



## Gayle LaVonne Crow

April 16, 1937 - March 17, 2026

Crow, Gayle LaVonne, age 88, of Edina, Minnesota, went to be with our Lord and Savior on March 17, 2026. Gayle was born in Lake City, Minnesota, to Wallace and Dorothy Hansen. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1955. After high school, Gayle attended nursing school at Abbott School of Nursing and then the Minneapolis School of Anesthesiology to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

Gayle married Gary Crow in 1961, at which time she joined the Catholic community. The couple bought their first home in Columbia Heights, with a down payment that came from selling her beautiful Ford Thunderbird convertible. In 1974, Gary and Gayle moved to Edina, where they owned a home for 44 years. They were also snowbirds, with a home in Sun Lakes, Arizona, where they made many good friends in the neighborhood and at the fitness center.

Gayle worked as a CRNA for over 30 years; most of those years were spent at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale. She was an excellent nurse who took great pride in her vocation, saying the best part of her career was working with the many wonderful doctors, nurses, and staff at the hospital.

Gayle was a dog person who never took part in a hobby halfway. The family's first dog, Georgie Girl, paved the way for decades of Standard Schnauzer

grooming, training, and showing all over the Midwest. In the late '80s, Gayle returned to school, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of St. Francis. She was a straight-A student and an exceptional writer. Later in life, Gayle focused her talents on genealogy and was able to trace one family line back to the Mayflower. She was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Gayle was a golfer with a straight shot, a gardener who grew the best tomatoes, green peppers, and raspberries, a believer in guardian angels, a good neighbor, and a wonderful mom and friend. Her sharp intellect and colorful style will be missed by all who knew her.

Gayle is preceded in death by Gary, her husband of 55 years. She is survived by her son, Gregory Crow of Roseville, MN; daughter, Gretchen Crow of Richfield, MN; brother, David Hansen; and nephew, Heath (Amy) Hansen.

Funeral Mass 11:00 am Thursday, May 14th with visitation beginning at 10:00 am at The Church of St. Patrick, Valley View at Gleason Rd, Edina. Burial will be at Lakewood Cemetery in Lake City, MN on May 15th, 2026. Memorials are preferred to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel  
952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Patrick of Edina  
6820 St. Patrick's Lane  
Edina, MN 55439

## Memorial Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Reception

MAY 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm saddened to hear of Gayle's passing 😞, and send my condolences to her family. I became a care-giver in 2019 & there met Gayle!! She scared me the first time I met her!!! 😬 But she softened as she got to know me, and trust me! She grew on my heart, and her hugs each time I left told me that I grew on her too 😊. The time I spent with her was as much a reward for me as it was helpful for her. Her talks, funny stories, words of encouragement and listening ears were a beautiful gift that I treasured! She held a very special place in my heart and I've missed her very much since she left Arizona. May she rest in peace 🙏

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**Kerry Goodwin** - April 07 at 12:38 AM

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*Thank you Kerry*

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**Gretchen** - May 11 at 07:22 PM