



## Gale Sheehan Morano

February 28, 1948 - March 22, 2025

Gale Sheehan Morano, our loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt passed away surrounded by family on March 22, 2025. She lived in the Boston area for 45 years prior to moving to Newark, DE in 2020.

At Gale's core was her love for all children. She was a co-founder of the Open Center for Children in Somerville, MA, where she was a director and teacher for 41 years. Gale had extensive experience working with families and staff from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds with an emphasis on developing child and family literacy skills. Gale was a community and state leader in the development of childcare and education policy.

Gale loved to garden and was an avid reader. She enjoyed traveling to California and New Hampshire and watching BBC and PBS while spending time with her cat, Charlie. She was known for her dry sense of humor and wit.

Gale received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and a M.S., Parent Education and Family Support from Wheelock College in Boston.

Gale is survived by her children: Jesse (Karen) Morano and Matthew (Erin) Morano; grandchildren: Leyda, Michael, Andrew, and Ryan; siblings: Jeff (Laura) Sheehan and Keven S. Lawson; nephew, Max (Brianna) Sheehan; niece, Kallan (Evan) as well as many loving cousins and friends. She was

preceded in death by her parents, William and Phyllis Sheehan.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses of Christiana Hospital, 2D Neurocritical Care Unit, for their exceptional care of Gale.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 11 AM at Trinity Episcopal Parish, 1108 N. Adams Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you donate to your favorite children's hospital in Gale's memory. For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
1108 N. Adams Street  
Wilmington, DE

# Tribute Wall



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

April 30, 2025 at 07:53 AM



“ Joe Wrinn and Patricia Cox purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Gale Sheehan Morano.



Joe Wrinn and Patricia Cox - April 25, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ Leyda, Michael, Mercedes & Claudiu purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gale Sheehan Morano.



Leyda, Michael, Mercedes & Claudiu - April 24, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ Kathy Raiford and Bill Lamme purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Gale Sheehan Morano.



Kathy Raiford and Bill Lamme - April 24, 2025 at 09:47 AM

PJ

“ Our son and granddaughters were lucky to have the most wonderful possible experience at the Open Center for Children, which Gale led for over 40 years. Our whole family is grateful for her thoughtful, kind, and expert leadership and friendship.

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**Patricia D Jehlen** - March 30, 2025 at 03:19 PM

PJ

“ Our son and granddaughters - a generation apart - were blessed to go to the Open Center for Children, which Gale led for over 40 years. She made it a loving, supportive, inclusive place for children and families, where we all learned so much about how to help children grow in kindness and cooperation, as well as learning skills like counting and writing. Pat and Alain Jehlen

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**Pat and Alain Jehlen** - March 30, 2025 at 09:36 AM

SA

“ So sorry to hear . My thoughts are with Keven & her family I will always remember what a nice lady Gale will be missed

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**Sue Atkins** - March 26, 2025 at 10:37 AM

CC

I am so very sorry for your loss❤️

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**Christine Cook** - March 26, 2025 at 08:19 PM

MC

“ Dear Family and Friends of Gale! Gale and I shared two years attending Wheelock College obtaining our Masters in Parent Education and Family Support. That was a cutting-edge Degree, and our Cohort was cutting-edge as well! As "older" professionals, we had an amazing time together, and Gale was in the thick of it, offering her deep insights and passion for this work. We maintained a connection ever after, just staying in touch, loving what we were doing in the family support world. I deeply admired Gale as a special, wonderful person!

With Love,  
Marie Cassidy

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**Marie Cassidy** - March 26, 2025 at 10:10 AM

HK

“ To the family of Gale, we were pool and breakfast buddies. She was such a lovey i will miss her so much. Prayerful to God for comfort and strength in the days going forward. Love Hattie Kirton



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**Hattie kirton** - March 26, 2025 at 02:07 AM