partner in 1965. In 1977 Gail was appointed Vice Chairman. In the 1990s, the firm’s successor, Ferris Baker Watts, Inc. registered a seat on the New York Stock Exchange in her name in honor of her service. After the Royal Bank of Canada acquired the firm in 2008, she was appointed Senior Vice President-Financial Advisor, a position she held at the time of her death. She served on the boards of many charitable and educational institutions, including Trinity College in Hartford, CT; the Choral Arts Society of Washington; WETA, Washington’s public television station; Washington Area Tennis Patrons Foundation and the YWCA.

Mrs. Ginsburgh was also a member of the Maryland State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. In 2008, Heritage University in Toppenish, WA established the Gail



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Winslow Ginsburgh Scholarship. She was a passionate world traveler, sports fan, and an avid bridge player who in 2013 became a Life Master.

She is survived by six children: Alan Winslow III of San Francisco; R. Brand Ginsburgh of Annapolis, MD; William Winslow of Reston, VA; C. Lee Ginsburgh of Williamsburg, VA; Carolyn Grant-Suttie of Potomac, MD; and Anne Rosenau of Washington. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Hickory Ginsburgh of Redondo Beach, CA Katherine Grant-Suttie of Seattle; Catherine Winslow of Boston; Ian Grant-Suttie of Denver; Grant Ginsburgh and Trevor Ginsburgh, both of Williamsburg; and William Rosenau of Washington; and by two great-grandchildren, Millie and Chloe Ginsburgh of Redondo Beach, CA.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 4:00 PM at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 4201 Albemarie St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or woundedwarriorproject.org.

Please sign Gail's online guestbook at this site.

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LC

Lila Carusillo posted:

My deepest sympathy and condolences to all of Gail's family: The memorial service was beautiful; and, appropriately, honored Gail, her family, her life, her work, and her friends. The words throughout the song, "All things bright and beautiful " were, totally, expressive of Gail. Gail was my dear friend of fifty years. Words to describe her would include honesty, integrity, energetic, religious, a great love of family, life and humanity. We had wonderful times in Rehoboth, Naples, and Washington DC. We shared tennis, bridge, dinners, trips, and our hearts. When I first had a little to invest, even though, Gail and I were lifelong friends, I interviewed several financial advisors before choosing Gail. As a dear friend, she was more than my financial advisor, often my mentor. I will miss her greatly. Gail, " until, we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand " Lila Flanagan Carusillo

September 29 at 8:00 PM

JG

James Griffin posted:

Sad to lose such an inspiration. Thank you, Gail for everything.

September 25 at 8:00 PM

JH

Jill And Roger Hill posted:

Please accept our sympathy and prayers at this time of sadness. Gail was one of the most admired and also the "funnest" of friends ever. We loved her like family ourselves from the first day we met in Naples. With love, , Jill and Roger Hill

September 24 at 8:00 PM

SR

Suzy A Reingold posted:

My condolences to Annie and your entire family.

September 19 at 8:00 PM

SR

Suzy A Reingold posted:

Suzy A Reingold has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

September 19 at 8:00 PM



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AB

Andrea Bici posted:

I was so saddened to hear of such incredible loss for all of you. "Gigi" was one of the most resplendent women I have ever known, really on par with the Queen of England. She was an inspiration to me professionally- we would discuss healthcare stocks. Annie has been like a sister to me, and Gigi knew this. I remember meeting many of you at Annie's wedding, and when you all came to NYC for her 75th birthday in December 2004. She was absolutely over the moon to have you all there, and so incredibly proud of all of you. I was so honoured that you entrusted the care of your children too young to attend the dinner celebration to me, we went out for dinner and to see Polar Express. It was such fun and my great pleasure. Ill never forget when she graciously included me in a Kennedy Center Performance, with many of you when I lived in D.C. and was counting tickets, making sure everyone was present and asked "all my chickens, raise your hands." When I didnt, she clasped mine and said "Andrea, you are one of my chickens." Please accept my deepest and most heartfelt condolences, may cherished memories and the love of friends and family comfort you. Love to all of you, Andrea

