

*A Service of Remembrance,
Thanksgiving, and Promise*



GAIL HENRY
May 4, 1941 — April 14, 2026

Northway Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) | Dallas, Texas
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Christina Welter, niece

We travelers, walking to the sun, can't see
Ahead, but looking back the very light
That blinded us shows us the way we came,
Along which blessings now appear, risen
As if from sightlessness to sight, and we,
By blessing brightly lit, keep going toward
That blessed light that yet to us is dark.

— Wendell Berry, *Sabbaths 1999*, ix

Hymn — #565 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You* (v.1)

Opening Statement

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

Invocation

Scripture Readings — Psalm 23 .

Judy Eppright, longtime friend

Reminiscences and Reflections

Stephan Henry, nephew; Miranda Gail Bennett, niece
Saue Ann Ruth, Northway Church Elder; Patrick Henry, brother

Scripture Readings — 1 Corinthians 13

Rev. Judith Walker Stempel, lifelong friend

Message of Hope

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

Hymn — #545 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* (v.1)

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn — #715 *Now Thank We All Our God* (v.1)

Following the hymn, the congregation is invited to proceed to the Memorial Tree for the Committal of Ashes.

Words of Comfort — *Desiderata* (Max Ehrmann)

Brendan Henry, nephew

Committal of Ashes to the Earth

Pat Welter, sister-in-law; Patrick Henry

Benediction

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Please join the family for a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.



In Memory of Gail Henry

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Gail Henry, born May 4, 1941 in Dallas, died on April 14, 2026 in Plano, three weeks shy of her 85th birthday. She was the daughter of Rev. Dr. Patrick Henry Jr. and Jean Shelley Jennings Henry, about both of whom a plaque in Northway Christian Church says, “In love and gratitude for forty years of Christian Ministry to the congregation of Northway Christian Church 1937-1977.”

Gail graduated from Highland Park High School. She had degrees from Texas Tech University (her mother’s alma mater), where she was a member of Chi Omega sorority, and North Texas State University.

She taught kindergarten and elementary students in several school districts in the greater Dallas area. One of her principals wrote, “She is so nurturing, compassionate, and has such a strong love for each individual student.”

She liked to entertain. Over the years she plied family and friends with what must have been thousands of her favorite recipe, peanut clusters.

Gail is survived by her brother, Patrick Henry (Pat Welter) of Waite Park, MN; her nieces and nephews, in whom she took special delight, and their children: Stephan Henry (Sundance), Joplin and Acadia of Vancouver, WA; Miranda Bennett (Micah), Patrick, Henry, and Andrew of Irmo, SC; Christina Welter (David Muzic), Aiden and Annabel of Oak Park, IL; Juliet Henry of Sioux Falls, SD; Brendan Henry (Sara), Nolan and Natalie of Apple Valley, MN; and her cousins, with whom she spent much time growing up, James Taylor (Karen) of Lubbock, TX; Walter Taylor (Anita) of Winston-Salem, NC; Mary Jane Crook (Howard) of New York, NY.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by her stepfather, Manuel DeBusk; by aunts and uncles, among whom she was especially close to Rev. Olin and Betsy Pendleton, whom she visited several times at their home in Hawaii; and by cousins Jean Louise Gammon Briggs, John Gammon, and Marianna Gammon.

Gail’s family are grateful to so many who cared for her in these final years, including Beth Harp, LPC; Susan Cummings of Daily Money Care, LLC; the staff at Emerson on Harvest Hill, especially Elizabeth Paredes; the staff in skilled nursing care at Presbyterian Village North; the hospice staff of Visiting Nurse Association; and Rozina Kifle, owner, and the staff of Joyful Assisted Living Home in Plano, where Gail died.

Very special thanks go to Northway Christian Church elder, Sue Ann Ruth, and her husband John. They have carried out the mission of eldership—“sharing in the pastoral care and leadership of the congregation”—generously and unstintingly over the past year. They have truly been part of Gail’s family.

Acknowledgements

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers and many other acts of kindness shown during our difficult time.

Flowers next to the urn are a gift from cousins Mary Jane Taylor Crook and Howard Crook (New York), Walter and Anita Taylor (North Carolina), and James and Karen Taylor (Texas).



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