



## Gayle A. Risko

March 21, 1949 - July 2, 2025

Gayle A. Risko, age 76 of Mentor, passed away Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at Cleveland Clinic – Hillcrest Hospital, Mayfield Heights surrounded by her loved ones. She was born March 21, 1949 in Cleveland.

Gayle lived a life strong in her faith and was an example to follow amongst her family, friends and local community. She promoted words of kindness and unity with one another. She was a true believer in the old saying “If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all. She was genuine, caring, loving and made everybody feel important and welcome.

Gayle retired from Lincoln Electric where she worked in the Customer Service and Credit departments.

She was a devout Catholic and member of St. John Vianney Church. Her hobbies included baking, playing pinochle, bingo, church festivals (especially the pull tab tent) and the casinos. One rite of passage for the grandchildren is when they became age eligible to play Bingo and join Grandma. The louder you yelled Bingo - the more she cheered for you. Slot machines (especially the Stampeding Buffalos) were her favorite casino game but she was open to trying her luck at other games of chance. Parties and gatherings at her house were always a treat as she was an outstanding cook and baker. Fan favorites were her apple strudel, lamb

cakes and cookies. Every meal at her house left you fulfilled and happy.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years: Martin S. Risko; children: Martin D. (Laurel) Risko, Tracy (David) Risko-Schied, Debrah (Jason) Kline and Tracy Marincek; grandchildren: Luke and Joshua Risko, Trevor (Sarah Kraska) Schied, Dylan (Priyanka Nanavaty-Schied) Schied, Dwight (Jackie) Schied, Jon Schied, Lee Ann (Dallas) Cott, Jacey Luzny, Griffin Kline and Daphne Kline; great-grandchildren: Freya, David and Corbin and brothers: Len (Maggie Motter) Dezelan and Dennis (Diane) Dezelan.

Preceding Gayle in death are her parents, Frank and Anne Dezelan.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 – 8:00 pm Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH, 44060

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at St. John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd. Mentor, OH. 44060. Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

The family requests contributions be made to A Special Wish Foundation Northeast Ohio, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, OH 44141, [www.aspecialwishneoh.org](http://www.aspecialwishneoh.org)

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 582-6850

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 8.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Mass

**JUL 9.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
7575 Bellflower Road  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-0600

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I knew her from her husband from riding her bike. Good friends.

bill brewer - July 08, 2025 at 03:03 PM

JF

“ Our thoughts are with the family at this time of loss. Gayle always to be remembered as one of the nicest, sweetest persons anyone could know. So happy to have her as our cousin; Jerry Fudurich and Judy Blumel (from Germany) Rest in Peace, Gayle

Jerry Fudurich - July 08, 2025 at 09:10 AM

JD

“ Gail you always had a smile on your face I will miss seeing you and Marty at the casino. I know how much you enjoyed being there. but I also know how much your family and friends meant to you. You will be missed but never forgot .RIP Joe and Jeanette

Jeanette & Joe Dezelan - July 08, 2025 at 06:52 AM

WM

“ With love, Madeline purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



With love, Madeline - July 07, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



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July 07, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gayle A. Risko.

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July 07, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ *Infield Chiropractic Office* purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



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**Infield Chiropractic Office** - July 07, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



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July 07, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MF

“ Mack, Adkins, Luzny families purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



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**Mack, Adkins, Luzny families** - July 07, 2025 at 11:01 AM

AR

“ Arleen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



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**Arleen** - July 07, 2025 at 09:50 AM

TI

“ Tremco CPG Inc. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



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**Tremco CPG Inc.** - July 07, 2025 at 09:14 AM

TI

“ Tremco CPG Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gayle A. Risko.

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**Tremco CPG Inc.** - July 07, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Risko.*



July 07, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Risko.*



July 07, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gayle A. Risko.*

July 07, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *Tracey, Greg, and Kay & Pam and Bill purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gayle A. Risko.*



**Tracey, Greg, and Kay & Pam and Bill** - July 07, 2025 at 08:29 AM

TF

“ *The Colvin family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gayle A. Risko.*



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**The Colvin family** - July 06, 2025 at 07:25 PM

RP

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Risko Family. I remember Gayle from my Lincoln Electric days, many years ago. She was very kind - Renee Pisano*



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**Renee Pisano** - July 06, 2025 at 07:10 PM

FR

“ *Frank, Jo Ann, Ken and Kathy Risko purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gayle A. Risko.*



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**Frank, Jo Ann, Ken and Kathy Risko** - July 06, 2025 at 11:57 AM

LF

“ *Love Stanic, Wimbs & Probst families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gayle A. Risko.*



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**Love Stanic, Wimbs & Probst families** - July 05, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



July 05, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gayle A. Risko.

July 05, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



July 05, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ Marlene, Jackie and Nathan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gayle A. Risko.



**Marlene, Jackie and Nathan** - July 05, 2025 at 04:46 PM

MN

“ *Marlene, Jackie and Nathan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gayle A. Risko.*

Marlene, Jackie and Nathan - July 05, 2025 at 04:46 PM

TS

“ *Tony and Fran Siracusa purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gayle A. Risko.*



Tony and Fran Siracusa - July 05, 2025 at 02:55 PM

TS

“ *Tony and Fran Siracusa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gayle A. Risko.*

Tony and Fran Siracusa - July 05, 2025 at 02:55 PM

DV

“ *To all of the family! what a nice lady, whenever i saw her, she was smiling and always made you feel welcomed. We are so sorry for your loss. Love Bruce and donna Vehar*

donna vehar - July 05, 2025 at 02:38 PM

RN

“ *Sweet and caring cousin. Enjoyed life, family and hone to the fullest. Rest in peace, Gayle Cousin Rose*

Rose Newman - July 05, 2025 at 02:34 PM

DV

“ *Donna Vehar lit a candle in memory of Gayle  
A. Risko*



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**donna vehar** - July 05, 2025 at 02:29 PM