September 19 at 8:00 PM

EG

Ellen And Tom Granger posted:

Our sincere sympathy to Gails family. Gail will be sorely missed here at Grey Oaks. She and I used to play tennis together when we all first joined the club and we enjoyed the delightful dinner parties at her home with always fascinating guests and stimulating conversation! Tom and all the men in the Grey Oaks Book Group will miss her commentary and always cheery disposition. She will be missed at the the Monday night tennis events as she cheered on all the competitors. Gail was a larger than life presence at Grey Oaks and a great friend to Tom and I. There will be a bright star in the sky looking down on us now one well remember every night.

September 17 at 8:00 PM

SS

Suzie Schenk posted:

I had the pleasure and honor of being Gails partner when she became a Life Master in Sept. 2013. This summer she spotted my remark on FB siting my being in Sweden. She quipped back, "Im in Norway, come on over!" What an energetic go-getter!! She was a very smart and fun lady whom I greatly admired. She spoke often and lovingly about her family. You have my deepest sympathy. (Go Apple!!!)

September 17 at 8:00 PM



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GT

Glenn And Peggy Moberg Advanced Transportation posted:

RIP Gail you will be missed in Naples

September 17 at 8:00 PM

WN

William E Neikirk posted:

Gail will be missed but the memories will be the best part. I know that she and Nancy, Bill and Robert are having a grand time together once again after all these years.

September 17 at 8:00 PM

SH

Sandra Hunnicutt posted:

Rest in peace, Gail. Your care and insight touched so many lives. I write for myself and my late mother, Ethel G. Sprague who was honored to be your friend and client.

September 16 at 8:00 PM

LS

Lori Sherrill posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. What a great lady she was and she will be missed.

September 16 at 8:00 PM

DK

Dee And John Krynock posted:

We will miss Gail. We both admired her dedication to her clients. She was a very intelligent person and very kind. I enjoyed playing bridge with Gail. Our sincere sympathy to all her family.

September 16 at 8:00 PM

HY

Henry And Sandy Yeager posted:

We express our deepest sympathy at the loss of Gail.

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RN

Robert S. Neilson Iii posted:

I loved you and still do. My other Mother.

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HP

Helen Pariza posted:

Andrea Bici told me of the passing of Gail W. Ginsburgh saying that I reminded her of Gail....naturally I was moved to read the Obituary.Gail certainly was a pioneer. I assure you that I only wish I was as accomplished a woman as Gail. I would have loved knowing her and I wanted Annie to know this.

September 16 at 8:00 PM

TH

Teresa C. Hull posted:

Our deepest sympathy for your loss.Sincerely,The Family of Chuck and Teresa Hull

September 16 at 8:00 PM

MY

Melissa Yanowitz posted:

No doubt Gails passing is a great loss to all who knew her. Gail was fun and always professional doing business. Please accept my condolences. "As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us; as we remember them."

September 16 at 8:00 PM

WG

Wendy Gildemeister posted:

My deepest condolences to Gails loved ones. I had the pleasure of working with her at Ferris. Secretly, I always wanted to be Gail, a wonderful, strong, successful woman who loved what she did!

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DM

Dawn Mccoy posted:

I will remember Gail for her candor and giving spirit. During an elevator ride many moons ago during the FBW era, she told me how much she admired an elephant pin I was wearing. We went on to talk about the symbol of the elephant and how much we both enjoyed them. Later, at RBC, she gave generously to our complex wide service project - Rebuilding Together, stressing the importance of giving back to our community. She was a cool lady.

September 16 at 8:00 PM

LB

Lynn Brauitgan posted:

Gail was a remarkable woman and an inspiration to other young women in the Financial Services Industry. I was truly lucky to have worked with Gail while at Ferris, Baker Watts. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

September 16 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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