

# *Gail Stuchinsky Stulberg*

December 11, 1963 – March 13, 2010

Gail is survived by Barry, her husband of 22 years, her “shield,” and best friend who stood by her every breath and her children Hannah and Noah who provided the best medicine - the hugs, the care and caring, the baking, the memorymaking, the giggles. Gail's parents Naomi Stuchinsky and Yoram Stav and Elaine and Dr. H. Jerome Stulberg and the rest of her backfield team of support including brothers Dori (Marivi) and Golan (Robin) Stuchinsky, Jeff (Kate), Bob (Dana), and Brian Stulberg. Her nieces and nephews; Elizabeth, Jenna, Keith, Matt, and Victoria, were forever cheering her on to good health. Friends and family in Seattle, Florida, Los Angeles, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Texas, and Israel, who all lived the last eight years in the spirit of Gail's strength, now stand empty-hearted.



A graduate of Grant High School '82, and Cal State University at Northridge '86, Gail was a CPA at KPMG Peat Marwick and at the Walt Disney Company. She served as Controller at the L.A. Weekly magazine and she taught accounting and finance at Bellevue Community College. Gail loved the hours she spent volunteering at her children's Jewish Day School of Metropolitan Seattle and at the University of Washington Medical School.

A longtime member of Los Angeles' Congregation Adat Ariel, where she was confirmed, a member of the United Synagogue Youth, for seven years a beloved assistant director to the Youth theatre program, and where she was married, and Seattle's Herzl Ner-Tamid, where she was devoted to the Mitzvah Corps, Gail's belief and ties to her tradition were strong.

Long before and throughout Gail's medical fight, this amazing woman, who had it all and who was it all, made memories for her family. There were summers in Laguna Beach, dialysis cruises, chemo-delayed, but never denied, vacations to sunny sights, the ocean breezes, snow zones, the land of the mouse with the big black ears, to Broadway, and more.

There are scrapbooks of memories, in the hearts of her friends and family but also on the bookshelves of the family home in albums in which she cut and pasted, decorated and designed, capturing the “moment,” in every moment. Gail was always a challenger; she loved Scrabble, math, languages, and the scariest rides at the amusement park. She was a thrill seeker; a paraglider, a parasailer, and one who to swim in the seas with inhabitants therein.

Interviewed in a series of Pacific Northwest magazine, on Comedy Cures Laughtalk and numerous other newspaper, radio, and television features, Gail opened her heart to fellow cancer survivors and their loved ones, she was an inspiration to all including her friends at Gilda's Club, and the medical teams of the Virginia Mason Medical Center and the Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research.

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