



Gwen Jacoby Hauser

May 20, 1943 - August 26, 2024

Gwen Jacoby Hauser (81) died peacefully on August 26, 2024. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, she absolutely loved the Pacific Northwest. While there were many compelling reasons to remain there to continue her education, she was granted a full scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania, ventured 3,000 miles away and fully immersed herself in the East Coast college experience. She excelled there, receiving her BA, and then went on to earn her MA at Temple University while working full-time as a teacher. She remained in the Philadelphia area for her entire adult life and was incredibly dedicated to early childhood education and literacy efforts. Gwen was a highly-regarded and much-loved educator of both children and adults and spent 40 years in the School District of Philadelphia.

In her retirement, she was a longtime patron of and volunteer at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Shofuso Japanese Cultural Center, the Pennsylvania Ballet, Ballet X, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. She was also an avid collector of Japanese woodblock prints and had many stunning pieces. Gwen enjoyed her membership at the Cosmopolitan Club and was a 50+ year active parishioner at the Church of St. Asaph. She was incredibly passionate about education, music, and the arts.

To know Gwen was to know her true loves: her daughter, Samantha Hauser Ekert, and grandchildren, Julia Hope Ekert and Cole Conrad Ekert. She

adored them like no other and was truly happiest when she was with family. Gwen showered the three with the deepest care and love. Her grandchildren were an unending source of joy and her greatest pride. No exchange with her passed without some excited mention of the latest successes and adventures of Julia and Cole. Her hazel eyes shone brightest and her face lit up beyond measure when she spoke of them.

She is lovingly survived by her daughter, grandchildren, brother Jack and sister Kenya, son-in-law Kurt, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Lee and Gladys, older sister Sondra, and ex-husband and dear friend Warren.

Gwen was treasured by so many, and her lifelong curiosity and creativity, as well as her enthusiasm in sharing her passions with others, made a lasting impact on anyone fortunate to have met her. She will be remembered most by her cherished role as a doting mother and nana, and her wonderful spirit will carry on in her family and friends.

There will be a service for Gwen on September 20th at 1 pm at the Church of St. Asaph in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please support the Shofuso Japanese Cultural Center (www.japanphilly.org) or the Art and Music programs at the Church of St. Asaph (www.saintasaphs.org) in Gwen's name.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Asaph
27 Conshohocken State Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
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Tribute Wall



“Gwen was a kind, caring, and gifted educator who gave countless children a strong start. She was well known in the School District of Philadelphia for being generous with her time and talents and supported the professional growth of many teachers and administrators. Gwen left a positive and lasting impact on early literacy learning. Although Gwen had many accomplishments in the field of education, she was most proud of her daughter and son in law and her fabulous grandchildren.

Andrea Gray - September 21, 2024 at 09:10 AM

JB

“While I did not have the privilege of knowing Gwen, clearly her legacy and spirit lives on in the kindness, success and philanthropy of Samantha, Julia and Cole. So sorry for their loss.

Jennifer Shaw- Brachfeld - September 08, 2024 at 08:33 AM

SH

“Gwen was a great friend to me we shared many happy moments about our family and our special grand kids. I will miss her but I will always remember her . Love you Gwen.

Shirley - September 06, 2024 at 04:09 PM

GM

“Gwen was such a beautiful woman inside and out. I was fortunate enough to have her in my life for a long period of time. I'm very saddened by her passing but I know she surely is with her Lord.

Gwendolyn Morse - September 06, 2024 at 12:27 PM

RT

Thank you for your kind words about our friend, Gwen. Looking forward to seeing you at our Friday night meeting at Saint A's.

Rick Trivane - February 16, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Gwen Jacoby Hauser.*



September 05, 2024 at 06:27 PM

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“ *Sabre Executive Leadership Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwen Jacoby Hauser.*

Sabre Executive Leadership Team - September 05, 2024 at 06:27 PM