



## Gail Esther Besel

December 3, 1945 - March 19, 2024

Gail Besel, 78, of Toppenish, WA, passed away on March 19, 2024.

Gail Esther (Sires) Besel was born in Yakima on December 3, 1945, to William and Mary (Gause) Sires. She was raised in Union Gap, where she attended school and graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1964. She then attended Northwest Nazarene in Napa, ID.

Gail was united in marriage to Conrad Besel on November 25, 1966, in Yakima. In addition to being a hop farmers wife and raising her family, she worked at Title Guarantee. She became a legal secretary in Wapato, but was known for her Bright Yellow Volkswagen Beetle, that she bought to deliver newspapers before work. Gail later went to work for the State of Washington Department of Employment Security in Toppenish. This later transitioned to her becoming a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. She helped many people become independent and employed. She worked for the state for 37 years. Gail was an active member of the Union Gap Church of the Nazarene for a majority of her life. She played the piano for the church and led the children's choir. In her spare time, she loved to read and go to movies. Louis Lamour was her favorite author.

She was a wonderful cook and especially enjoyed baking. She loved her flowers and spoiling her dogs. Gail was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She especially loved all the time spent with her family. She is preceded in death by her parents Will and Mary Sires. Her brothers Elwood, Harold, Louis, Robert and Alan Sires, and her sisters Maryann

Suckow and Janet Gordon.

Gail is survived and will be deeply missed by her husband of 57 years, Conrad Besel; and their two daughters, Kari (David) Vanderhoof, and Heide (Justin) Hubbard.

Her Grandchildren, Nathan, Brandon, Tyler, Olga, Zachary, Jordan, Tara, Ellisa, Jamison, and Abby.

Her Great Grandchildren, Rozlyn, Lincoln, Ezra, William, and Kathleen.

Her sister, Marlene (Lanny) Campbell; her brothers & sisters in-laws Eleanor Clark, Jerry (Becky) Besel, Henry (Debbie) Besel, Dennis (Bev) Besel, Betty (Danny) Southards, Marilyn Freeburg.

Her, numerous nieces, nephews, and all her good friends.

Gail will be missed for her feisty sense of humor, generous spirit, and beautiful smile. Her family takes great comfort knowing she went home to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The family wants to thank Carla Spencer and all her caregivers along with everyone from Heartlinks Hospice for all their care and support.

A celebration of Gail's life will be held on March 26, 2024 at Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home 228 S. Alder St. Toppenish, WA 98948. Burial to follow at the Zillah Cemetery 100 First Avenue, Zillah, WA.

The family welcomes donations to Heartlinks Hospice as an expression of sympathy instead of flowers.

# Cemetery Details

## Zillah City Cemetery

1st Avenue  
Zillah, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 25. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S. Alder  
Toppenish, WA

## Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S. Alder  
Toppenish, WA

## Funeral Service

MAR 26. 1:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S. Alder  
Toppenish, WA



# Tribute Wall

C&

“ *Charollette &Bill purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gail Esther Besel.*



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**Charollette &Bill** - March 25, 2024 at 10:11 PM

C&

“ *Charollette &Bill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail Esther Besel.*

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**Charollette &Bill** - March 25, 2024 at 10:11 PM

LF

“ *Lila & Joe Champoux & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gail Esther Besel.*



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**Lila & Joe Champoux & Family** - March 25, 2024 at 01:14 PM

SF

“ *Scott, Terry and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gail Esther Besel.*



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**Scott, Terry and family.** - March 23, 2024 at 03:54 PM

SF

“ Scott, Terry and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail Esther Besel.

Scott, Terry and family. - March 23, 2024 at 03:54 PM

JO

“ Johnihaas purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gail Esther Besel.



Johnihaas - March 22, 2024 at 07:03 PM

JO

“ Johnihaas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail Esther Besel.

Johnihaas - March 22, 2024 at 07:03 PM

SH

“ I was lucky to have met Gail through the State DVR program while attending YVC. Gail was my DVR counselor. She helped me with funding and services so that I could be successful in college. □

Sydney Hill - March 21, 2024 at 10:27 PM

BC

Gail was a bright light in the time that we knew her. Always happy n cheery when we got together for family gatherings. And she was a good cook. Our daughter introduced us to quite a few really good recipes. She will be missed at this events. I feel fortunate that we were united through the kids. Very good people. Our hearts go out to the family.

Bill n Charollette Dorsett

Bill n Charollette - March 23, 2024 at 08:02 PM

YF

“ Your Toppenish Police Department Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gail Esther Besel.



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**Your Toppenish Police Department Family** - March 21, 2024 at 12:49 PM

JB

“ Great memories of a great Aunt and her wonderful family. Got to see her and visit with her at aunt Lisha’s services weekend at the restaurant. We shared a smoke (I don’t smoke) and a good laugh. My thots and prayers are with Uncle Connie and the girls and their families. She will be greatly missed but we look forward to a day we will be reunited.  
Love from Jason Besel and my family Erika, Vanessa, Sarah and Rebekkah❤️

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**jason besel** - March 20, 2024 at 02:20 AM

HH

Thank you cousin Jason and family 💕

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**Heide Hubbard** - March 20, 2024 at 12:53 PM

RB

I knew Gail from ESD and from her being a Besel, whose family I have know forever. My husband Max knew her as a classmate at Eisenhower High. God now has a beautiful person to welcome home. Praises that she is free from the pain of the disease that consumed her. She is whole now. Sending our condolences along with love and hugs to help you through. Max and Reva Bunnell

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**Reva Blome'-Bunnell** - March 21, 2024 at 03:50 AM

TC

“ My favorite memories of my Aunt Gail were the times I sewed for her. We shared a love of clothes! She took me to see *One Flew Over The Cuckoos Nest* in high school. My parents wouldn't let me go to a Disney movie, so I'm not sure how she pulled that one off! I felt loved & protected by my aunt. I am saddened by her passing, but look forward to a heavenly reunion with our glorified bodies!

Tess Clowe - March 20, 2024 at 12:51 AM

HH

Thank You Tessie💕

Heide Hubbard - March 20, 2024 at 12:55 PM

CS

“ Gail was a beautiful lady inside and out. I have so many great memories with Gail and the Besel family over the years. I always loved Gail's fiery self when responding to her witty husband Connie. We had so many laughs over the years. Gail, we will all miss you dearly. Rest in Peace my friend. Heaven has welcomed you with open arms. We all love you!

Chris Scacco - March 19, 2024 at 10:47 PM

HH

Thankyou💕

Heide Hubbard - March 20, 2024 at 12:56 PM

KW

“ My deepest condolences to Connie and all his family. Gail was a lovely person who always had a smile on her face. I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs and Prayers ... Kim Wangler

Kim Wangler - March 19, 2024 at 09:43 PM

GS

*Gail was so special to Alan and me. So sorry she is gone.*

**Gloria Stegman-Sires** - March 19, 2024 at 10:51 PM

TS

“ *I will always treasure my memories with my Aunt Gail. So many good ones! Claire’s visits for ear piercings, 4th or July parties, cruising around in her other Volkswagen with her loud radar detector. Good times! I will always appreciate Aunt Gail getting me set up with my Social Work internship. What an amazing Social Worker she was! Had a heart of gold to help the community around her. You will be missed. Love you forever!* ”

**Tammy Southards** - March 19, 2024 at 07:49 PM

MR

*My beautiful friend Gail, we worked together for many year for DVR!  
RIP*

**Minerva Riehl** - March 19, 2024 at 07:56 PM

HH

*Thank You Tammy*💕

**Heide Hubbard** - March 20, 2024 at 12:58 PM